



# Chester SSP



## Newsletter



February 2020

Welcome to the Chester School Sport Partnership newsletter for February 2020, what an exciting year it is with the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in the summer!

For any school not yet registered on the School Games website, there are plenty of resources, challenge cards and competition formats that you can download free of charge to help you in your PE lessons / clubs. Please visit [www.yourschoolgames.com](http://www.yourschoolgames.com).

As a reminder, please keep a note of your spending of the Primary PE Sports Premium grant. As a condition of the funding, all primary schools are to publish the spend and the impact, on their school website by the end of the summer term. A quick check of some of our primary school's websites shows that there are still some schools that did not add this information to their websites last year!!.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pe-and-sport-premium-conditions-of-grant-2019-to-2020>

If you need any help or advice, please do contact Claire or Elizabeth.

### Bishop Heber Table Cricket Champions

Bishop Heber High School took part in the county table cricket competition alongside eight other schools in the tournament held at Beumont Collegiate in Warrington in December, and finished as champions. They were new to the sport, but after a training session from Cheshire Cricket Board, they picked up the skills quickly.

They now go forward to represent Cheshire at the regional finals held at Old Trafford. Well done and good luck!



## Boccia & Panathlon County Finals



Congratulations to Dorin Park School for 3rd and 4th places at the School Games county final for the Boccia event. This was held on Thursday 5th December at South Cheshire College. Twelve teams from across Cheshire took part in the event, involving 67 children. They had a brilliant time and the event was a great success. Well done to Dorin Park and good luck in the Regional finals in Liverpool.

Congratulations also to Dee Banks School who represented Chester at the primary and Xtend Panathlon competitions in November. Their teams finished in 4th, 3rd and 5th places, well done!

Please can you have discussions with the SENCOs within your school to raise awareness of the School Games. We want all children to have the opportunity to take part in our events and activities. If you would like one of us to meet with your school SENCO to discuss the School Games and opportunities for your children, please do contact us.

## Year 5&6 Basketball

On Thursday 23rd January we had our Year 5&6 Basketball competitions at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Due to the popularity of the event, we had a morning and an afternoon session with the winners of the morning session, Christleton Primary School (pictured bottom) returning for a final in the afternoon against the afternoon's winners Acresfield School (pictured top).

Both teams played extremely well and full credit goes to Christleton who came back after lunch to take part in the match, watched by the Cheshire Phoenix basketball players.

Acresfield won the match in a close game and will represent Chester at the county School Games finals in March.

Well done to all the teams who took part, and thank you to the referees from Cheshire College South and West for your help in refereeing the matches.



## Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics

This year we held three separate Sportshall Athletics competitions at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Each day the results were inputted into the computer to determine the winner from that session. At the end of the three events, the results then revealed the overall winner who would represent Chester at the county finals.

The first event on Tuesday 28th January was a very close one, with the top three teams only 8 points apart. The winners in this first event were Tattenhall Park Primary School (pictured right).

The second event was on Wednesday 29th January, and with some amazing results on the scoreboard. 2019 Champions Saughall All Saints returned to win in fantastic style (pictured middle). Their training paid off and they won most of the track and field events, with Boughton Heath in a second place.

The third event on Thursday 30th January saw some tough competition, with St Martins winning their event (pictured bottom).



After all the scores were inputted onto the final spreadsheet, the final positions were:

1st: Saughall All Saints

2nd: Boughton Heath

3rd: St Martins

Thank you for the help of coaches from West Cheshire Athletics Club, sports leaders from Cheshire College South and West and coaches from CEPD, who recorded and timed the events.

Good luck to Saughall All Saints in the School Games county final in March!



## Year 3&4 Small Sided Football

Blacon High School hosted the Year 3&4 Football competition on Thursday 6th February. Nineteen schools took part in the event, where there were some very determined and skilled players taking part.

There were four pools in the event, with the winner of each pool progressing to the semi finals. Huntington, Upton Heath, Mickle Trafford and Highfield all played extremely well in their games, with Upton Heath and Highfield playing each other in the final. In a very tough game, Upton Heath became Champions (pictured) with Highfield runners up in a very good match.

