

BPSS Secondary

Newsletter

March 2023



WELCOME

.... we hope you enjoyed a restful February half term break and you're ready for an actioned packed month.

Last month Ashmole, East Barnet and Wren represented the borough at the North London Sportshall Athletics Finals at Harrow Leisure Centre. They took part in track and field events, competing against other boroughs. Overall Barnet placed; Year 7 Boys - 4th, Year 7 Girls - 4th, Year 8 Boys - 4th, Year 8 Girls - 3rd. Well done to all the athletes who participated.

Whitefield School were victorious at the borough secondary Boccia competition and progressed to represent Barnet at the London School Games Finals competing against other London boroughs, well done to all involved.

The various leagues and cup competitions are at the final stages, please ensure you check the deadline dates and upload your results before the deadline. Playoffs for the league winners will be taking place throughout March, good luck to all teams.

The Barnet Dance Festival kicks off the events for this month on the 6th March with performances all week taking place at the Arts Depot. We wish all of the performers the best of luck and an enjoyable time on stage

There is also the Year 7 Girls and Boys Football Festival aimed at those students who haven't had a chance to represent the school football team this year. The Compton School will be hosting this event and the games will be officiated by their sports leaders.

All summer events are now bookable, please visit the BPSS website to book and to see the full list of events.

The School Games Mark Criteria can be found [HERE](#) . Applications open on 3rd May, please contact your SGO for support in completing the application.

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

March

6th – 10th – Barnet Dance Festival

10th – Yr 7 Football Festival

14th – Yr 10/11 and Seniors Netball Playoffs

21st – Yr7 Girls Football Finals

22nd – Yr8&9 Girls Football Finals

27th – Yr7/8 and 9 Netball Playoffs

May

2nd – Yr9/10 Athletics

4th – Yr8 Athletics

9th – Yr7 Athletics

11th – Yr7/8 Tri Golf

11th – Yr9/10 Athletics

25th – BBN1 Festival

****Event bookings for April-July are now open****

If you would like further information or to book any of the Autumn term events, please visit the [HERE](#). Please make sure you are able to attend before booking on. If you require a log in, please contact your SGO.



BPSS Updates



Year 7 Netball Tournament

We welcomed 16 teams from across Barnet to showcase their netball skills at our year 7 netball tournament. The young players created a wonderful atmosphere and demonstrated a high standard of netball ability throughout their games. Well done to all of the teams and congratulations to our winners Belmont School who will represent Barnet at the LYG.

Girls Football Leagues

It's been fantastic to see the number of schools involved and the number of games that have been played in girls football leagues this season. Across the 3 age group categories there were 10 league pools. The winner of each pool will play in a play off tournament to determine the overall borough winner.

We hope your students have enjoyed participating in the leagues this season. There are a number of girls football opportunities in the BPSS partner section of this newsletter.

Well done to this years pool winners:

Year 7	Year 8&9	Year 10&11
East Barnet	TTA	CCF
CCF	Saracens High	Saracens High
MHCHS	CCF	
St Michaels	Wren	

New Age Kurling

The New Age Kurling Competition was electric, with the children, leaders and staff getting very enthusiastic and celebrating all the great shots. It was great to see the pupils arrive having never played before, and leave the event knowing all the rules and how to work tactically as a team. Well done to the 21 teams involved, and a big thank you to the leaders from Hendon, who led for their first time at an event, and we thought they did a great job at ensuring a positive environment for your pupils.

Boccia (SEND)

17 teams bowled their way through a fantastic afternoon of boccia. Although being competitive all shots were congratulated, and players grew in confidence throughout the afternoon. By the final games pupils were thinking tactically and trying to outwit their opponents. After some close matches officiated by the excellent St James Catholic High School leaders, Whitefield went back to school victorious and to represent Barnet at the Open Games (LYG). Congratulations to all our teams who took part.

1st - Whitefield

2nd - Northway

Additional Fixture Request

King Alfred School are keen to run:

- Year 7 or 9 basketball tournament (max 4 teams including KAS)
- GCSE PE Handball friendly or tournament (y10 or 11)

Please contact Tom if you're interested - tomf@kingalfred.org.uk



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FA's Biggest Football Session 2023

SIGN UP TO THE BIGGEST EVER FOOTBALL SESSION

On **Wednesday 8 March 2023**, the Biggest EVER Football Session is back, and this is your official invite to be a part of it! Whether you are already delivering girls' football in your school or want to take that first step to give girls' equal access, this is one not to be missed.

What does the day look like?

At lunchtime, in a lesson or after school – you decide! Our aim? To get as many girls as possible in school all playing football on the same day!

Whether you want to use Alessia Russo's back-heel and Ella Toone's lob as inspiration or fancy giving our free resources a try – it's up to you. All we ask is that you register your schools, capture your session and shout about it across social media using #LetGirlsPlay.

