

SEATON VALLEY SPORTS PREMIUM

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SPORTS PREMIUM FUNDING



This newsletter marks the end of the second year of the PE and sport premium. We have built upon the work done in 2013-14 and developed our programme with new activities and events. The Sport Partnership is funded by the Government's Primary PE and Sport Premium. Through this initiative, each primary school receives £8000 plus £5 per pupil, to support and develop PE and sport opportunities for all pupils.

This year, the School Sport Partnership has arranged and supported 6 whole year group Sports Festivals, over 200 hours of extracurricular coaching, 300 hours of specialist teaching to support curriculum PE lessons, 24 Level 2 School Games competitions for KS2&3 pupils, seeing 12 teams from Seaton Valley progressing to the Level 3 County finals where they won 3 bronze, and 1 gold medal; a programme of elite coaching for gifted and talented performers and had every school involved in at least one health and well-being initiative. Wow!

Massive thanks go to the hardworking staff in each school for facilitating all of these activities for their pupils and thank you to all the pupils who take part so enthusiastically and make it all worth while!

DRIBBLE, DISH, SWISH



SEGHILL, HOLYWELL and **SEATON SLICE** First Schools took part in this innovative project which involves **Newcastle Eagles** Community Foundation coaches working with pupils in year 2.

Pupils receive basketball coaching where they practice basketball skills and develop their fitness and hand-eye co-ordination. Alongside this physical activity pupils completed an interactive booklet which included fun tasks on healthy eating, 5 a -day, the importance of sleep etc.

At the end of the 6 weekly sessions in school the Y2s attended a basketball festival at Blyth Sports Centre where they had more time to practice their dribbling, passing and shooting.

Tiana from Seghill said "This festival has been amazing, I didn't even know I would be good at basketball, but now I have practised I am one of the best shooters!" Bailey also from Seghill said "Our coaches have told us loads about being healthy".

INTRA SCHOOL COMPETITION



One of the aims of the School Sport Partnership is to increase participation in intra-school competition. For many young people, competition is first experienced through intra-class or intra-house competition so it is important that we ensure this is a quality experience which encourages them to continue their involvement with sport. Intra-school competition comes in lots of different formats, often with pupils playing adapted versions of traditional games which are more suitable for their age and ability level. Children compete both in

teams and as individuals trying to beat their own personal best scores. Olivia from **HOLYWELL** First School wrote this report:

At our brilliant school we do lots of interesting sports. Intra-Sport is when children in a class compete against each other. Mrs Fahey is really good at sports and she has been teaching different classes in our school some fun sports activities. At first we learn and practise the skills we will need for the competition and then in the final week we do the competition. In Year Three we have been doing athletics. In week one of the competition, we did the 400m run. Viktoria won with a time of 1 minute and 28 seconds. Then when we finished that we finally did the Sprint. Viktoria won that event as well! She is a great runner! In week two it was really fun. We were doing some throwing. We were given a tennis ball to throw. The idea was to throw the ball as far as we could. Josh threw the ball the furthest. It went an incredible 8.3m. He was amazing! This week we also took part in the standing long jump. We had to start from a standing position and see how far we could jump. Adam jumped the furthest. We also took part in throwing with the 'Howler' for distance. The scores for each event were collected so we knew in our class who took first, second and third place.



In all of our First Schools the culmination of the year round programme of intra-school competition is the School Sports Day. This is another opportunity for all pupils to get involved and experience competition in a positive environment. Grace provided this report on sports day at Holywell:

At Holywell Village First School Sport's day is so much fun! There are so many fun activities for the kids to enjoy. For example the Water Relay; you fill a bucket with water and then run with it to a target and back before passing it to the next person on the team. Other activities include the Bean Bag Throw, the Egg and Spoon Race, the Obstacle Race, 'Doughnuts and Dishes', Dribbling, Shot Put and Ball Waddling. Our school has four houses Owls, Parrots, Eagles and Penguins. Each child in school is in one of these houses. Throughout the events, on each activity, an adult records the points for each team. When all the teams' points have been collected and counted the winning team is announced. They are then awarded the cup trophy for the year. This year Sport's day was won by Owls. A great time is had by all.

RUGBY LEAGUE SUCCESS



Over several years Seaton Valley schools have steadily built a reputation for excellence in Rugby League. Sports Premium funding is used by the First and Middle schools to support the role of Astley High School's rugby league coach, Lee Carbutt. Lee provides weekly lessons in both middle schools, leads afters school clubs for boys and girls and enters and supports teams from every year group in local and national competitions.

This year however, has seen the greatest success of all with Astley High School's Y10 girls being crowned National Champions! The girls progressed through several rounds of competition before finally making it to Wembley, they had to beat off strong competition from well established Rugby League schools. What they have achieved is truly amazing!

