



Cramlington School Sport Partnership

Newsletter Summer Term 2013-14

Sport Premium Funding 2013-14

What a year it has been! This newsletter marks the end of the first year of the Cramlington School Sport Partnership, which has been 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 sporting opportunities for all pupils. This year, the School Sport Partnership

has arranged and supported 20 whole year group Sports Festivals, 380 hours of extra-curricular coaching, 348 hours of coaching in curriculum PE lessons, 14 School Games level 2 competitions for KS2 pupils, 14 hours of elite coaching for 20 gifted and talented performers, provided 7 different professional development opportunities for teachers, identified 6 athletes who have participated at County level, organised and

paid for 45 buses to get pupils to all of these events, and finally our pupils have walked and run a total of 14233 miles through the Golden Mile scheme! WOW!! Massive thanks to the PE coordinators and staff in each primary school for facilitating all of these activities for their pupils and finally thank you to all the pupils who have taken part so enthusiastically!

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Year 5 Skipping Festival

Wednesday 2nd April saw almost 300 Year 5 children from all Cramlington and Seaton Valley schools take part in the annual skipping festival at Concordia. Chris Corcoran, director of Skipping School, visited all schools prior to the festival to teach the children specific skills. For example, double bounce, side swing and

event and the school skip dance, and it showed! The children's ability impressed all the spectators; the

competitors performed their certain individual skipping skill with enthusiasm, effortlessness and beaming smiles. The atmosphere was electric and deafening for the Skip Dance; the most famous event, and the most sought after title! Each school had prepared their own routine to a chosen song, including all of the taught skipping skills, some wonderful dance moves and some inventive and impressive new tricks! **Northburn** even skipped with a micro-scooter! Each routine had the crowd clapping, toes tapping and other schools smiling.



cross over. The infectious enjoyment of skipping at these sessions elicited our biggest attendance at the skipping festival to date!

The children arrived in the morning, all eagerly awaiting the competition to begin, having practiced for weeks at break, lunchtime, in lessons and after school in preparation for their

Every school picked up bronze/silver/gold certificates in the individual competitions, with **Beaconhill** and **Burnside** collecting a joint gold in the coveted Skip Dance competition. **Burnside** were declared the overall winners. A massive WELL DONE to everyone who took part, and thank you to the staff involved. It was a very successful event and enjoyed by all whom attended!



Y3 Tennis

Following on from the Tony Blair Sport Foundation tennis coaching for Y3 pupils in schools, all 7 primary schools entered a team of pupils into the TBSF Final arranged by Cramlington Community Tennis Programme. Unfortunately the original date was postponed due to rain. **Cragside, Eastlea, Northburn** and **Hareside** attended the rearranged competition, with pupils playing mini-tennis matches against the pupils from the other schools. **Cragside** were the eventual winners, and went on to the County Final at Churchill Community College where they finished 4th. Grace from Cragside "enjoyed meeting people from other schools and playing against them". Congratulations to all Y3 tennis players!



Y1 Multiskills Festivals



This was a whole day event attended by over 300 Year 1 children from all of the Primary Schools in Cramlington. The children had the opportunity to try a variety of fun

games and activities which required Agility, Balance and Coordination, and were led very ably by over 60 Year 6 Sport Leaders from **Beaconhill, Cragside, Eastlea, Hareside, Northburn** and **Shanklea**.

Some comments from the Y1 pupils at Northburn: "I liked it when we played tag and people pulled the bibs out you had tucked in" (Cory). "I liked the throwing and catching,

I like learning new things" (Tyler). "I liked the ladders, they were fun" (Holly). The Y1 school council members at Beaconhill enjoyed the ladders, the obstacle course and jumping in out of the hoops..."it was fun!"



Y3 Skipping Festivals

On Wednesday 7th May, 280 Year 3 children descended on Concordia for a fun filled event. The children may have been younger (and smaller) than those who participated in the Year 5 festival but their enthusiasm certainly wasn't any less. The children rotated



around different skipping activities led by coaches from Skipping School. They attempted a range of individual and partner skipping skills, as well as run-jump-out on the long rope. The many happy smiles indicated that the children had had a very

enjoyable event. We look forward to seeing this year group compete at the Y5 Skipping Festival in 2016!

Y3 school council members at **Beaconhill** chose the skipping festival as their favourite event from this year, because they enjoyed trying and learning new things.

