

Blyth Bedlington School Sport Partnership



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Another extremely busy year in the life of the School Sport Partnership comes to a close.

This year saw the Roman Catholic family of schools and Bede Academy North & South join the partnership and hope they have enjoyed their first year with us. All the schools that joined us, in September, have played an active role in the life of the Sports Partnership this year.

Last year saw the introduction of the new DCSF/DCMS led Physical Education & Sports Strategy for Young People with the emphasis being on schools delivering 2 hours of curriculum PE and an extra 1 hour per week of extra-curricular sport. I was worried at the start of the year that with the 2 large High Schools joining us, not delivering 2 hours curriculum PE per week, that our PESSYP target would be down on last year's 53%.

Although the official figures

are not out yet, I can reveal that we have surpassed last year's target and the summer 2010 figure will be around 54.61% of 5-16 year olds accessing 3 hours of PE & School Sport per week. The figure based on only the schools that were in the Blyth/Bedlington SSP last year is even more impressive at 56%. Taking into account all that has been going on with the re-organisation of the education system in Blyth and 8 new schools joining us in September 2009 this increase of 1.61% is very pleasing and once again testimony to all the hard work & support the schools give us.

Another big push this year was to increase our Inter & Intra School competitive sport figures. This will be particularly important in the future, as the new coalition government has set out its stance with regards to competition within and between schools very clearly and it will become a priority.

The percentage of pupils taking part in regular inter-school sport has shown a 9% increase on last year and the percentage taking part in regular intra-school sport has shown a massive 31% increase. These figures are particularly pleasing.

Across all SSP events this year, over 6000 pupil places were accessed at competitive/festival sports events and over 400 leadership places for young people to officiate or assist were accessed.

The Top-Up-Coaching programme was extremely successful again this year with 1970 hours of delivery taking place across the SSP and the planning for next year's programme is well underway.

It just remains for me to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you a restful and relaxing summer holiday.

Paul Woodall

Partnership Conference

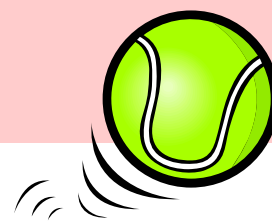
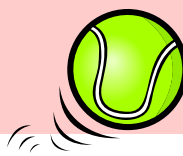
We had a good turn out of staff for the second annual South East Northumberland School Sport Partnerships Conference on June 17th. The event was held at Kirkley Hall where our partnership joined Cramlington and

Ashington Partnerships for a fun and informative day. Taster sessions for staff included, hoola hooping, fencing, Zumba, New Age Bowling, OAA, FUNs and Quad Kids. A superb skipping demonstration was given by

Hareside Primary School and a very entertaining motivational speech was given by Rob Kitchen, Headteacher of Ashington Sports College, himself from a PE Teaching background.

Next year's event will take place on June 16th 2011





Game Set and Match to Partnership Pupils!

It has been an extremely busy term for tennis this year. We have provided the schools with an opportunity to compete in Tennis Competitions from Year 3 to Year 10 with the Year 3, 4 and 7/8 Partnership Competition leading to County rounds. Having invested a lot of time and money into Year 3 and 4 tennis we felt that the pupils need to have the opportunity to compete beyond these years. Overall it has been a great success with over 332 pupils participating in tennis competition. Please read on for a quick tennis round up.

Year 5/6 Tennis

We ran for the first time, a Year 5/6 tennis competition at Morpeth Tennis Club. We reduced the court size and played with low compression balls (LTA's Mini Tennis Green) to encourage more success for the pupils. Leaders from **Bedlington High School** came along to help umpire the matches who were invaluable. The competition was good and we hope that more schools will enter next year as the pupils from the Mini Tennis Challenge progress through. The winners of the first Y5/6 Tennis Competition were **Bebside Middle School**. Well done!



Club News

A lot of talent and enthusiasm for tennis has been shown across all age groups and with tennis being taught in many schools now our next stage of development is to establish a successful and sustainable Out of School Hours tennis club for all pupils.

