

Morpeth & Ponteland SSP Autumn Newsletter

2016

Welcome to our termly newsletter. Happy reading!

Multi-Skills Festival—Year 2

In October 2016 the Morpeth and Ponteland School Sport Programme ran the annual Year 2 Multi-Skills Festival. There were 2 festival dates split across Morpeth & Ponteland, with the Morpeth festival taking place at Chantry Middle School. There was a very impressive 185 children who took part in 10 different activities during the course of the event. The Ponteland festival took place at Ponteland Leisure Centre with an amazing 220 pupils taking part in a range of activities focused on either Agility, Balance or Coordination. Both events were really well supported by some excellent Sports Leaders from both Chantry and Newminster Middle Schools as well as Richard Coates and Ponteland Middle Schools. The leaders were fantastically well organised, helpful and coached the children at each of the activities. All in all it was a brilliant event.

Leadership Academy Update

From the beginning of term Mr. Dimmick has successfully trained 11 Y4 Sports Leaders from St. Roberts First School with the training culminating in all of the children receiving their 5 Hour Bronze certificates in a School Presentation. Similar to this, 8 children in Y4 at Stobhillgate First School have also been attending their Sports Leader training and have also received their 5 Hour Bronze Leadership certificates. All of these children are now helping other children at their schools on a daily rota basis and enjoying this role helping other play more sport and be more active at break-times. The children are all also aiming to achieve 10 and then 25 hours potentially for their Silver and Gold Awards.

Across the partnership Middle Schools there has been some really fantastic support and training taken place for the number of students who have helped out and coached at the First School Festivals. For example approximately 90 leaders from Chantry, Newminster, Richard Coates & Ponteland Middle Schools have been trained and worked at the Y2 Multi-Skills Festivals and this is a significant amount with many more leaders due to be trained for the other events taking place into 2017. Also 30 students from RCMS have completed the Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership which is a nationally recognised award for anyone interested in a longer-term career in PE, Coaching or School Sport.

Forthcoming Events in 2017:-

Sports Hall Athletics is on
Friday 20th January for Y5 & Y6 and
27th January for Y7 & Y8 at
Chantry Training shed from 9.30am-
12.30pm.

Level 2 Gymnastics
Competition for Y4 is on Wednesday
25th January at Morpeth Leisure Centre
from
1-3pm.
(School Timings TBC)

Level 2 Y8 Basketball
Competition is on Thursday 26th January
at Ponteland
Middle School from 3.45-5.15pm.

Y7 & Y8 Gymnastics
Competition is on Monday 23rd January
at RCMS from 3-5pm.
The Y5 & Y6 Gymnastics Competition is
on Thursday 16th February at RCMS
from 3-5pm.



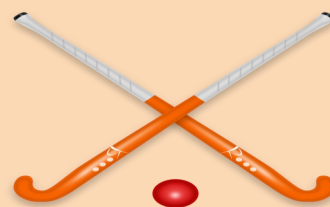
Leadership Academy Cont..

Finally moving up to the partnership High Schools, Mr. Dimmick spent a fantastic afternoon with 22 Y10 students from Ponteland High School training them to become assistants and helpers at the Y4 Level 2 Football Competition at Ponteland Middle School. All of the Y10 students who took part in this training really enjoyed the session and were all very helpful and supportive to the Y4 children on the day of the competition. The event ran really smoothly and the leaders were most able at refereeing, keeping scores, time-keeping and ensuring everyone was having a good time. Also at KEVI there have been a number of leadership sessions which have taken place focussing on both Football & Rugby Leadership initially with 10 Y10 boys helping to support the Y5/6 Morpeth Football Competition and 16 Sixth Form students trained up to help at the Y5/6 Morpeth Cluster Tag Rugby Competition at Morpeth Rugby Club. Both sets of leaders were fantastic and really supportive of the younger students.



Tag Rugby Y5 & Y6

In November the partnership hosted the Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby competition at Morpeth Rugby Club with 13 teams competing in the Level 2 Year 5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament. This was a very competitive and highly contested competition with great energy and enthusiasm shown by everyone who was taking part from each of partnership Middle School's. The competition was supported by some very able leaders from KEVI who were a great help on the day. Congratulations goes to the Chantry team who won the tournament and will therefore go forward to represent the partnership at the Northumberland School Games in June 2017.



Quicksticks Hockey Y5 & Y6

The Quicksticks Hockey event was played on a cold November afternoon at Longhirst Hall.

In two very competitive age groups children from PMS, RCMS, CMS and NMS competed against each other in a 4 v 4 competition.

The Y5 competition was dominated by the Ponteland A Team, winning all 5 of the games they played.

The Y6 competition was a much closer event evenly contested during the majority of matches. In the end the final result came down to goal difference with 3 teams winning two games. Although it was just Chantry Middle School who were the overall winners. Well done to everyone for your efforts during the day.