Y3 & Y5 Cricket Festivals

Approximately 300 Year 5 and 250 Year 3 children from the Cramlington Primary schools participated in a week of cricket festivals held at Sporting Club. The events were fun festivals led by coaches and sports leaders from Cramlington Cricket Club. Children had the opportunity to learn and develop cricket skills through a series of fun games and activities. Many thanks to the volunteers from Cramlington CC for making this such a fantastic week!

"It was awesome" (Charlie) and "I liked playing against different schools and learning different skills" (Erin). Y3 school council members at **Hareside** chose the Cricket Festival as their favourite event, particularly enjoying the non-stop cricket. "I scored 13 runs!"

At **Eastlea**, Y5 school council members enjoyed the fun games, and it was the first time they had played cricket.



Children from 8+ are invited to play cricket at Cramlington CC. They meet on a Tuesday, 6-7pm at Sporting Club, £3 per session.

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Y6 Athletics



Pupils from **Cragside, Northburn** and **Shanklea** Primary Schools attended an Athletics Qualifier held at Cramlington Learning Village. Pupils competed in 80m, 800m, high

jump, long jump and 5x80m relay. The winners and runners up from each event went forward to represent Cramlington at the SE Northumberland Athletics Championships held in Morpeth. From there, the following pupils were selected to represent the area at the Northumberland Schools Minors Championships at Gateshead Stadium:

Lois Buckland: Long Jump
Caitlin Leedy: High Jump
Adam Richardson: 80m, Long Jump, 5x80m
Jonny Kidd: 800m
Edward Usher: High Jump
Josh Morton: Cricket
Ball Throw



The Golden Mile



This has been a busy final term of the Golden Mile initiative. Pupils walk or run, trying to achieve bronze/silver/gold certificates for their personal total distance covered over the year. We have also held a number of inter-school challenges for different year groups:

Y3 Challenge:

1st place: Burnside Primary (average 17.7 miles per pupil)
2nd place: Eastlea Primary (average 5.2 miles per pupil)

Y2 Challenge:

1st place: Eastlea Primary (average 2.8 miles per pupil)
2nd place: Hareside Primary (average 2.1 miles per pupil)
3rd place: Burnside Primary (average 1.7 miles per pupil)

Y6 After-SATs Challenge:

1st place: Eastlea Primary (average 8.63 miles per pupil)
2nd place: Northburn Primary (average 7.75 miles per pupil)
3rd place: Burnside Primary (average 4.41 miles per pupil)

Y1 Challenge:

1st place: Eastlea Primary (average 6.35 miles per pupil)
2nd place: Shanklea Primary (average 4.34 miles per pupil)

Whole school Challenge:

1st place: Northburn Primary (average 4.99 miles per pupil)
2nd place: Eastlea Primary (average 4.5 miles per pupil)
3rd place: Burnside Primary (average 2.3 miles per pupil)

Level 2 School Games Competitions



Y5 and Y6 Hockey: Teams from **Beaconhill, Burnside, Eastlea, Hareside** and **Shanklea** primary schools attended the Y5 and Y6 hockey competitions held at Cramlington Learning Village. The pupils play Quicksticks, a 4v4 version of hockey played on a netball court. The games were competitive and fast-paced, and for the majority of players it was their first experience of playing hockey.

Y3/4 and Y5/6 Rugby: Following on from practising their rugby skills at school with Steve Beaty from Cramlington Rockets, schools entered two separate competitions to play against each other, and schools from Seaton Valley:



In the Y3/4 competition, teams from Eastlea, Cragside and Northburn competed, with Cragside making it to the semi-finals. Whilst in the Y5/6 tournament, Beaconhill, Burnside, Cragside, Hareside and Northburn battled it out, with Beaconhill eventually finishing as runners up.

Y5/6 Athletics: Pupils from all 7 Cramlington Primary Schools participated in the Y5/6 Cramlington & Seaton Valley Quaddkids Athletics competitions. The pupils participated in a standing long jump, 75m sprint, 600m run and howler throw. Seaton Sluice Middle School won the competition, while **Cragside CofE Primary School** finished second overall. **Dan Jones** from **Burnside** was the overall boys' winner and **Amber Witt** of **Cragside** was the overall girls' winner. Congratulations to all who took part.