We are currently trying to establish a club in Blyth and Ashington for both juniors and seniors which will be run by a qualified LTA Tennis Coach. For more details on times and venue please contact the coach on the following numbers. **Phil Givens (LTA Coach), Blyth Tennis Club, 07969863910 / Laura Carmichael (LTA Coach), Ashington Tennis Club, 07933437099.**

Year 3 Mini Tennis Challenge

Bedlington Winners

Stakeford First School
Stead Lane First School

Blyth Winners

New Delaval Primary
Horton Grange Primary

Year 4 Mini Tennis Challenge

Bedlington Winners

St Paul's RC
Mowbray

Blyth Winners

St Andrew's RC
Croftway

Mini Tennis Challenge – Blyth and Bedlington SSP Final Winners

Year 3 – Stead Lane First School
Year 4 – St Paul's RC First School

County Finals

Stead Lane were 4th in the Y3 final and **St Paul's RC** were 2nd in the Y4 final. Well done to both Stead Lane First School and St Paul's RC First School for reaching the County Finals and doing so well.

Year 7/8 Tennis

The LTA have highlighted Year 7/8 as a priority age for competition this year which has been supported by the Competition Managers who have organised a County Year 7/8 Tennis Competition on the 8th July. We therefore, organised a Partnership competition which ran at Morpeth Tennis Club on the 14th June and invited the winner to represent the Partnership in the County Competition. Four schools competed in this competition but the winner on the day was **Bede Academy** who went on to finish third in the County Competition. Well done to them.

Year 9/10 Tennis

This has been an annual competition that has run for the last 5 years. Schools are invited from the Blyth/Bedlington, Cramlington/Seaton Delaval, Ashington and Morpeth/Ponteland Sports Partnerships. **St Benet Biscop RC High School** was our only representatives this year. The standard of tennis was good with the pupils playing some fantastic points. **St Benet Biscop RC High School** played really well and finished second after being narrowly beaten by King Edwards VI from Morpeth.





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WEEK**

Year 8 Cross Partnership Netball

The annual U13 Cross Partnership netball tournament took place at Bede Academy North on a lovely summer day. 9 teams from across the following School Sport Partnerships participated: Blyth and Bedlington, Morpeth, Cramlington Seaton Vale and Ashington.

All teams played each other throughout the course of the afternoon, playing 7 minutes a game. After 8 games per team, the girls were exhausted, but realised all the energy was worth it as they improved their play so much by the end of the competition. Most of

the girls have also been involved in the local schools netball league throughout the year, so after playing lots of netball in schools they are now encouraged to join a local netball club.

The top 4 teams were very close at the top of the results table, with **Bede Academy** and Newminster Middle sharing third place, **The Blyth School Community College** finished runners up, and the winners were Cramlington Learning Village, who won all 8 of their games. Well done to all players, especially the team from Cramlington,



New Delaval Primary School in Blyth celebrated National School Sport Week with a variety of sporting events throughout the week, including athletics and golf. The final event of the week was a World Cup football penalty shoot out competition, to coincide with the World Cup in South Africa. The event was run as a house competition with representatives from Robson, Milburn, Charlton and Gallagher stepping up to the spot to attempt to score points for their house. After a close competition, the winning house was Gallagher and the overall individual winner was Michael Angus, pictured above with his trophy.

Year 5/6 Athletics Meeting

A new event for the Blyth and Bedlington School Sport Partnership was held at Gateshead International Stadium on a red hot day in June. 250 Years 5 and 6 pupils from across the Partnership took part in an athletics competition as part of National School Sport Week. Teams took part in track and field events throughout the course of the day, enjoying the use of the wonderful facilities on offer at the stadium, which is home to Gateshead Harriers and is renowned worldwide as a great venue, hosting international competitions with some of the world's best athletes. The stadium was a fitting venue for the competition, as Gateshead is the 2010 European City of Sport, and amongst other important events this year, they will host the UK School Games from 2nd-5th September.

All competitors processed around the track in an opening ceremony, carrying school banners and getting excited about the day ahead. After returning to the stand they all then competed in a track or field event throughout the course of the day. The events were run by school staff, but were ably assisted by Sport Leaders from the Partnership who were able to use some of their skills to record results, marshal the children to their events and measure throws and jumps, whilst others were time keepers, team managers and Sport Coordinators assistants. Keith Wilshire from Blyth Running Club was also assisting



throughout the day, as well as giving out information about Blyth Running Club juniors to develop school and club links.

The events finished with an exciting relay in front of the main stand, with 5 boys and 5 girls from each school racing against each other to try and get maximum points for their overall team score. Huge cheers and screams reverberated around Gateshead as the races took place! After a very close competition, the children all gathered in the centre of the track to receive certificates, presented by Liz Greenwell, who is Senior Development Manager for the Youth Sport Trust. Liz commended all the athletes on their drive and determination whilst competing, as well as their sense of team spirit. To conclude the afternoon, Liz presented the winning schools with their trophies. The winners for Year 5 were **Croftway Primary School**, and in the Year 6 competition, **Guide Post Middle School** came out on top.

