

# BPSS Inclusion Round Up 2022-2023



**127 School Teams have taken part**

**16 SEND events**

**2x Gold and 2x 10th places at the School Games Finals**

**8 SEND leaders received specialist training**

**5 Teams represented Barnet at the Enfield Games**

**2023 - Would you like to be involved???**

It has been a busy year for SEND opportunities in Barnet. It has been great to see young people engaged in physical activity and sport. We have thoroughly enjoyed putting on all the opportunities for your students.

This year has been inspiring to see so many pupils receiving chances to represent their school. If you didn't get a chance please get in touch.

This is what happened in 2022-2023:

## **Boccia "Come Try It!" Festival**

28 Teams from Infant, Primary and Secondary schools, joined us at Burnt Oak LC, to learn how to play the game of boccia, guided by the leaders from St James Catholic High School. Each school was allowed time to practice alongside their teachers, before playing some non scoring matches. Everyone went home (teachers included!) knowing a new sport and even a few tactics, ready for the competition later in the year.



## **Panathlon Xtend**

Secondary Teams took part in the Panathlon Xtend at Copthall Leisure Centre, delivered in partnership with Panathlon Challenge, a special needs sports charity. Where a variety of pupils with needs (e.g VI, HI, MLD, SLD) took part in a series of adapted sport stations, gaining points for their teams. At the end of the event all pupils took home medals, certificates and huge smiles.

*"We all did so well, by taking part in the power of teamwork"*

*- SEND Participant*

## Winter Barnet Bar No One (BBN1)

The BBN1 events are always an exciting day for all involved, and this year did not disappoint.

170 pupils from infant, primary and secondary schools attended Hendon Leisure Centre for a session of boccia, sitting volleyball, rowing, new age kurling, speedstacking, golf and bowling. Some stations were delivered by local sports providers Panathlon, The Golf Trust and the Ministry of Rowing, and some by leaders from Ark Pioneer and St James Catholic High School.

BBN1 is always a wonderful atmosphere to inspire and engage all SEND pupils, in a fun and welcoming environment.



*“Thank you so much, events like the BBN1 are vital and one of the first events we look for in the calendar”*

*- Teacher, Summerside Primary School*



## Primary & Secondary Boccia Competition

Boccia was the first competition of the SEND calendar. 18 Teams attended Burnt Oak LC, with the aspirations to receive the Gold medals and place at the London Youth Games. The standard was high, with a few nervous bowls in the first few games, to full confidence, with blocking and knocks all over the courts by the end. Congratulations to all the teams and to the Secondary winners Whitefield and Primary winners Wessex Gardens. Thank you to the leaders from St James Catholic High School for their officiating skills.

## Primary & Secondary New Age Kurling Competition

New Age Kurling is always exciting. Pupils from Primary and Secondary schools attended, with the majority having never played before. After a training lesson and some practice matches with the leaders from Hendon School, the nerves soon disappeared, and schools played with confidence, knocking and blocking all over the target. The standard was particularly high this year with many great tactical plays. Congratulations to our primary winners Goldbeaters, who also progressed to the School Games Finals, and to Mount House (Secondary winners).

*“The students had lots of fun learning a new skill. They were incredibly supportive towards one another”*

*- Teacher, Mount House*







## Primary Sitting Volleyball Competition

Sitting Volleyball returned for a third year, with eight teams trying to get the place at the School Games Finals at Ark Pioneer Academy. As this is a new sport, all pupils took part in a training element alongside their school staff, to give them the appropriate skills to play the matches. Once everyone was more confident, the matches began. Some of the rallies were relentless with neither team wanting the ball to touch the floor on their side. After some tough matches, The Orion were crowd champions.

## Primary Panathlon Competition

The Panathlon Challenge provides an excellent opportunity for our Barnet pupils. This year 18 schools tried to get as many points for their schools as possible. They took part in adapted stations of tennis, tabletop cricket, boccia, basketball, bowling, football, target throwing and new age kurling, supported by the very attentive Compton leaders.

At Panathlon events everyone goes home with a certificate, medal and a huge sense of pride!



## Summer Barnet Bar No One (BBN1)

To conclude our SEND calendar the ever popular BBN1 took place at StoneX Stadium. This year 115 pupils from a mix of Primary and Secondary schools took part in Dance, Rugby, Tennis, Boccia, Golf, Speedstacking, Rowing and Cricket all adapted for their needs. With a mixture of local coaches and leaders from St James Catholic High School and The Compton, the atmosphere was a buzz from start to finish. We would like to thank all our supporters in making this event a huge success; Saracens Sport Foundation, The Golf Trust, Panathlon, Middlesex County Cricket Club and The Ministry of Rowing.

## School Games Representatives

Congratulations to our four representatives who competed against the best talent from across the 33 London Boroughs. It was a huge achievement and they should all be very proud of their achievements.