The good news is that both teams will be able to represent Chester at the Cheshire and Warrington School Games county final in March in Northwich.

Good luck to both the teams!

Many thanks must go to Blacon High School for hosting the event on the fantastic pitches, and also to the leaders who refereed the games. There were a lot of matches to referee, so well done and thank you!



## School Games county final—Indoor Rowing



Tarporley High School represented Chester at the county final of the Cheshire and Warrington School Games in the Year 7 and 10 girls rowing event at Birchwood in Warrington on January 30th. The girls did extremely well, with Leonor coming in first place in the Girls Y7 event. In the Y10 event, Sophie came in 2nd and Erin 3rd place.

Both teams were medallists in the relay with the Y7 coming in 3rd place and the Y10 girls winning!.

Well done!.



## Year 5&6 Netball

Blacon High School hosted the 'B' High 5 Netball competition on Wednesday 12th February. After a very stormy weekend, we were fortunate to have the weather on our side (if a little cold). Thirteen schools attended the event, with the teams split into two pools. The semi-finalists were Mill View vs St Werburgh's, and Eaton vs The Firs. After some fantastic goals from all teams, the two who progressed to the final were Eaton and Mill View. Both teams played extremely well, with Eaton winning the final match. Well done!



The 'A' netball competition was held the following day with 17 school teams taking part. Winning their pools were Kings, Hoole, Guilden Sutton and St Martins. The standard of netball played by all the teams was excellent. Progressing to the final were Hoole and St Martins, with Hoole being declared the Champions!. Good luck to Hoole in the School Games county final.



Gemma Finney from England Netball came to watch the event and was very impressed with the players and the umpiring. Well done everyone!

Fourteen leaders from Blacon High School who received the umpiring training volunteered to help at the event and did a spectacular job. Well done!

## Local Government Declaration on Healthy Weight

Chester SSP have signed up to the Partner Pledge in support of the Local Government Declaration on Healthy Weight, demonstrating our support for Cheshire West and Chester Council in promoting healthy weight, eating well and being more active.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.foodactive.org.uk/projects/local-authority-declaration/>



## Step into Sport Conference



Paralympian GB Fencing Champion Craig McCann opened the day, providing an inspirational talk to the leaders.

On Monday 21st January two pupils from Blacon High School and ten from Bishop Heber High School attended the county Step into Sport Conference at Northgate Arena. Students from across Cheshire and Warrington attended the day, where they learned leadership skills.



Many thanks to the pupils from Dee Banks School for helping with the activities.



## Photographs at events

We ask at our events if all the children have photographic consent, and only take photographs of those who do. Please can you only take photographs of your own children in your school, as you will not be aware which other schools / children do not have photographic consent.

Please ensure that spectators / parents from your schools only take pictures of their own children.

We are having more and more children at our events now who are not allowed to be photographed. So please if there are by chance, children from other schools in your photographs, can you please not publish them on social media etc. Many thanks.

## School Games Mark ([www.yourschoolgames.com](http://www.yourschoolgames.com))

The School Games Mark application window goes live on Wednesday 6th May 2020. Please look at the School Games Mark criteria on the website if you have not applied before. If you need any assistance, please do contact Claire or Elizabeth.

## County Badminton Finals

England Badminton organised the county finals for the KS3 and KS4 girls and boys at Ellesmere Port Sports Village on Tuesday 11th February.

Running the competition was GB badminton player Richard Morrissey, who was the local delivery partner for the event. Teams from across Cheshire and Warrington took part in the competition, with a high standard in all age groups.

Representing Chester we had:

Blacon—KS3 girls—3rd place

Kings—KS3 boys—1st place

Bishop Heber—KS4 boys—1st place

Queens- KS4 girls—2nd place

Congratulations to all the players in the event, we had some excellent matches played.

Thank you to Richard for organising and good luck to the teams in the regional rounds!



## GET SET Resources

Home > Resources

### RESOURCES

Explore our free, cross-curricular resources for students aged 5–19. Get active with Team GB and ParalympicsGB, find out more about the history and Values of the Olympic and Paralympic movements, or investigate the science and technology behind sport. Use the filters to find the areas and ages that interest you.

