

# Morpeth & Ponteland SSP Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to our termly newsletter  
Happy Reading!

2019

Well what an exciting and action packed first term we have had across the Morpeth and Ponteland partnership. It has been wonderful to have so many schools involved in the various different activities and packages we have to offer.

We have had a wonderful time delivering within schools, delivering a varied curriculum to young people across the areas. In some schools we have been delivering sports, preparing children for a variety of competitions. In others we have been excited to deliver the new curriculum content from Create Development, REAL PE, which has had a very positive response from schools and pupils! It has been really good to get positive feedback from the schools who have attended day 1 of the CPD offer and who have been implementing the content in to their lessons.

As I am sure you are all aware the government updated their guidelines on activity levels for children and young people.

"Public health guidelines recommend children and young people should undertake a minimum of 60 minutes, and up to several hours, of moderate to vigorous activity every day. Vigorous activities including those that promote strengthening of muscle and bone should be included three times per week."

In the new year I will be looking to host a partnership meeting, hopefully making this a more regular fixture, where I will be looking to cover some content on how we can be helping to make our schools more active to achieve this guideline. To get us all started and ahead of the game you could log onto your School Games Active Mark and complete your inclusive health check and active planner heat map which will give you a really good insight into what areas may need work.

## Forthcoming Events in 2020

### Level 2 Virtual Dance Launch

on Monday 6th January  
open to students in Y3- Y13

### Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics

on Thursday 9th January  
at Blyth Leisure Centre

### Y8 Girls and Boys Badminton

on Tuesday 14th January  
at Chantry Middle School

### Level 2 Y3/4 Gymnastics

on Tuesday 11th February  
at Chantry Middle School.

### Level 2 Y3/4 Tag Rugby

(Rescheduled event)  
on Wednesday 12th February  
at Ponteland Middle School

### Level 2 Y8/9 Basketball

on Thursday 13th February  
at Chantry Middle School

### Level 2 Y5 & Y6 Hockey

(Rescheduled event)  
on Friday 14th February  
at Morpeth HC Longhirst

### Real PE day 2

on Wednesday 22nd January  
at Ponteland Leisure Centre

# School Games Competitions

## Girls Football

The Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 girls football competitions ran alongside each other with over 180 girls competing across both events, a great platform for girls sport and fantastic to see. In the Year 5 & 6 shield competition it was Dr Thomlinson who took the win.

The cup competitions saw Ponteland Primary win the Year 5 & 6 competition after beating Ponteland Middle in a very tense penalty shootout. In the Year 7 & 8 competition it was Ponteland High who took the win at their first Year 7 & 8 event. Both teams will progress to the Level 3 School Games in June.



## Tag Rugby

We had an excellent turn out in our Year 5 & 6 competition held at Morpeth Rugby club with 19 teams competing in Shield and Cup competitions. Teams from all of the eligible schools in our area entered and made this competition one to remember. We had excellent leaders from KEVI rugby team who refereed all of our games. Chantry A team qualified as the winners of the Cup competition and Chantry B team qualified as the winners of our Shield competition. Both teams will represent our area at the Level 3 Games.

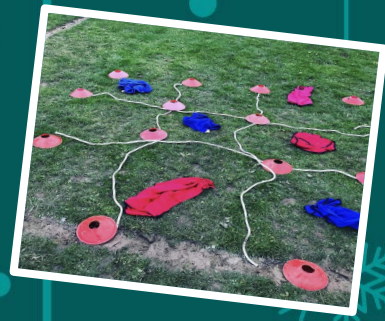
In our Year 3 and 4 competition we also had some excellent players. Schools from our Morpeth area battled it out in Shield and Cup competitions, showing real grit and excellent sportsmanship. Unfortunately the weather meant the Ponteland event had to be postponed until later in the year. Abbeyfields C team took the victory in the Morpeth Shield competition with last years Morpeth Cup winners, Morpeth First School, retaining their title. They will go on to play the winners of the Ponteland Cup in the new year to determine who will represent our area at the Level 3 School Games.

## Leadership Academy

Throughout the term we have had the pleasure of working with some fantastic sports leaders from our High and Middle Schools. Year 8 students from Chantry, Newminster and Ponteland Middle Schools were trained to lead the Year 2 Multiskills festivals, they were all extremely enthusiastic and professional.

Sports leaders from KEVI and Ponteland High have volunteered at the majority of our Level 2 competitions, they have officiated and lead in a range of sports and enabled the competitions to run smoothly. It has been lovely to see students broadening their volunteering and leadership experiences. A huge thanks to each and everyone of you for your hard work. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Some students from KEVI and Ponteland High have gone onto take part in the County Leadership Academy programme which will prepare them for leading at the Level 3 Games in the summer! Good luck completing your voluntary hours of leadership this year!!



## Year 5 Leadership Festivals

In the first 2 weeks of the term Chantry and Newminster Middle Schools took part in a team building festival to support and aid the transition into Middle School. Students took part in a range of activities where they had to work together to solve problems and accomplish tasks as a team. Thanks to our sport development team for their continued support with these festivals.

The Year 5's from the Ponteland Partnership Primaries took part in a festival designed to prepare them for PE during Upper Key Stage 2. This festival aimed to develop their team building and leadership skills through a range of competitive and co-operative activities.

## Year 3 Skipping Festivals

We welcomed the return of The Skipping School this year to deliver our Year 3 festival. This was great fun and across 4 sessions in the Morpeth and Ponteland area, lots of children had the opportunity to develop their skipping ability. Working on individual skipping, long rope skipping and partner skipping children had lots to achieve in this partnership event. We have had lots of positive feedback from schools saying how enthused their children were going back to school and they have been implementing their new skills on the playground!!

## Year 2 Multi-Skills Festivals

In November Year 2 children from across Morpeth & Ponteland took part in the annual Multi-Skills Festival. The Festivals were spread across 4 events at Chantry Middle School and Ponteland Leisure Centre with over 450 children taking part. Leaders from Chantry, Newminster and Ponteland Middle School helped the children through a carousel of activities working on the ABC's of PE. Everyone got the chance to practice and improve their Agility, Balance and Coordination whilst having lots of fun!

## Sports Leadership Delivery in Schools

The team have begun delivery of the playground leadership programme and sports organising crew training offered to first and primary schools. Children have learnt what it means to be a good sports leader and how to deliver playground games to younger children. The leaders are now able to implement what they have learnt during break times, encouraging fun and active playtimes. The sports organisers have also taken on further responsibilities in school, looking at what other pupils in their school want to see on the playground and sports calendar.

Get in touch with your partnership teacher to organise training in your school if you haven't already.

Finally to all Schools, Staff and Students we wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to lots more amazing sport in 2020!

Best Wishes from

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