Y4 Tennis: Following a postponement due to weather, pupils from **Beaconhill, Cragside** and **Hareside** battled it out in the Y4 tennis competition, held at Alexandra Park. Teams of 4 boys and 4 girls played matches against the other schools, with **Hareside** emerging as the winners. They progressed to the Northumberland School Games Finals to represent Cramlington & Seaton Valley

Y3/4 Tri-Golf: 9 teams from Cramlington & Seaton Valley met at Whytrig Middle School to take part in eight different games to test their golf putting and chipping skills. Cramlington was represented by Y3 and Y4 pupils from **Beaconhill, Eastlea** and **Shanklea**. **Beaconhill 1** finished in 4th place and the overall winners were **Shanklea**. They progressed to the Northumberland School Games Finals to represent Cramlington & Seaton Valley.

Y3/4 Athletics: Schools took part in a virtual athletics competition for Y3/4. Pupils took part in the 4 Quaddkids events—standing long jump, 50m sprint, 400m run and howler throw. Schools from across Cramlington & Seaton Valley entered their results online and the best 10 scores (5 boys/5 girls) counted towards the competition. **Shanklea** Primary School were the overall winners and progressed to the Northumberland School Games Finals.

Northumberland School Games Finals

The Level 3 School Games Finals were held in Cramlington on 24th and 25th June. The event saw athletes from across Northumberland competing in a range of events. Athletes arriving at Concordia (and passing shoppers!) were welcomed by the amazing sounds of drummers from **Burnside Primary School**. During the opening ceremony street dancers from **Eastlea Primary School** performed a lively dance routine, and athletes parading to Cramlington Learning

waved on their way by a crowd of cheering Hareside pupils.



including getting the opportunity to meet Olympic long-jumper Chris Tomlinson, England cricketer Steve Harmison and British track cyclist David Daniell, and being part of an event with over 1800 competitors and hundreds of volunteers making sure that every thing ran smoothly.

Hareside finished with Silver medals in the gymnastics and tennis competitions and Shanklea won Bronze in the athletics.



Village were entertained by **Hareside Primary School's** choir, and were



The following teams each won the respective Level 2 competition for the opportunity to represent Cramlington & Seaton Valley at the School Games Finals:

Y3/4 Athletics: **Shanklea Primary School**

Y3/4 Gymnastics: **Hareside Primary School**

Y3/4 Tri-Golf: **Shanklea Primary School**

Y4 Tennis: **Hareside Primary School**

Y6 Netball: **Eastlea Primary School**

All pupils enjoyed the experience,



Y4 Basketball Coaching

Y4 pupils at **Cragside, Eastlea, Hareside, Northburn** and **Shanklea** have been enjoying basketball coaching delivered by Anthony Sampson from Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation. These sessions have covered ball skills and the basics of basketball. It is hoped that this coaching programme will introduce pupils to basketball and provide teachers with ideas for teaching basketball in future lessons. This Y4 coaching will be followed up in the Autumn Term by the Newcastle Eagles Hoops For Health programme for Y5, which includes an inter-school competition.



Pupils who are interested in developing their skills further can go to community sessions at Sporting Club on Wednesdays, 7-8pm. Newcastle Eagles also run holiday camps for ages 6+ over the summer. For more information about basketball, please contact Deirdre Hayes: d.hayes@eaglescommunityfoundation.com

FA Tesco Skills Coaching

Y3 & Y6 pupils at **Beaconhill**, Y2 & Y3 pupils at **Eastlea**, and Y6 pupils at **Hareside** have participated in a 6 week football coaching programme structured to suit children of all abilities. Children from absolute novices to more experienced players are challenged and developed throughout the sessions. The coach, Chris Foreman, uses a combination of practical demonstrations and modern technology in the shape of an ipad allowing children the opportunity to observe/discuss and implement skills and strategies.



Blyth Valley Extra-Curricular Coaching

Blyth Valley coaches have provided 360 hours of coaching this year to children across the partnership, giving them the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports, including break dance, athletics, kayaking, cricket and multiskills.

In the Summer term, pupils at **Northburn** Primary School have been enjoying dance and athletics sessions:

Dance: It was fun to work with children

from other year groups (Charlotte). The instructor was really enthusiastic, she demonstrated everything for us and gave really good encouragement (Frances)

Athletics: The instructor gave really helpful tips so we could improve our skills (Abigail). The instructor was really encouraging, he made me believe I could do it (Connor).

