

BPSS Secondary Newsletter December 2021



WELCOME

..... we hope our last BPSS Secondary Newsletter of this calendar year continues to provide you with all the information and support you require to help inspire your pupils to be happy, healthy and active.

This term has seen leagues, competitions and events getting underway and back into full swing.

It's been great to see games being played and results coming in from the various leagues and cup competitions.

We've run Sportshall Athletics, Cross Country, Girls Basketball and Boccia competitions this term. We have really enjoyed seeing you and your students take part at these.

In the New Year we have Volleyball, Badminton, Netball, the prestigious Barnet Dance Festival and many more to look forward too.

We are continually updating our events calendar, with more events planned so continue to check the BPSS website.

The School Games Mark was launched on 11th November and sees the return of the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum award levels. A reminder that schools who achieved an award level from the 2018/19 academic year still retain their award. More information regarding the SGM criteria can be found below.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and engagement. It has been great getting to see you and your pupils again as we resumed face to face delivery this term.

On behalf of everyone at BPSS we wish you and your school communities a wonderful Christmas and look forward to a positive 2022.

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.....

December

9th – Barnet Cross Country Championships @ Cophall Playing Fields

January

U15 Mixed Volleyball @ East Barnet School

19th January – New Age Kurling @ Burnt Oak Leisure Centre

February

2nd – Girls Badminton @ QEG's

9th – Boys Badminton @ QEG's

10th – Boccia @ Burnt Oak Leisure Centre

23rd – Year 7 Netball Tournament @ Cophall School

March

7th -11th – Barnet Dance Festival @ The Arts Depot

23rd – Sitting Volleyball @ Cophall Leisure Centre

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

Year 7&8 Sportshall Athletics

We welcomed the following schools to QEG's on the 9th and 11th November to take part in this years Sportshall Athletics competition, Wren, Copthall, East Barnet, Ark Pioneer, Ashmole and SMSJ.



Teams competed on the field and track to get an overall team score. The atmosphere was electric and it was fantastic to see the encouragement and teamwork displayed. There were some impressive team and individual performances. Well done to all the teams that took part.

Congratulations to Wren Academy who were the overall winners in the girls competition and congratulations to Ashmole Academy who were overall winners in the boys competition.

U14 and U16 Girls Basketball

U14s – London Academy played host to the U14s tournament on Tuesday 16th November. Ashmole Academy, East Barnet, Copthall, London Academy and The Totteridge Academy battled it out on court in what was a thrilling end to end tournament which saw teams play each other once in a league format. The tournament went down to the wire, with the final match of the evening ultimately deciding the eventual winners. Congratulations to Ashmole Academy, they will go onto represent Barnet in the School Games.



U16s – Copthall School was the venue this time round for the U16s tournament on Thursday 25th November. Ashmole Academy, Copthall, Hendon, London Academy and St James' participated in a super competitive and highly entertaining tournament, which followed the same format as the U14s event. Congratulations to Hendon School, they will go onto represent Barnet in the School Games.

It was great to see such a high interest in both these tournaments, don't forget to check out the Jnr. NBA League information within this newsletter.

Thank you to our host schools, London Academy and Copthall School. Also, special mention to Jose, Club Secretary, at London Amateur Basketball League for refereeing at both tournaments along with Edgar and Tamara, who are both completing their referee level 1 qualifications.

Boccia "Come try it" Festival

Boccia kicked off the first inclusive/SEND event of the year. It was a huge success with 81 pupils from 14 schools.

The festival was a mix of friendly matches and skill stations, where the pupils got to practice and learn a new sport. The atmosphere was excellent, with not only pupils taking part but staff too!

A huge thank you to the leaders from St James' Catholic High School, who had smiles on their faces all day, and were incredibly encouraging to everyone involved.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next event!