Mr Carbutt said: "This is without doubt one of the highlights of my teaching career so far. A lot of hard work has gone into girls' rugby league at Astley over the last 5 years, starting with Ms Robinson and the sport has grown in popularity with every year group from Year 7 upwards playing. I can't praise the girl's efforts enough on the day but more importantly in the training and build up to the game. I would also like to thank Ms Da Prato for her support and assistance on the day and Ms Robinson who helped start this journey many moons ago!"

These girls first experience of Rugby League would have been back in their first schools in Y4. In the Summer term Mr Carbutt continues to offer each school weekly coaching sessions and prepares pupils for the Y3/4 School Games rugby competition. He must be doing something right as a Seaton Valley School has won this competition every year - New Hartley for the last 3 years. Ruby

from **SEATON SLUICE** First School wrote this report: For the past few weeks purple class pupils of Seaton Sluice first school have been

experiencing rugby taught by Mr Carbutt a P.E teacher from Astley High. We've been taught on either the playing fields or in the school hall when on a rainy day. Over these few weeks we have learnt and developed loads of new rugby skills including how to hold the ball, how to catch the ball and how to learn to intercept by pulling the tags of other players with loads more fun exciting things. Half way in we had a rugby tournament; around ten players went and played to represent our school. We had loads of mini games and managed to go to the finals but became a step behind into wining so we came second instead. It seemed that rugby was one of the most popular sports that we have had in purple class!



SCHOOL GAMES COMPETITIONS



This has been the most successful year so far for Seaton Valley schools in School Games competitions. As the competition calendar becomes embedded into schools, and with the support offered by the Sports Premium funding and the Sports Partnership, this year has seen schools entering teams into a wider range of sporting competitions, and also entering more teams into each competition. This year 12 teams from Seaton Valley progressed onto the Northumberland School Games finals. Well done to the hundreds of children who have participated in competitions this year, congratulations to those who have been winners, and many thanks to their teachers, school staff and sports coaches who have made it all happen.

Y4 TM - GOLF Teams from **Seaton Sluice**, **New Hartley** and **Holywell** competed against schools from Cramlington in this competition hosted by Craggs Primary. Pupils earned points for their team as they rotated around 10 different skills stations, testing both their chipping and putting. Burnside Primary finished with the highest number of points with Seaton Sluice First School coming a close second place. **Y4 TENNIS** **Holywell** First School were the only school representing Seaton Valley at Alexandra Park for the Y4 tennis tournament hosted by Cramlington Community Tennis programme. Despite competing against teams who had been receiving weekly coaching Holywell managed to finish in 2nd place in the afternoon's competition and in 3rd place overall. **Y5/6 TAG RUGBY** An amazing 8 teams from **Seaton Sluice** and **Whytrig** Middle schools showed some fantastic speed and agility as well as excellent team work in the y5/6 rugby competition. The Cramlington - Seaton Valley rivalry was friendly, but intense throughout, however it ended up being a Whytrig v Seaton Sluice local derby in the final which Seaton Sluice won in extra time with a golden try. **Y6/4 TAG RUGBY** As a culmination of our coaching programme with Lee Carbutt, 3 Seaton Valley schools were able to enter the Y3/4 tag rugby competition. The Cramlington schools had also been receiving coaching from Cramlington Rockets, so the skill level all round was high. **New Hartley** first school were victorious for the third consecutive year, and were once again able to take the cup home with them. **Y6 HOCKEY** Both middle schools entered A, B and C teams into the Y6 hockey competition following on from the work Mr Robinson had been doing within PE lessons at both schools to prepare pupils. The games were fast and furious and for the majority of pupils this was their first experience of competitive hockey. Whytrig Middle School finished as champions. **Y5/6 ATHLETICS** All Seaton Valley Y6 pupils entered the area Quadkids competitions, where athletes competed in sprint and distance runs, standing long jump and howler throw. Shanklea Primary School won the morning heats, but **Seaton Sluice** Middle School, who won the afternoon heats, finished with an overall higher score and progressed to the county final.

NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL GAMES

The Northumberland Level 3 School Games Finals were held in Cramlington on 23rd and 24th of June. This event sees hundreds of athletes from across Northumberland competing in a range of events, with each team having won their area's Level 2 competition during the year. Each day of the two-day event began with an opening ceremony, hosted by Olympic gymnast and TV presenter Craig Heap, and with visits from British swimmer and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Chris Cook, Olympic finalist long jumper Chris Tomlinson and world champion boxer Glenn McCrory. Athletes then paraded, accompanied by mascots from the 6 areas of Northumberland to Cramlington Learning Village, where the competitions took place. In addition to our teams taking part in the competitions, pupils from Seaton Sluice Middle School also performed skipping at the opening ceremony, chosen because their skip dance routine scored the most points at the Y5 festival earlier in the year.