- 1st - Primary Boccia - Wessex Gardens
- 1st - Primary Sitting Volleyball - The Orion
- 10th - Secondary Boccia - Whitefield School
- 10th - New Age Kurling - Goldbeaters



## SEND Leadership

This year we have had support from amazingly talented leaders from across Barnet. Eight leaders from The Compton and St James' were selected all with forms of SEND to participate in the Youth Sports Trusts, Leadership Programme. They attended specialist training at Lee Valley Stadium with pupils from all over London. They met Olympians and Paralympians and learnt vital skills to be a confident leader. They have since grown in confidence and led on their own at the Primary Panathlon and the summer BBN1. We are very proud of how far they have come in their leadership journey. Here are their thoughts on their experience:

*"I enjoyed giving out the medals and certificates most because the looks on their faces were so excited. It was nice to see children with disabilities come out of their comfort zone and work with their classmates to win as many points as they could. I would like to do something like this again to show people that disabilities doesn't make anybody different. I really enjoyed it!" - SEND Leader*

*"In my opinion the best part of it was managing and given the opportunity to communicate with the younger years as well as the interactive aspect of it. I learnt a myriad of things such as learning to build confidence in attempts to lead the dedicated group we were assigned with at the time. Overall I would very much enjoy to do this all again. I simply cannot pinpoint an exact moment of today that did not excite me in many ways, thank you for the opportunity." - SEND Leader*

## BPSS EVENTS 2023-2024

We will be planning another action packed calendar of events for 2023-2024. For further information on how your school can get involved and be a part of the BPSS next year, please see our membership opportunity below:

Through BPSS membership, we aim to enable young people in Barnet schools more opportunities to become confident, physically competent, emotionally resilient, and empathetic citizens who can independently and successfully make sustainable healthy lifestyle choices and pursue personalised sporting and physically active pathways.

We offer our member schools a wide variety of services. We also allow non-member schools the opportunity to access National School Games opportunities that sit within the BPSS offer. Schools can access School Games events by contacting the BPSS team directly.

The agreement is for 1 academic year and the fees remain the same as last year. Subscription will be invoiced by BPSS, hosted by QE Girls' School in the Autumn Term. BPSS has a data protection policy compliant with GDPR under its host Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School. Please find all our [services on our website](#).

**Deadline for sign up is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

**KS1/2 - To sign up for 2023/24 Academic year please complete the survey here:**

**<https://www.koboca.co.uk/bpss-ks1-2-buy-in-survey1/?q=fa23b881>**

**Infant, Special Schools & Colleges - to sign up for the 2023/24 Academic year please complete the survey here:**

**<https://www.koboca.co.uk/bpss-infant-schools-special-schools-colleges-buy-in-survey/?q=543df0ec>**

## All Staff CPD

We support your school staff with a variety of CPD opportunities throughout the year. Please see below for the final opportunities of this academic year:

### All About Autism E-Learning

The All About Autism E-Learning has been refreshed and updated. This offers you the opportunity to go back into the website and do the e-learning again so you can see the up-to-date changes and content.

Follow this [direct link](#) to the website to see the refreshed module. Should you have any issues with the content, please contact [Rebecca Tyers](#).

### CPD OPPORTUNITIES

#### New E-Learning: An Introduction to the Sport of Boccia

[An Introduction to the Sport of Boccia](#) is a 30-minute e-learning workshop. Playing boccia improves lives! Learn more about this Paralympic sport and how you can play, coach and support it in your local community on this online course, endorsed by CIMSPA.

Everybody should have the opportunity to play sport and boccia is a totally inclusive sport which can be played by anyone. This online course will introduce you to boccia and highlight how you can play at your school, sports club, care home or community setting. You'll learn how boccia can improve lives and make a difference to people from a range of backgrounds. As 'An Introduction to the Sport of Boccia' is your first step towards getting involved in boccia and has been endorsed by CIMSPA and awarded 0.5 points.

Created in partnership with UK Coaching, this course will help you to:

- Know more about the sport of boccia
- Identify where and how to play boccia safely
- Try the sport from your own home
- Recognise who might play boccia and understand their motivations for participating
- Gain insight into boccia equipment and know how to adapt this to your setting.

The course is suitable for anyone interested in or currently coaching boccia, sports coaches, teachers, students, carers, activity coordinators, or volunteers.

Comprised of three modules, this e-learning should take around 30 minutes to complete and £10 will be payable to UK Coaching via the above link.

### Useful Websites

Your School Games - [Click Here](#)

Topsability - [Click Here](#)

Panathlon - [Click Here](#)

## BPSS Partners

If you would like support in your school or would like to signpost your pupils to external clubs please get in touch with the following people:

Saracens (Rugby, Athletics, Multi Sports) - [ellaWyrwas@saracens.net](mailto:ellaWyrwas@saracens.net)

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Golf (The Shire/The Golf Trust) - [cae@theshirelondon.com](mailto:cae@theshirelondon.com)

Cricket (Middlesex County Cricket Club) - [Stefan.McKenzie@middlesexccc.com](mailto:Stefan.McKenzie@middlesexccc.com)

Panathlon (Schools delivery only) - [tony@panathlon.com](mailto:tony@panathlon.com)

Rowing (Schools delivery only) - [ministryofrowing@gmail.com](mailto:ministryofrowing@gmail.com)

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support and hard work. We hope you have a restful summer break and look forward to the new academic year.

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

## All the best, The BPSS Team

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