



Cramlington School Sport Partnership



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Sport Premium Funding Update

I hope you enjoy reading our Spring Term newsletter. This is the third year that 7 Cramlington Primary Schools have pooled their Primary Sport Premium funding, to work in partnership to offer the pupils of Cramlington an increasing range of sporting opportunities and experiences. It has been confirmed that the Primary Sport Premium funding will

continue in 2016-17. In addition, in the recent Budget it was announced that from September 2017 the Government intend to use the "sugar tax" to double funding for primary school sport, which will enable the schools to do more to support healthier, more active lifestyles and make further improvements to the quality and

breadth of PE and Sport offered.

This is an exciting period for primary school PE and sport and schools have the opportunity to make a real difference to the future health, wellbeing, active lifestyles and sporting success of our young people.

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Well done to all of the competitors and thank you to the teachers and staff who put in all the hard work to prepare their pupils for this event.



Y5 Skipping Festival

This year marked the 10th Annual Y5 Skipping Festival, led by Chris Corcoran of Skipping School. The first event was held by Cramlington & Seaton Valley School Sport Partnership in 2006, when it was attended by Y5 pupils from all the middle schools. The standard of skills and creativity in the skip dance routine continues to develop each year. This year was the first time we have seen pupils (from **Shanklea**) arrive wearing make-up and costumes!!

The skipping festival always has a big impact on physical activity levels of pupils in school, not only in PE lessons, but pupils are also practising their skills at extra-curricular clubs, in the playground and at home. The younger pupils in school also love learning the skipping skills from the older pupils when they see them in the playground, so it often has an impact across the school, with pupils then looking forward to when they are in Y5 and it is "their turn".

and Seaton Valley middle schools, participated at Blyth Sports Centre. Children are chosen to compete for their school in individual, pair and group skills, where they perform the skill as many times as they can in a set time. The school that wins each event scores 9 points, down to 1 point for the school finishing last. Schools also prepare and perform a "skip dance" routine involving all the pupils—these performances are always the highlight of the event! The skip dance routines are judged in two ways, with a score awarded for all the different skills they include in their routine, alongside a mark for creativity, performance and artistic impression. These marks are combined for the overall skip dance positions.

At the end of the event, all of the 9 to 1 scores that schools have received for each event are totalled to find the overall winning school. There was a very good spread of schools winning individual events, and this year, for the first time, the overall winning school was **CRAGSIDE COFE PRIMARY**.

This year has been the first time that we have taken steps towards sustainability for this event, by removing the initial "workshops" to teach the

Y5 pupils the skipping skills. This year, it was completely down to the teachers in the school to prepare their pupils, which they have done magnificently. This proves that the support the schools have received over the previous years has up-skilled staff to a point where the support can be removed.

At the festival, over 250 children from all Cramlington SSP schools,



Skill	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Double Bounce Boy	Burnside	Cragside	Northburn
Double Bounce Girl	Eastlea/Hareside	Seaton Sluice	Burnside
Speed Bounce Boy	Cragside	Burnside	Shanklea
Speed Bounce Girl	Beaconhill	Northburn	Cragside
Side Swing Boy	Eastlea	Northburn	Beaconhill
Side Swing Girl	Whytrig	Beaconhill/Hareside/Northburn	Burnside/Seaton Sluice
Cross Over Boy	Burnside	Cragside	Shanklea
Cross Over Girl	Seaton Sluice	Whytrig	Beaconhill
Pretzel Boy	Burnside	Northburn	Eastlea
Pretzel Girl	Cragside	Seaton Sluice	Burnside
Face to Face Pairs	Hareside	Whytrig	Northburn
Butterfly Pairs	Eastlea	Cragside	Hareside
Run Jump Out Team	Seaton Sluice/Whytrig	Hareside	Burnside
Keep The Pot Boiling	Seaton Sluice	Cragside	Northburn
Skip Dance	Hareside	Burnside	Cragside

Level 2 School Games Competitions

Year 3/4 Gymnastics

The gymnastics competition was held in February at Northern Gymnastics club. Teams from **Beaconhill, Cragside, Eastlea, Hareside, Northburn** and **Shanklea** performed two pre-prepared routines, which were scored by judges from the gymnastics club. Gymnasts also had the

opportunity to try vaulting, balancing and floor-work activities, led by sports leaders from the gymnastics club. **Shanklea** Primary School finished in 3rd place, **Northburn** in 2nd, with **Hareside** finishing in 1st place. Hareside will now go on to represent Cramlington & Seaton Valley in the Northumberland School Games finals.



Year 6 Netball

15 teams from across Cramlington & Seaton Valley, including all of the Cramlington primary schools, competed in the Y6 Netball competition, held at Sporting Club. **Burnside** progressed to the semi-finals, along with teams from Whytrig and Seaton Sluice Middle Schools.