Y2 pupils at **Hareside** had the opportunity to try golf at an after school club, where for many pupils it was the first time they had played and they liked using the different golf clubs.

Pupils at **Eastlea** have been working with Blyth Valley dance coach Jemma Halliday at a school breakfast club to prepare their fantastic dance routine for the opening ceremony for the Northumberland School Games.

School Swimming

Swimming continues to be the only activity on the National Curriculum for PE with a very specific expected level of achievement. The expectation is for pupils leaving primary school (Y6) to be able to swim 25m.

PE Coordinators from the six schools that use Concordia Leisure Centre for their school swimming lessons (Beaconhill,

Cragside, Eastlea, Hareside, Northburn and Shanklea) have been in negotiation with the leisure centre over changes to school swimming in the next academic year.

All schools will be offering pupils hour-long lessons, rather than 30-minute long lessons, aiming to see greater progress from longer lessons and greater

opportunity to practise swimming for sustained periods. There will also be the opportunity next year for a number of pupils from each school, who are not yet meeting the 25m requirement, to attend intense swimming courses in the school holidays, subsidised by the Sport Premium funding. More information will follow at the start of the new school year.

Sports Leaders

All 7 primary schools have a group of Y6 Sports Leaders. In their role, the leaders may have responsibilities such as organising playground equipment, organising playground games for younger children, leading activities in PE lessons, organising and officiating sporting competitions, maintaining a sports notice board, and leading activities at Sport Partnership festivals.

Schools have the opportunity to reward the leaders for the time they spend in sports

leadership with the "First Step Leadership Award". Pupils log the number of sessions of leadership they complete, working towards bronze, silver and gold awards.

The Sports Leaders exhibit good communication and teamwork skills, delivering with confidence and maturity and often showing independence and good initiative. It is hoped that this early experience of leadership will mark the beginning of a leadership journey through secondary school and beyond.



Sports Leaders at **Cragside** with their "Gold Award" rucksacks.

Children's Cancer Run



Pupils from **Burnside, Eastlea, Cragside, Northburn** and **Shanklea** completed

the 5 mile Children's Cancer Run held at Newcastle Racecourse in May.

Pupils at **Shanklea** raised a massive £3102, and are busy training for their next challenge...the Junior Great

North Run.

Well done to all pupils (and teachers) who completed the run!





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Our community links

Cramlington Rockets have welcomed several new members to their U10 rugby team, all as a result of the work that coach Steve Beauty has done in the Cramlington Primary Schools this year. He is also



organising a Summer Camp for 5-15 year olds, with rugby, football, outdoor games and more. The camp takes place on 21st-23rd July, 10am-3pm at

Cramlington Learning Village. For further information about the camps or Cramlington Rockets contact Steve Beauty: 07984630083, sbeauty_rl@yahoo.co.uk.

Concordia Squash Club now have an active junior club who meet each Saturday morning. They are showing good improvements in their squash skills, and love rallying and competing against each other. Coach Ian McAllister has been pleased with the improvements and enthusiasm seen in his junior players. There is still space for new juniors: they meet

at Concordia on a Saturday at 10am, £2 per session. For further information, contact Ian McAllister: ianmcallister4@hotmail.com, 07748653489.

Primary School Badminton club is held at Sporting Club every Wednesday, 3.30pm-5.00pm, £2.50 per session. Led by Coach Rob Wetherell, who has worked with Y5/6 in all primary schools. As a result of this coaching, the club has several new members, including six Y6 pupils from Beaconhill Primary School. For more information, contact rob.wetherell@hotmail.co.uk

Coming up in the Autumn Term 2014...

- Y2 Multiskills Festivals
- "Hoopstarz" Hula-Hooping experience days for years Reception-Y3
- Y3 Hula-Hooping Festivals
- Y5 Basketball coaching and Newcastle Eagles Hoops for Health competition
- FA Tesco Skills Football coaching
- KS2 Rugby coaching
- Extra-curricular coaching
- School Games Level 2 competitions: Y5/6 Girls' Football, Y5 Boys' Football, Y4 mixed Football, Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics
- Professional development opportunities for school staff: Hula-Hooping, dance, tag rugby, gymnastics