London Youth Games Cross Country

Athletes from schools across the borough got invited to represent Barnet at the London Youth Games Cross Country on 20th November at Parliament Hill Fields. The course was challenging and muddy. Competing against the 32 other London Boroughs Barnet achieved individual medals in the U15 boys and U13 girls races. Overall the boys teams came 2nd and the girls teams came 7th, which is a great achievement out of the 32 other London Boroughs. It was a great team effort from all the athletes, they done the borough of Barnet proud, well done.

BPSS Partner Updates

School Games Mark



School Games Mark 2021/22 We are delighted to be able to share with you the refreshed criteria for School Games Mark 2021/22 [here](#). This year the award levels of Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum have been reinstated while trying not to add undue pressure on schools. The number of questions and the type of responses schools submit (i.e. Y/N answers) have been simplified, which means that SGOs need to know in detail where schools are in their understanding, provision and uptake of the School Games and ideally complete the application with you.

If you are interested in applying for the School Games Mark or have any questions, please contact your SGO.

Junior NBA

The Jr. NBA is back and bigger than ever with schools invited to 'Express their Interest' in getting involved with their local leagues for the 2021/22 season.

Heading into its eighth year, the Jr. NBA Basketball England league facilitates schools to compete in four regular season games as part of seven rounds of fixtures followed by an elimination playoff.



NBA will once again offer girls and boys in years 7 and 8 across the country an opportunity to represent their favourite NBA team in a quest to secure a championship ring!

There is no entry fee for taking part and each school will receive a Jr. NBA Basketball England kit of their drafted team. For more information and to register, please click the following link - [Jr. NBA is back: Expression of Interest 2021/22 Now Open | Basketball England](#)

Help Young Barnet Foundation deliver a smile to hundreds of disadvantaged children this Christmas

Everyone deserves to feel special at Christmas and what better way than to receive a present? Yet we know some children and young people in Barnet are living in poverty, with the pandemic only increasing the challenges and pressures placed on struggling families.

Since 2018, Young Barnet Foundation (YBF) has collaborated with its partners and members to distribute 3,360 gifts to disadvantaged children and young people in the borough including refugees and those in care. The local charity is calling on the community to get behind this year's Christmas Gift Campaign and buy or donate a gift.



Toys, games, and books can be sent to the following address: Young Barnet Foundation, Old East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, Barnet EN4 8SG. Any money raised will be used to purchase presents in bulk at discounted rates to ensure even more gifts can be distributed. More information on how you can support the campaign is available at youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk/christmascampaign.

If your school would like to support the campaign, please contact info@youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk who can provide you with customised posters to print out and display.

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](#)

Middlesex Cricket Boys' School Cup competitions

The deadline to enter the Middlesex Boys Cricket Competition is 16th December, please contact Alex Hughes
Alex.hughes@middlesexccc.com, 07775 330144

CPD

Barnet Secondary PE HOD Meeting

Taking place on **12th January, 2pm-4pm at the StoneX Stadium**



Topics to be covered will be:
Review of PE curriculum – Intent / Implementation / Impact – are you Ofsted ready?
Sharing ideas, resources and good practice (including Sport England project)
H&S updates
SGO update

If you wish to attend please [click here](#) to book your place

FREE Girls Football CPD

We are excited to share details with you of a **FREE** Girls Football CPD opportunity, brought to you by Barclays Game On, part of England Football.



WHY SHOULD TEACHERS TAKE UP THIS FREE OPPORTUNITY?

- Develop a new approach to delivering PE with a life skills focus.
- Increase adolescent girls' self-esteem, confidence and engagement in PE through football related activities.
- Access resource cards to support and accelerate the planning process – both online and hard copies.
- View digital assets and videos to bring the activities to life after the training.
- Equipment worth up to £100 to support your curriculum delivery.
- Support from your Barclays Girls' Football School Partnerships by England Football lead to embed developing life skills for key stage 3 girls through football in your school curriculum

For further information please check out the [programme brochure](#) or contact Mark Betts (m.betts@qegschool.org.uk)

Don't miss out on the fantastic FREE opportunity, click [here](#) now to register onto the upcoming virtual **Go Teach** training!

Trampolining Courses



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

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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