Burnside won their semi-final to then face Whytrig B in the final. The final score was 3-2 to Whytrig, who won the competition for the third year running. Well done to all our schools, the standard of netball was very high and it was clear how much practice had been done beforehand.

Year 5 Hockey

15 teams, including teams from **Burnside, Cragside, Hareside, Northburn** and **Shanklea**, took part in the fast-paced 4v4 Quicksticks Hockey competition. **Burnside** progressed to face Whytrig in the final, where they unfortunately lost in extra time. Well done to Burnside and all our teams.



Newcastle United Foundation Premier League Schools Tournament

Teams from **Burnside, Cragside, Northburn** and **Shanklea** battled against gale-force winds in the Northumberland U11 Premier League Schools Tournament. Despite the weather creating unusual playing conditions, teams adapted well in their matches against other schools from across Northumberland.

The tournament was won by the team from **Burnside Primary School**, the first Cramlington team to win this

competition. They then progressed to the area finals, where they met the winners from the **Newcastle, Gateshead** and **North Tyneside** competitions. These finals were played at the Newcastle United first team



training ground, where Burnside finished in 3rd place out of 64 teams who started in the competition. Well done to the boys from Burnside, who have shown excellent skills, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout this competition.



Cramlington School Sport Partnership Academies

This term we have again run two different programmes for our most able pupils. Our talented Y5 and Y6 pupils have taken part in the third year of our "**Multiskills Academy**", and dancers from across KS2 have been invited to our second "**Dance Academy**".

Our Multiskills Academy, led by experienced PE teacher and sports coach Tony Dowson of Shape Performance, gave pupils the opportunity to work with other gifted young people and take part in activities to develop their fundamental movement skills (agility, balance, coordination), basic sports techniques, and basics of preparation for elite performance, enabling them to apply these skills in whatever their chosen sport may be.

Pupils from all 7 schools were identified by their school to be invited to attend a skills testing session at Sporting Club. This involved a range of tests led by sports leaders from Cramlington Learning Village, such as tests for agility, speed,

strength and hand-eye coordination. 42 pupils attended the testing sessions, from which the top 10 scoring boys and top 10



girls were invited to attend the Multiskills Academy for 6 weeks. At the end of the 6 weeks, the pupils were re-tested so improvements could be measured, and some impressive results were seen. As many of these pupils will be moving to secondary school in September, we wish them well in their future sporting endeavours!

KS2 pupils were selected from all 7 schools to attend our Dance Academy, led by Cheryl Day of Creative Dance North East, who is an experienced teacher, dancer and choreographer. The 21 pupils took part in

activities over 5 weekly sessions to develop their dance technique, and to create a piece of choreography, which was performed for their parents at the last session. The group of pupils worked very well together, seeing new friendships forming over the weeks, and the dance was of a very high quality throughout.



School News

In January, **Eastlea** and **Shanklea** Primary Schools played for the "Cramlington Cup" in a special game arranged by Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation. Over 90 pupils, staff and parents from both schools enjoyed the Eagles' win over Surrey Scorchers, and at half time teams from both schools played a match on the court. The game went to a nail-biting

sudden death shoot-out, which was won by the team from **Eastlea Primary**.

Burnside Primary enjoyed more football success when they represented South Northumberland in the County Cup. They earned their place by winning the South Northumberland District Cup in October and went on to reach the semi-finals of the District finals, where they lost on penalties.

The team are also currently top of the schools league. Congratulations!



Eastlea v Shanklea photos by Dave Moore



Pupils from Northburn running their Sport Relief Mile

Many schools marked Sport Relief with a day of sporting activity, wearing sportswear to school and taking part in a Sport Relief Mile. Well done to all schools for all the money they have raised for Sport Relief 2016.

Professional Development

Sport Premium funding is being used to provide high quality professional development opportunities for teachers and staff, to support the delivery of high quality PE and School Sport in our primary schools.

This term, work has continued for the 5 teachers working towards the AfPE and Sports Leaders UK Level 5 Certificate in Primary School Physical Education Specialism. Teachers have taken part in practical sessions in gymnastics, net games and striking & fielding games, as well as discussions about assessment, curriculum planning and achieving high quality teaching and learning.

Teachers at **Northburn**, **Burnside** and **Hareside** have had opportunity this term to

work with Cheryl Day from Creative Dance North East, as she delivered a half term of high quality dance lessons to pupils in KS1 and KS2.

Teachers in **Beaconhill**, **Burnside**, **Cragside**, **Northburn** and **Shanklea** have worked alongside Steve Beaty and Bear, of Rockets Community, to deliver tag rugby in KS2 PE lessons. As well as helping to prepare pupils for the School Games competitions in the Summer term, this programme is also aimed at up-skilling teachers in teaching tag rugby to their pupils.

