

# BPSS Primary Newsletter December 2021



## WELCOME

.... we hope our last *BPSS Primary 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.

The School Games Mark was launched on 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

On 12<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed just over one hundred year 3&4 pupils to The Totteridge Academy for the BPSS Movement Festival. It was great to see all the pupils having fun and engaging in a variety of activities delivered by year 9 leaders from The Totteridge Academy. Activities focused around Gymnastics, Dance and Cheerleading, with pupils rotating between stations on a carousel system every 10 minutes.

Last Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup> November), we were at Burnet Oak Leisure Centre for the Boccia "Come Try It" Festival. This inclusive event attracted 76 pupils from across all year groups. The majority of pupils

had never played before, however you would have been forgiven for not noticing, as the pupils quickly learnt the rules and developed their understanding of the game, thanks to the help of leaders from St James' Catholic High School.

Our final event of 2021, the KS1 Christmas Festival, took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the StoneX Stadium. 97 excited year 1&2 pupils certainly got us in the festive spirit by donning their Christmas hats and jumpers. The festive celebrations did not stop there, whilst the Christmas carols played the pupils participated in various fun themed activities such as Tinsel Mountain and Snowball Bowling, led by leaders (aka Elf's) from Copthall and St James' Catholic High Schools.

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...

January;

12<sup>th</sup> – PE Subject Leaders

19<sup>th</sup> – Year 3&4 New Age Kurling (SEND)

20<sup>th</sup> – Year 5&6 Netball

27<sup>th</sup> – Year 5&6 Girls Football

February;

3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 5&6 Mixed Football

8<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country @ Copthall Playing Fields

10<sup>th</sup> – Primary Boccia (SEND)

22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 5&6 Basketball (C/E)

23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 5&6 Netball Finals

24<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country @ Oakhill Pk

March;

1<sup>st</sup> – Year 5&6 Basketball (S/W)

16<sup>th</sup> – Bees Netball Tournament

23<sup>rd</sup> – KS2 Sitting Volleyball

Please visit the [BPSS website](#) for more event details and to book!!!



## BARNET DANCE FESTIVAL 2022

The eagerly awaited Barnet Dance Festival 2022 is set to return to the Arts Depot for a week of live performances. An incredible 64 schools have registered to participate across the week (7-11<sup>th</sup> March).

To view performance dates and rehearsal times please click [here](#). For any queries please contact Anne Fisher directly ([dance@annefisher.co.uk](mailto:dance@annefisher.co.uk)).

### BPSS Partners



#### School Games Mark 2021/22

We are delighted to be able to share with you the refreshed [criteria](#) for School Games Mark 2021/22. 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.

#### 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 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. For more information on how you can support the campaign please click [here](#).

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

#### B2022 Learning Programme - Queen's Baton Relay Resources

The Queen's Baton Relay resources are designed to provide learning opportunities, both in the classroom and for at-home learning. The resources have been created for Reception, KS1 and KS2.



They aim to develop children's understanding of the Queen's Baton Relay, covering the history of the tradition, the Baton design, and the Baton Relay route as it travels to Birmingham 2022, through themed cross-curricular activities. Please share the resources with primary schools within your networks, click [here](#) to download.

## Golf Foundation – New Schools Programme Promotes Physical & Mental Benefits of Golf to Youngsters

The Golf Foundation is launching a new plan that aims to excite teachers, children and local PGA Professional coaches in a significant shift to high quality coaching in primary schools. This can grow the game, while the wider benefits of golf can help the physical and mental wellbeing of more young people at an important time nationally.

For more information please click [here](#).



## Non Stop Action – Football Festivals

We are delighted to confirm the ever popular Non Stop Action Football Festivals are back! All four festivals listed below will take place at Compton Powerleague (N12 0RF), 8.50am-12pm. [Book now](#) to avoid disappointment.



- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March (Year 3&4 Girls)
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March (Year 1&2 Mixed)
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March (Year 3&4 Mixed)
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April (Year 1&2 Girls).

## Golden Kilometre – Research Project

Exciting research for the local school-based physical activity initiative, called the 'Golden Kilometre' (GKM) is underway. The aim of the study is to understand how the GKM can improve children's physical literacy and fitness levels. Physical literacy is the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge and understanding to value and take responsibility for engagement in physical activities for life; the more physical literate a child is, the more likely they will participate in sport and physical activity into adulthood.

The research project, that is part of a PhD study, got off to a great start at Wessex Gardens Primary School who had a successful launch of the GKM and baseline data for their school has now been completed.

If you would like to know more about the research and/or you run the GKM at your school and would like to take part, please contact the lead researcher Shannah Anico ([S.Anico@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:S.Anico@mdx.ac.uk)).

## LTA Youth School Programme



Take part and complete our free Primary 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](#).

## FAQ

### 1. Can more than one teacher complete the training?

Yes, schools can have as many teachers sign up for the training. However, they can only receive one £250 reward voucher

### 2. What can the voucher be spent on?

It can go toward LTA tennis equipment or for a qualified LTA coach to run sessions in your school

### 3. If my school becomes an LTA registered venue, do we have to open our facilities?

No, schools do not need to open their facilities to the wider community/commit to LTA using at a venue.

### 4. Can teachers that are not LTA qualified, coach our tennis?

Yes, qualified teachers are able to coach tennis. We suggest that external coaches are LTA qualified to ensure that schools have a DBS checked, first aid and safeguarding trained coach with relevant qualifications.

# VIRTUAL SKIPPING CHALLENGES



A reminder that the deadline to submit your Year 5 Virtual Skipping Challenge results is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Click [here](#) to view the challenge and submit your results. You must be logged in to perform the latter. Full KS2 schedule below;

Year Group:	Start Date:	End Date:
Year 6	<a href="#">View Results</a>	
Year 5	1 <sup>st</sup> November	10 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	11 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 3	21 <sup>st</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> April

## CPD

### FREE Girls Football CPD

Disney Inspired Shooting Stars, by England Football is made up of two initiatives; Active Play Through Story Telling and Girls' Football Clubs, both have been developed to support the engagement of girls aged 5-11 years old.

There are some fantastic resources available to support you in delivering these sessions including story books, flipbooks and videos, as well as 'take home' adventure passports so children can share their experiences with parents/carers. For further information, check out the [programme brochure](#).



### WHY SHOULD SCHOOLS TAKE UP THIS FREE OPPORTUNITY?

- Confidence and competence to deliver high-quality active play that is engaging for girls
- Understand how to deliver creative, fun and engaging physical activity sessions for girls
- Access to resources and bibs to help children to achieve the recommended target of 60 active minutes per day
- Opportunity to engage parents and carers to use the activities within the home environment
- Ensure the inclusion of all young people

Don't miss out, click [here](#) to register onto the upcoming virtual training! For any queries, please contact Mark Betts ([m.betts@qegschool.org.uk](mailto:m.betts@qegschool.org.uk))

### Primary PE Subject Leaders

Taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 8.45am-12pm at the StoneX Stadium. To book, please click [here](#).

### Topics to be covered include;

- Continued review of PE curriculum - Intent / Implementation / Impact - are you Ofsted ready?
- H&S updates
- PE Premium
- SGO update
- Sharing ideas, resources and good practice



### Contact the team for more support

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