**GET READY: TEAM STARTER**  
Get started with Travel to Tokyo with these introductory resources.

**GET READY: TEAM QUALIFIER**  
Explore the importance of setting goals, getting support and having resilience.

**THE MASCOT CHALLENGE**

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2020 is an Olympic year, and the GET SET website has lots of resources to use with classes of all ages. The free resources range from classroom activities, assemblies, physical activity sessions and cross curricular activities. It is free to register and you can download the resources at any time. Please do have a look.

[www.getset.co.uk/resources](http://www.getset.co.uk/resources)

## Netball Umpire's Course

Blacon High School hosted a netball umpire's course for leaders in years 7-9. The course was organised through England Netball and run by 'A' Umpire Ann Burt Williams.

The bespoke course was organised in preparation for the Year 5&6 High 5 Netball competition, to ensure that the leaders umpiring the matches were competent and confident to umpire the games.

The session also went through the skills required for the 7 aside game, so that the umpires will be able to referee high school matches.

Many of the girls were players themselves, and enjoyed taking part in the course.

Thank you to Blacon High School for hosting the course, and to England Netball and Ann for delivering a high quality session for the girls.





## Dates for your diary 2019-2020

### February

Primary Schools

Secondary Schools

Primary & Secondary

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6 Yr 3&4 Small Sided Football Competition	7
10	11 County U14 & U16 Badminton Final	12 Yr 5&6 Netball Competition 'B'	13 Yr 5&6 Netball Competition 'A'	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

### March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5	6
9 County Sportshall Athletics Final Yr 5&6, 7 & 8	10	11 County Quick Sticks Hockey Final Yr 5&6	12 County Tag Rugby Final Yr 5&6	13 County High 5 Netball Final Yr 5&6
16	17 County Yr 3&4 & Girls U12,U14, U16 Football. Plus 5&6 Basketball and Boys U14 Basketball.	18 County U15 Volleyball Finals	19 County U15 Handball Final	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

### April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22 Change 4 Life Champions Training	23 Year 5&6 Tri-Golf Competition	24
27	28	29 Year 3&4 Diamond Cricket Competition	30 Year 3&4, 5&6 Key Steps Gymnastics Competition	



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## Inclusive Health Check

Please can you make some time this term to complete the Inclusive Health Check on the School Games website. ([www.yourschoolgames.com](http://www.yourschoolgames.com)).


The Inclusive Health Check helps you to self review your provision of inclusive School Games opportunities.

Any school who wishes to apply for the School Games Mark will need to have completed the Inclusive Health Check by the end of the summer term.

If you need any assistance, please do contact Claire or Elizabeth.

### How inclusive is the School Games provision in your school and how do you know?

Complete the Inclusive Health Check (IHC)



**What is it?**

- It is a resource that has been designed in partnership with the English Federation of Disability Sport and allows you to **self-review** your provision of **inclusive** School Games opportunities.
- It takes the form of a simple self-review made up of just 20 questions which all require no more than a yes/no answer.
- There is no pass/fail associated with the IHC. Once you submit your answers the only thing to happen is that you will be provided with a **personalised action plan** and **top tips** to support you in the future.

**English Federation of Disability Sport**

**Why complete it?**

- The process and the questions are a great way to help you reflect on your current school games provision and how inclusive this is for all young people in your school. It will help you identify **strengths** and also establish the **areas for development** which could then be supported by your **Primary PE and Sport Premium**.
- You will be signposted to additional resources and given top tips to support you in the next steps of ensuring your sport provision is inclusive for all.
- Completing the suggested actions can lead to **increased opportunities**, increased participation and celebration of success which can be shared with **children, parents and Ofsted**.

**“** Answering the questions made me think about things we hadn't considered before. **”**

**Jo Lowe** — PE Teacher, Howden Secondary School, Yorkshire

**“** We have used the IHC to identify gaps in provision and added this to our School Development Plan. **”**

**Liz Morgan** — Assistant Head Chadsgrove School, Worcestershire

**“** It only took a matter of minutes to complete the IHC and I have found the top tips to be very useful. **”**

**Kate Sharrocks** — PE Coordinator, Lakes Primary School, Redcar