Teachers from **Beaconhill**, **Burnside** and

Northburn attended training in teaching Quicksticks Hockey, to help them in preparing their pupils for the Y5 and Y6 hockey competitions. The training was delivered by Lynne Dobison of England Hockey and brought out a competitive side in the teachers!



Rockets Community

Our friends at Cramlington Rockets continue to develop their award-winning Community Department. In early March they held a Rugby Festival at Burnside Primary School, to celebrate the club winning the Aviva Judges Choice Award. The event was attended by an amazing 432 pupils from across the Partnership.



Rockets Community continue to expand the club by introducing "Rocket Tots". These multi-sport sessions for 2-6 year olds aim to encourage social skills, increase

physical development and confidence and most importantly have lots of fun!

As a direct impact of the partnership working of Cramlington Rockets and Cramlington SSP, the Rockets have created an U8 team for pupils in Years 2 and 3, providing this younger age group with the opportunity to join the biggest rugby family within the North East.

For more information on these activities, please contact Community Manager, Steve Beaty, 07984630083, rocketscommunity@gmail.com

Family Hoopstarz

In an exciting addition to our Hoopstarz programme, KidsRfit are running a Family Hoopstarz session, so grown ups can join in the fun with their children! This fun family session will be on **Saturday 30th April, 1.00-2.00pm at Northburn Sports Centre**, Crowhall Lane. £4 per person. For more information or to book (booking

will be essential) contact Sharon@kidzrfit.co.uk. I look forward to seeing you all there!!



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Dates for your Diary

SUMMER 1

Wednesday 13th April—School Games Y6 Hockey, 3.30-5.00pm, CLV
Wednesday 20th April—School Games Y3/4 Tri-Golf, 9.30-11.30am, Arcot Hall GC
Thursday 21st April—FA Skills Y4 Girls' Futsal Festival, Blyth SC
Saturday 30th April—Family Hoopstarz Session, 1.00-2.00pm, Northburn Community Centre (booking essential)
Wednesday 18th May—School Games Y3/4 Rugby, 9.30-11.30am, Astley HS
Wednesday 18th May—School Games Y5/6 Rugby, 12.30-2.30pm, Astley HS
Friday 20th May—Level 5 PE Specialism Qualification Day 5, Eastlea
Wednesday 25th May—School Games Y5/6 Athletics, am/pm venue tbc
Wednesday 25th May—Y3 Tennis Competition, time tbc, Alexandra Park
Friday 3rd June—Deadline for entries, School Games Y3/4 Athletics

SUMMER 2

Wednesday 8th June—Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Competition, Cramlington CC
Wednesday 8th June—School Games Y4 Tennis, am/pm, Alexandra Park
Friday 10th June—Level 5 PE Specialism Qualification Day 6, Eastlea
Week beginning 13th June—Y3 and Y5 Cricket Festivals, Cramlington CC
Tuesday 21st/Wednesday 22nd June—NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL GAMES Level 3, Concordia/CLV
Thursday 23rd June—Northumberland Para-Games
Week beginning 27th June—Y1 Multiskills Festivals
Friday 1st/8th July—Y6 Transition Sports Days at CLV

Community Links

Cramlington Community Judo Club: Kevin Pattison of Judo@School has done work across many of the Cramlington schools over the past 2 years. This has led to the setting up of a new **community Judo Club**, based at **Northburn Primary School**. Sessions for ages 7+ from **4.30-5.30pm on a Wednesday**. Places are limited, but spaces are still available.

For more information and to book a place, please contact Kevin: 07415955238

Cramlington Town FC: Cramlington Town FC start a new **"Tots" football club** on 16th April for pupils in **Reception and Year 1**. The sessions, on a **Saturday morning, 9.00-10.30am** at **Hareside Primary School**, will have an emphasis on fun and participation, whilst teaching the basic skills and discipline required to move into football teams from Year 2 and above. The sessions will be £10 per half term, payable on the first Saturday of attendance. For further information or to book a place, contact Colin Holmes on 07792274251 (after 6pm).



SUPPORTING CRAMLINGTON

The Education Network is a proud sponsor of the Northumberland School Games and many events taking place around Cramlington. We look forward to welcoming you to the Northumberland School Games finals, which will be held at Concordia and Cramlington Learning Village on 21st and 22nd June.

We have a dedicated team who work closely with local schools and provide outstanding teaching staff—both temporary and permanent—in local schools.

We are always looking for excellent teachers, classroom assistants and TAs to register with us. Please visit our website www.theeducationnetwork.co.uk or call our Cramlington office on 01670 737264 for more information.



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