

BPSS Secondary Newsletter November 2021



WELCOME

.... we hope you are all had a restful half term break.

Prior to half term we were delighted to host our first face to face inter school events for over 18 months. There was a fantastic turn out at Copthall Playing Fields and Oakhill Park for the first Cross Country meets of the season. A big thank you to Ty Holden from Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers for organising a running the events. Congratulations to those athletes that have been selected to represent Barnet at the London Youth Games Cross Country this month.

This term we have Sportshall Athletics, Girls Basketball and the Barnet Cross Country Championships to look forward to.

All our confirmed events for the remainder of this term and the upcoming spring term are now bookable online. We are continually updating our events calendar, with more events planned.

It was great to see so many SENDCo's and PE leads at the Inclusion/SEND meeting before half term. There was a lot of information shared and lots of events and training to come. If you would like more information on Inclusion/SEND, please get in touch with Caroline Connell.

For a second year running, BPSS will be leading on the Barclays Girls' Football Schools Partnership for the borough. This is a nationwide scheme that aims to mainstream football in schools for girls. Further information can be found attached to this newsletter.

Lastly, don't forget the deadline to submit your application for the Barnet Dance Festival is this Friday (5th November). For more information or to register, please click [here](#).

As always, please let us know if there is anything we can help support you with.
All the best,

The BPSS Team 😊

Up and Coming BPSS Events.....

November

9th – Year 7&8 Girls Sportshall Athletics @ QEG's

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16th – U14 Girls Basketball @ London Academy

24th – Boccia @ Burnt Oak Leisure Centre

25th – U16 Girls Basketball @ London Academy

December

9th – Barnet Cross Country Championships @ Copthall Playing Fields

Please click [here](#) for more event details and how to book



Secondary Pupil Activity and Wellbeing Survey

4700 secondary school pupils have completed the National Secondary Pupil Activity & Wellbeing Survey, which run for 5 weeks from 20th September to 22nd October, please see attached the headline data.

The survey, which will continue to be available to schools, provides a wealth of information on your pupils, as well as offering data on and evidence for Ofsted.

For those schools interested, Koboca will be delivering a webinar on 17th November to demonstrate how to best use your data. Please click [here](#) to register.

A reminder that the system is completely FREE to BPSS buy-in schools this year. For full details of how to sign up and make the most of the software, please contact your SGO.

Secondary Leadership

This year BPSS have created a leadership pathway for students to gain valuable skills and knowledge. All buy in schools were sent the resources and we are excited to hear how your leaders are getting on.

We are thrilled to be running the This Girl Can campaign this year in Barnet. So far we have had 6 secondary schools sign up and last half term we had our first committee meeting. It was brilliant to hear the passion and enthusiasm of the This Girl Can Ambassadors and we can't wait to share all of their fantastic work during the year.

If you would like further details of how you can get involved please contact your SGO.

BPSS PARTNERS

Better Health supports Mental Health with inclusive self-care activities for pupils

The topic of mental health and its effects on students is one of the most pressing issues currently faced in the classroom. Following World Mental Health Day (10th October), Better Health is encouraging teachers to facilitate classroom discussions about mental wellbeing with their Every Mind Matters resources for 10-16 year olds. The resources can be found on the [School Zone](#) and are free to download.

The Every Mind Matters resources are NHS-approved and designed to support student mental wellbeing through a range of PSHE topics, featuring videos co-created by young people. The new activities encourage students to find self-care actions that work for them, and allow them to reflect on how they feel.

[Click Here](#) to read the full article.

LTA School Programme

Take part and complete our free Primary or Secondary online training to receive a £250 reward voucher for your school. It's all been designed by teachers, for teachers, and it's all free. Take part and complete online training to receive a £250 reward voucher for your school.

To register and complete the training, please click [here](#)



Free Dance Project Opportunity

The Hotel Experience community cast is an opportunity for you to perform on artsdepot's Pentland Theatre stage alongside Lila Dance's professional cast when [The Hotel Experience](#) comes to artsdepot on Tue 9 Nov. You'll join Lila Dance's performers for an uplifting hotel party scene where all the best moves from across the decades come together with a contemporary twist.

Dance experience is not essential for this project, only the openness to work intensively and creatively with others.

Interested? Here's what you need to know:

- This project is for young people aged 13 - 21
- You'll work with a member of Lila Dance to learn set movement sequences and with other members of the group to create your own dance moves
- You need to be able to attend rehearsals on Sat 6 & Sun 7 Nov, 1.45pm - 5.45pm at artsdepot
- You need to be able to attend the dress rehearsal on Tue 9 Nov from 4pm. The performance will be at 7.30pm on the same day, finishing at approximately 8.45pm
- Participation in this project is free
- You'll receive a special offer code so your friends and family can purchase discounted tickets to see you in the show!

To sign up:

Email Participation@artsdepot.co.uk

North London Schools' Table Tennis Team Championships

This event is being organised by Table Tennis England, if you wish to take part there is a £5 charge per team to enter. It is taking place on **26th November 2021 from 3:45pm at London Academy**. 4 players make up a team. Please contact Keegan for an entry form: keegan.barstow@tabletennisengland.co.uk. Closing date to enter is 19th November.



INCLUSION

London Inclusion CPD Webinar – Tuesday 16th November, 4.30-5.15pm

This will be open to all school staff and will go through the opportunities for Inclusive events, competitions and CPD and available support for London schools, with breakout rooms for region networking – so all those attending from north London will have a chance to network together. Register [here](#).

Topsportability

Is now integrated within the YST website. Providing free resources and lesson plans

– <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/top-sportsability> . The access/registration code is YSTINCLUSION27



All About Me

Developed by the Youth Sport Trust, and endorsed by the National Autistic Society, All About Autism is a digital and practical toolkit that builds upon knowledge of autism spectrum conditions (ASC) and some of the key considerations for making PE and sport inclusive to all. Register for free [here](#)

CPD

Trampolining Courses

[Click Here](#) to see dates and venues for up and coming trampolining courses.



FREE Basketball Level Two Referee and Table Official Courses

For a limited time only, Basketball England has made the Level Two Referee and Level 2 Table Official courses completely free. The recommended minimum age for both courses is 16 years. Click [here](#) for further details or to register.

Female Young Cricket Umpire Course - Free

Middlesex County Cricket would like to offer your Secondary School Girls 13-18 years old a chance to learn umpiring and scoring in a three hour course which is free of charge.

If you are interested please contact Alex Hughes at Alex.Hughes@Middlesexccc.com to organise. The course can be run in one three hour session or two sessions of 1.5 hours

Contact the team for more support

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