Year 3 Creative Festival

Across two fantastic days over 340 children from 10 schools in Morpeth and Ponteland took part in the Y3 Creative Festival. There were 5 activities that the children were able to experience including Judo, French Skipping, Hula-Hooping, Dance and Rhythmic Gymnastics. The children had a fantastic time, trying all of the different activities as you can see from some of these pictures. We would like to say a BIG thank you to John, Debbie and Molly for leading some of the sessions and making the event a huge success.



Football Round Up

The Year 7 boys football competition saw 8 teams competing in a highly contested tournament. Also the year Y7 & Y8 Girls competition also had 8 teams involved with teams coming from each of the 5 Middle Schools.

The girls demonstrated a great standard of football, with plenty of talent displayed, perhaps we have witnessed a future lioness! The tournament was refereed by our fantastic leaders from KEVI. Congratulations go to Ponteland boys and Newminster Girls teams who will go forward to represent the Partnership with Newminster girls winning this event two years running.

The Year 5 boys football competition saw 8 teams taking part in a highly competitive event. The year 5/6 Girl's competition saw 7 teams all competing to win the level 2 competition.

A fine standard of performance was displayed and once again ably refereed by Y9 KEVI students. Congratulations to Ponteland Boys and Girls who will both represent the Partnership

Year 5 Team Building

At the beginning of term to support the transition process from the partnership First Schools to the Middle Schools and with the help of the Active Northumberland Team hundreds of Y5 children experienced a range of team-building activities such as Spiders Web and Orienteering.



in the Northumberland School Games.

The Year 4 Level 2 Football Competition took place on Thursday 3rd November on the 3G Football pitch at Ponteland Middle School with 8 teams competing in the Morpeth Cluster and 5 teams competing from the Ponteland Cluster.

The tournament was played in a lovely enthusiastic spirit and ably refereed by leaders from Ponteland High School. Congratulations go to Morpeth First School, Stannington & Darras Hall First Schools who won their respective groups.

These 3 teams will now compete against each other in a play-off to see who will be our overall winner and therefore go forward to represent the partnership at the Northumberland School Games.



The above picture was taken at a Y4 Football Match between Ponteland First School and Darras Hall First School in November. Both schools played two teams in two very competitive games against one another and along with lots of parental and teacher support the games were played in the very best spirit of the School Games.



Judo Taster Sessions

Congratulations to all those schools and students who took part in the Judo Taster sessions.

These were really great sessions and hopefully this has helped to inspire some of you to join a local club and become the next generation of Judo Olympians from Northumberland.

John the Coach from Destination Judo runs a Judo Club in Morpeth at the Leisure Centre on a Tuesday night from 4pm for anyone who would like to come along and experience the sport on a more regular basis. Simply contact John at Destination Judo for more information.

www.destinationjudo.com



The above picture was taken at Darras Hall First School where the children really enjoyed the Judo Taster Sessions.

MPSSP in the News

There have been a number of examples where MPSSP has been highly commended in recent months and none quite as impressive than making a national publication called *the Impact of the Primary PE and Sport Premium*. In this report the Morpeth and Ponteland SSP is featured under a title called the Shared or Single School PE Specialist Teachers and this is a testament to impact that the importance placed on high quality teaching and learning is having on all of the children and staff within the Sports Partnership.

Also last month the Hexham Courant published a story about the new football friendly league starting with some pilot matches across some of the schools in the Ponteland Cluster of First Schools. Several schools have taken part in some friendly Football matches against other and on Monday 10th October Ponte-

land First School took 2 teams over to play Heddon First School in the first of these games. The link to the full story from the Courant is below.

<http://www.hexham-courant.co.uk/sport/football/School-football-makes-popular-return-to-Heddon-3cd3054a-1454-4356-a386-0cdba6dffecd-ds>.

Finally

The Association of PE has finally released an updated version of Safe Practice in PE and School Sport and this is a must read for anyone teaching or coaching PE and School Sport.

<http://www.afpe.org.uk/physical-education/safe-practice-in-physical-education-school-sport-physical-activity-2016/>

Finally to all the Schools, Staff and Students in the Morpeth & Ponteland SSP we wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to lots more amazing sport in 2017!

Best wishes from

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School Games Mark

Congratulations to all of the schools who have achieved their School Games Award for commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport and high quality PE in 2015/16.

There are 5 schools who have achieved the Bronze Award, 9 schools who achieved the Silver Award and a further 10 fantastic schools who achieved the Gold Award. Gold winners include Collingwood School, Darras Hall, Belsay, Morpeth First, Morpeth All Saints, Stobhillgate, Ponteland Middle, Chantry Middle, Richard Coates Middle and Abbeyfields First School.



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