Results

- Y7/8 Girls' Volleyball - Seaton Sluice Middle - 5th
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- Y7/8 Girls' Football - Whytrig Middle - 6th
- Y8 Girls Netball - Seaton Sluice Middle - 4th
- Y5/6 Mixed Netball - Whytrig Middle - 5th
- Y5/6 Mixed Athletics - Seaton Sluice Middle - 4th
- Y3/4 Mixed Athletics - Seaton Sluice First - 6th
- Y3/4 Mixed Rugby - New Hartley First - 5th
- Y5/6 Mixed Rugby - Seaton Sluice Middle - **BRONZE**
- Y8 Girls' Rugby - Seaton Sluice Middle - **GOLD**
- Y6 Mixed Hockey - Whytrig Middle School - **BRONZE**

CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN

Children from across Seaton Valley laced up their trainers and tackled a 5 mile run in aid of charity. Staff and parents joined the youngsters for the 2015 Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse on Sunday, 17th May. The run, which is in its 33rd year, saw participants take home medals and t-shirts after completing the cross country trek.



SCHOOL GAMES MARK

WHYTRIG Middle School, **SEATON SLICE**

First School and **HOLYWELL** First School are celebrating after being recognised for their commitment to competitive sport by achieving the prestigious **Gold Sainsbury's School Games Mark** award for the first time.

The Sainsbury's School Games, provide a unique opportunity to motivate and inspire millions of young people across the country by encouraging them to take part in competitive school sport.

The Games are made up of four levels of activity: competition in schools, between schools, at county/area level and a national event for the most talented school age athletes.

To recognise good practice schools are encouraged to apply for the Mark to celebrate their achievement and these 3 schools have been successful in achieving the Gold standard.

Over the last three years Seaton Valley Schools have taken part in a range of competitive sporting opportunities including successful School Games Days, Football Leagues as well as competing in 12 different sports at Area Level. Over the course of 2015/16 we hope this will continue, as we offer our children a wide variety of sporting opportunities. As well as competitive opportunities, in order to achieve the Gold Award schools need to ensure all pupils participate in 2 hours of PE every week; provide physical activity for the least active children; support pupils to take on leadership and organisational roles in sport; develop links with local sports clubs; have extra curricular sport attended by at least 50% of pupils and communicate regularly with parents about the School Games. As you can see it is a fantastic achievement!

Marie-Anne Dowson, School Games Organiser said: "To achieve the Gold Kitemark speaks volumes about these schools. The commitment and enthusiasm to a wide variety of different sports has been nothing short of phenomenal. We now look to the next challenge and hope that this year our children can surpass the achievements of 2014/15."

Schools have until October to apply for the School Games Mark and we are confident that the other Seaton Valley Schools will add to this success.



SCOOTER TRAINING AT SEGHILL

KS 1 pupils from Seghill First School took part in an afternoon of Scooter training delivered by Northumberland County Council school travel team.

The training involved a classroom session where the children learnt about scooting safely e.g. where they should scoot and what they should wear. The training then moved outdoors so that the children could practice manoeuvring the scooter, stopping safely, turning and being aware of what is going on around them.

This training is part of the Go Smarter Northumberland scheme. Tracey Aitken from Go Smarter said : "Travelling to school safely, in a way that is sustainable and good for the environment is something that we want everyone to get involved in, and it may even save you money and improve your health along the way!"

Teachers find that pupils who walk, cycle or scoot to school are more relaxed, alert and ready to start the day than those who travel by car. Children love using their scooters to travel to school and scooting to school has become the major sustainable travel success story of the last few years. Scooter training aims to educate children to become responsible scooter riders, whilst ensuring they are aware of the safety implications of riding a scooter in public spaces. Since the Go Smarter scheme started about 1150 primary pupils in Northumberland have benefited from the training.

The children from Seghill were asked about their training and this is what they said:

"The scooter training was awesome. It was so much fun to be scooting around the playground, even though we had to be careful. Now we know how

to scoot smart and we even got a certificate because we had listened well and learned everything we needed to. Scooting to school is good because it helps you to be healthy. It is quicker so maybe we won't be late for school. Best of all it is super, super fun!"



COMING UP IN 2015 – 16

- Specialist PE teacher support within PE Lessons
 - Key stage 2 and 3 Rugby League coaching
 - FA skills football coaching
 - Hoopstarz experience days
 - Level 2 School Games competitions
 - Multi skill, hula hoop, racket sports and basketball festivals
 - Annual Y5 Skipping festival
 - Hoops 4 Health basketball
 - Gifted and Talented multi skills academy
 - Extra curricular coaching
 - Leadership training
 - Top Up swimming
 - Newcastle United Foundation match fit and family football
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