

Morpeth & Ponteland School Sports Programme—Spring Newsletter 2018

Y4 Multi-Sport Festival

Over 450 students in total from across Morpeth and Ponteland participated in the Year 4 Multi Sports Festival. The aim of the festival was to experience different sports whilst working with new people to assist in the transition to middle school or as Year 5's within the Ponteland Partnership. Students enjoyed taster sessions in Fencing, Boxercise, Netball and Badminton in order to develop their skills in sports they will get the opportunity to take part in in the coming years at school.



Y4 Gymnastics

After a lot of hard work and practicing the time had come for 11 teams to showcase their gymnastics skills at the Year 4 Gymnastics Level 2 competition. The standard was extremely high with students having to perform two set sequences which were formally judged by experienced gymnasts from KEVI. Congratulations to all teams who demonstrated exceptional skill and control in their performances and in a very close contest Morpeth First School came in 3rd place, Stobhillgate Frist School were 2nd, but a very big congratulations go to Darras Hall Primary School who were the winners and will go on to represent the partnership at the Northumberland School Games in June.

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby

The annual tag rugby competitions took place in May with over 320 year 3 and 4 children taking part across the Morpeth and Ponteland festivals. The pools were really tight on both days with results going on number of tries scored to split the top two. We had a great final between Morpeth First and St Robert's in Morpeth with Morpeth First coming out on top and at Ponteland between Stamfordham and Belsay with Belsay coming out on top. Morpeth First and Belsay then went on to play each other in a semi-final match with some very good rugby skills on show. In the end it was Morpeth First who became area champions and will compete in the School Games in June. A huge thanks to the leaders from Dr. Thomlinsons and Richard Coates for supporting both events along with the RFU and Falcons.



Important Dates

School Games Mark

Application Closes
Friday 3rd August

11th June Physically Active
CPD @ Morpeth Golf
Club

15th June School Games Mark
Drop In @ Chantry

7th June Year 3/4 Quadkids @
KEVI

22nd June Northumberland
School Games

11th July Year 3/4 Cricket @
Ponteland CC

13th July Year 3/4 Cricket @
Morpeth CC

Y8 Badminton

The Year 8 badminton competition took place in January at Chantry Training Shed. Teams from Chantry, Newminster, Ponteland and Dr. Thomlinsons Middle Schools took part in both girls and boys competitions. Players were seeded according to their playing ability and played a mixture of singles and doubles matches against each of the schools. There was some fantastic talent on display and great sportsmanship on show. In the end it was Ponteland Middle School who came out on top winning both the girls and boys competition, well

Sportshall Athletics

The Y5&6 and Y7&8 Sportshall Athletics competitions were all highly competitive showcasing a lot of great athletic talent and future stars. The events consisted of a range of events with activities such as relay races and standing triple jump. The Y5&6 combined winners were Ponteland Middle School, the Year 7 boys and both Year 8 boys and girls competitions were won by teams from Ponteland Middle School. In the Year 7 girls competition the team from Newminster Middle School prevented Ponteland from the clean sweep by taking the gold. The Y7 & 8 teams then took part in the County Finals where Ponteland Y8 Girls took county gold, Ponteland Y7 and Y8 boys finishing in Silver and Newminster Y7 girls took the bronze, a fantastic achievement for our area!



Y8 Netball

The Y8 Netball Competition was held at Richard Coates School. There was some fantastic talent from all the teams with some excellent netball being played. There was a great atmosphere in all the games and a very close competition. The overall competition was won by a very strong RCMS A Team and they will go forward to represent the MPSSP at the Northumberland School Games.



Y5/6 Netball

The Year 5 and 6 netball competition was another great showcase of netball talent. Teams from the middle schools played against each other in some highly competitive matches. It is fantastic to see the young netball talent within the partnership. In the end it was Richard Coates who came out on top as the overall competition winners. Congratulations to you and well done to all that participated.



Year 3/4 Tri-Golf

On Wednesday 21st March the annual partnership Y3/4 Tri-Golf event at Morpeth Leisure Centre took place very successfully with excellent support from the leaders from Chantry Middle School. The leaders were a fantastic help to the staff from the schools and the partnership and the children played the competition in a very competitive but fair manner. There were 8 scoring stations with teams competing from both Ponteland and Morpeth with the winning team coming from Stobhillgate FS

Many thanks to Ian Harvey from the Golf Foundation for his support, should anyone wish to further develop their golfing skills then please visit the link below to the Juniors Page of Morpeth Golf Club.

<http://www.morpethgolf.co.uk/membership/playing/junior/>



Y8 Handball

The Y8 handball competition was again highly competitive in an ever growing, exciting and enjoyable mixed gender event. The event which took place at Ponteland Middle School saw the 5 middle schools in the MPSSP compete against each other in a round-robin format, well supported by leaders from Ponteland High School with the nearest club based in Newcastle. The games were all action packed and played at a fast pace. The overall winners of the event this year were Ponteland Middle School, they will progress to the Level 3 Handball Finals at Cramlington.