How do I get my school involved? Sign up [HERE](#)

Inspire Festivals

London Youth Games are running the below Inspire Festivals:

- The Hive London Stadium on Wednesday 17th May 2023
- Gunnersbury Sports Hub on Thursday 18th May 2023

Places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you wish to attend please sign up [HERE](#)

Eligibility criteria for this event is as follows;

- Open to year Groups Year 5, Year 6, Year 7, Year 8
- 10 - 16 participants per group

Aimed at young people who are new to/not currently engaged in sport or physical activity or groups of young people who identified as being less engaged (e.g. BAED, female, disability, LSEG, LGBTQ+)

Sign ups will be open until **Wednesday 19th April 2023** and schools will be informed if they are successful by Friday 28th April 2023. If you have any further questions around this, please contact steph@londonyouthgames.org

Saracens Inclusive Sports Club

For all young people with disabilities aged 8-13

Mondays 4:30pm-5:30pm

StoneX Stadium, Barnet

Sarries RFC -Tag Rugby

Strictly Sarries - Dance

Sarries Track Club -Athletics



Email ellawyrwas@saracens.net for more information or to register your interest now!

FA 'Discover my Talent':

Now we need your help to shout about girls who you think are talented players and are potential future Lionesses!

Referring players is easy to do. We have an online national referral portal – 'Discover My Talent' – and we would encourage you to refer any girls from any playing environment who you think is a talented player. The window is open until **15 March 2023** and we are currently prioritising players born between 2006 and 2010 (school years 7 to 11).

Players who are referred may either be invited to attend a regional event, be seen within their own playing environment or be invited to a local partner event. All players are considered using our 'Future Lioness Characteristics' to aid with providing a reference as to the type of traits we hope to see – please note that this is not a checklist and we do not expect a player to have every single characteristic but we are keen to know what you think their key attribute is!

- Further insight regarding the characteristics can be found through watching the 'Future Lioness Characteristics' videos along with the information sheets [HERE](#)
- If you would like to make a referral then you can do [HERE](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything regarding your players or the 'Discover My Talent' referral process then please contact Jon Whittingham (FA Women's Talent Technical Coach – London & South East) via email: jon.whittingham@thefa.com or phone: 07866 789 453



Barnet Nightingales – Free Girls Football Sessions

The club are providing 10 free sessions taking place at Barnet Powerleague. Session dates and bookings can be found [HERE](#)

TCS London Mini Marathon Championships

Do you want the chance to represent Barnet and be one of the first people to cross the world famous TCS London Marathon finish line this year?

On Saturday 22nd April 2023, 36 young people from the London Borough of Barnet will have the opportunity to run 2.6km of the London Marathon route (yes even before the adult elite athletes!).

For your chance to represent Barnet you need to

- Be aged between 11 and 16
- Have been born, live or go to school in the London Borough of Barnet
- Attend a Parkrun event and obtain a recorded time for a 5km run.

For further information and to access the form to submit your time and parental consent to represent Team Barnet please visit [HERE](#)

Closing date for entries is 9am on Monday 13th March 2023. Any queries please contact sport@Barnet.gov.uk

Basketball Technical Courses

Please see below information on courses aimed at students 14 year plus.

LEVEL 1 REFEREE (£22.50pp), 4 hours

LEVEL 1 TABLE OFFICIAL (£17.50pp), 2 hours

INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS (£15pp), 4 hours

Below is the link to the courses website:

[Officiating Courses - Group Sign Up | Basketball England](#)

These courses have a 50% discount if London Basketball manage to have 6 candidates in total per course. **Please let us know if your school would be interested in hosting any course for your students.**

ULEZ ZONE

Many not-for-profit organisations that operate minibuses used for community transport can register for a temporary 100% discount of the ULEZ charge until 26 October 2025.

Once you have registered your vehicle and your eligibility has been confirmed, you will not be charged the ULEZ charge until after the end date of the grace period on 26 October 2025. After this date, all minibuses will need to meet the ULEZ emissions standard or pay the daily ULEZ charge.

To apply click [HERE](#)

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Trampolining Courses



Please see upcoming trampolining courses [HERE](#)

LTA - FREE Teacher Training

The LTA Youth Schools Programme brings together inclusive PE lesson plans, personal development resources, teacher training and much more. It's all been designed by teachers, for teachers, and it's all **free**.

Take part by clicking [HERE](#) and complete the online training to receive a £250 reward voucher for your school.

Well Schools

There is a growing community of like-minded professionals and stakeholders committed to creating the happiest and healthiest learners in the world. By joining the Well School community you will get FREE access to:



School-led practice and examples, Guidance and support from experts and leaders, Conversations with like-minded experts and practitioners, training, resources and support from partners

[Click Here](#) to join and find out further information

Contact the team for more support

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