For more information about **Blyth Running Club**, contact **Blyth Sports Centre** on 542222

Year 4/5 Bedlington Schools Orienteering Competition

The Orienteering competition expanded this year with 80 Year 5 pupils from 4 schools and approximately 160 Year 4 pupils from 5 first schools competing. It was great to see so many pupils competing and using the orienteering skills they had learnt in school prior to the event. The schools points were calculated by adding the top three positions together for the Year 5 competition and the top 4 positions for the Year 4 competition. The Y5 winners were **St Peter's RC School** and the Year 4 winners were **Choppington First School**. Well done to both schools.

Year 4 Bedlington Schools Football League

We had 7 schools competing at Meadowdale Middle School on Tuesday 29th June in the Bedlington Football League. It was great to see it running again after the competition was cancelled last year due to lack of interest. The matches were very close and the pupils tried really hard in the hot conditions. In the end it came down to 1 goal in the boy's league. Congratulations to **West End First School** who were triumphant in both the boy's and girl's league.

Year 5/6 Rounders Competition

On a lovely sunny afternoon the Year 5 and 6 Rounders Tournament went ahead with teams represented from Morpeth Road, Croftway and Bede. It was eventually won by the Year 6 girls from Bede after a count back of rounders for and against. The Year 5 mixed group from Croftway were very unlucky in the final game against Bede but still went home with the Year 5 Trophy. It was a relaxed and most enjoyable afternoon with all the pupils growing in confidence and improving with each game.

*Please visit the **Sports Partnership website** for more news, competition results and photographs of events. The SSP would like to ask teachers to encourage pupils to write articles regarding their sporting event experiences for the student voice section of the website. Thank you to **St Wilfrid's RC** for your contributions so far. Please also note that from September all bookings for events will need to be done through the website.*

Year 9 Boys Cricket Tournament

The first ever Partnership cricket competition for Year 9 took place at Bedlington Cricket Club. 3 of our 4 high schools participated in this 6's event, where each team played each other throughout the course of the afternoon. Participating teams were Bedlington High School, who fielded 2 teams, The Blyth School Community College and Bede Academy North.

The idea of 6's is that it is a fun and exciting game played on a full size cricket pitch. All fielding players, except the wicket keeper, bowl and most players bat. Most of the players were inexperienced cricketers playing with a hard ball for the first time, so it was a good training exercise as well as a competition. It was also a good school and club link with Bedlington Cricket Club, who are always looking to recruit new players for their junior section.

The overall winners were **Bedlington High School**- well done to those players.

Year 1 Multi Activity Festival Blyth Schools

Fun Fun and more Fun. That was the theme of the Multi Activity Festival at Blyth Sports Centre.

In all 102 Year 1 took part in several activities with the Young Leaders from **The Blyth College** leading. The pupils participated in plussballs, team relays, problem solving, bouncy castle, parachute, raid the chest and team building exercises. It was fantastic to see so much energy expended by the children in a highly active morning. The young leaders were a credit to themselves and their school as they worked tirelessly enjoying every moment. It was a great morning with everyone fully committed to have Fun.

Year 1 Multi Activity Festival Bedlington Schools

201 Year 1 pupils descended on BCHS's playing fields for the third annual Multi Activity Festival. 8 out of the 10 first schools in the area attended the event, which is a great number.

Pupils rotated around football, golf, fun races, parachute games and tag games led by NUFC, students from **St Benet Biscop RC and Bedlington Community High Schools**.

The event was a massive success and enjoyed by all. The student volunteers really showed off their leadership talents and delivered some excellent activities to the younger pupils.



Year 3 Skipping Festival

Having had to cancel last year's Year 3 skipping festival due to lack of interest, it was great to be able to host the event once more with 203 pupils from Mowbray, Cambois and St Andrew's First Schools and Newsham and Morpeth Road Primary Schools.

As always at our skipping events, we were glad to be able to invite Skipping Schools to help host the event. Their coaches put the Y3 pupils through their paces teaching them various new skipping skills.

The young skippers thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we hope that they continue to practice the new skills in their playgrounds and gardens. They will get to have another taste of skipping in Y5 when skipping schools come back to deliver class workshops and a Skipping Competition.