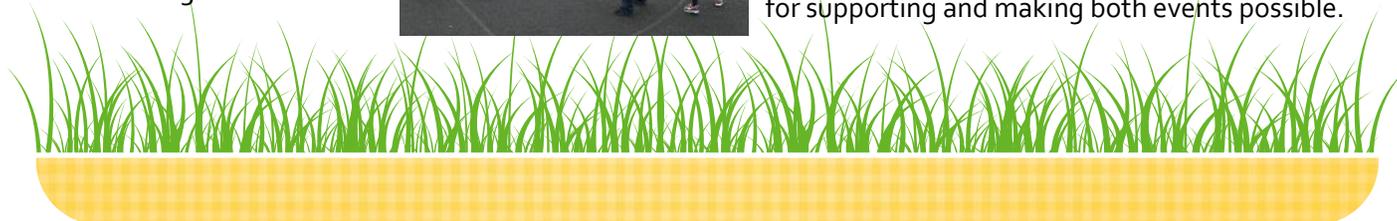


Y5 Ponteland Primary Partnership

The Ponteland Primary Partnership Y5 children took part in a netball festival in February, after spending the half term working on their skills and learning the game the Y5's came together to play in a competition at Richard Coates. For being their first experience of playing competitive netball the standard was exceptional with Richard Coates A team winning Pool A.

In May the Y5's took part in a Quadkids competition where they all competed in a sprint, run, throw and jump event earning individual points for their efforts. The students showed off their skill and talent with some very fast runs and fantastic field events. The overall highest scoring boy came from Ponteland Primary and the highest scoring girl from Richard Coates.

A huge thanks to the leaders from Richard Coates for supporting and making both events possible.



Year 5 & 6 Hockey

The rearranged Quicksticks competition from before Christmas took place in February at Morpeth Hockey Club. The competition is split into Year 5 and Year 6 with mixed gender teams playing. The competition standard was very high as expected and there were some very competitive and enjoyable games being played. The competition was all made possible due to the fantastic support from the leaders from KEVI. The overall winners in both the Year 5 and Year 6 competition were Ponteland Middle School, congratulations to them and well done to all competitors.



Year 8 Boys Basketball

In February it was the annual Morpeth and Ponteland Y8 Basketball competition. This was a very exciting and highly competitive event with a lot of end to end play. Our congratulations go to Ponteland Middle School who won this years competition by out-scoring several teams and winning with the highest number of victories. They will now represent the partnership at the Northumberland School Games — good luck to the boys! In the Y9 playoff between KEVI and PCHS it was Ponteland who took the victory and will go through to the School Games.

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Y4 Tennis

In April the Y4 Tennis festival took place with schools competing for the chance to represent Morpeth and Ponteland at the Northumberland School Games. The teams played in mini tennis matches and took part in tennis activities. Thanks to Phil Barron for supporting and running the competition. There was some great tennis skills and fantastic sportsmanship on show. Congratulations to Darras Hall Primary School on being overall winners, good luck at the School Games in June.



Y1 Hoopstarz

One of the most popular events in the calendar took place in May, the Hoopstarz festival. Over 360 Year 1 children from across the partnership schools took part in the festivals where they got to develop their hula hooping skills whilst learning lots of new tricks. The children all enjoyed the day, hula hooping is a great fun way to develop their ABC's; Agility, Balance and Co-ordination.



School Games Mark Update

The window for this years' School Games Mark is now live, there are 8 changes to the criteria for this year, mainly around the inclusion of physical activity measures. The data captures information from Y3– Y13, not KS1. The up-to-date guidance for the School Games Marks can be found at the following link.

https://www.yourschoolgames.com/documents/193/School_Games_Mark_Guidance_2017-18_Schools_APDj5Qy.PDF



The closing date for applications is Friday 3rd August, however we encourage schools to get their applications completed before the end of the school year. While this accreditation is not a statutory requirement it is a valued piece of data collection to ensure government funding continues after 2020 and is also a clear measure for OFSTED when checking websites.

Most of you are aware that a new school games website was launched in the Autumn Term that necessitated all schools to re-register, if you are yet to do so please ensure you do before it is too late to apply for the School Games Mark, if you are having trouble with this please get in touch.

All schools need to complete an Inclusive health Check and schools with **Primary** aged children will need to activate the Active School Planner, <https://activeschoolplanner.org/>

Another of the new prerequisites for First and Primary schools is that a member of staff needs to attend the Physically Activity CPD which is planned with Lesley Doughty on **Monday 11th June 3-45pm - 4-45pm at Morpeth Golf Club.**

I really appreciate the time and effort that is put into completing this process and would like to offer you all a drop in session at Chantry Middle School on **Friday 15th June from 1.00-3.00pm** to complete your applications. If you would like to attend either or both sessions please get in touch.

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Thank you!

To all the Schools, Staff and Students in the Morpeth & Ponteland SSP for a fantastic Spring and Summer Term — Franki Clark, Kerry Simpson, Damien Dimmick & Steph Alderslade.