

BPSS Leadership Celebration Newsletter



We have the pleasure with working with leaders from across secondary schools in Barnet at our BPSS events.

This year we welcomed over 400 Leaders from Ark Pioneer, Christ College Finchley, Copthall School, Hendon School, Mill Hill High School, Saracens High School, St James Catholic High School, The Compton and The Totteridge Academy. The leaders assisted us across a variety of events, running fun and exciting stations at our festivals and officiating at our competitions.

Well done to all of the leaders! We look forward to working with you again next year!



"I enjoyed working with my friends while leading", Hendon leader



"It was really good and I hope we get the opportunity to do this again", Copthall leader

Leadership Training

Bronze Ambassadors Training

Every year we invite primary schools from across Barnet to our bronze ambassador leadership training.

This year we had 14 primary schools attend the training session at Hendon Leisure Centre. Schools choose role models from year 4 and 5 who will take on the sports leadership role to attend the BPSS training session. Within the session students learn how to run personal challenges and a variety of playground games, the importance of safety and understanding what makes a good leader and take part in teamwork exercises.

The aim of the bronze ambassador training is that the leaders will take their new skills back to their school to have a positive impact on physical activity amongst their peers.

Well done to Brookland Junior, Coppetts Wood, Dollis, Etz Chaim, Goldbeaters, Holy Trinity, Millbrook Park, Orion, St Agnes, St Johns N11, St Vincent, Sunnyfields, Underhill and Woodcroft who attended the bronze ambassador training.

YST Inclusive Youth Leadership (Step into Sport)

The Compton and St James' Catholic High School were selected to attend specialist Inclusive Youth Leadership training at Lee Valley Stadium in March. Eight SEND pupils were selected where they met a variety of students from across London. The training consisted of a series of workshops led by professionals, and a series of inspiring talks from Paralympians and Olympic athletes. Both teachers and pupils came away inspired, and have since supported at a number of BPSS events building their confidence and encouraging others to get involved.



Success Stories

As well as our events, we know so much fantastic leadership goes on within schools and in the community. Thank you to East Barnet and The Compton for sharing their stories which we would love to share with you.

The Compton

Panathlon ran an inclusive festival at Copthall leisure centre where leaders from The Compton helped run each of the stations. They all did a fantastic job, demonstrating enthusiasm, patience and professionalism and making sure that all of the students had a great day!



Here's what the leaders had to say....

"I thought the Panthalon was really interesting. We did many activities such as bean bag throwing, basketball and bowling, where we explained to the children what to do and cheered them on. I think 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!"

"I found the day fun as we got to teach different groups of kids our allocated activity and watched to see who got the best score. I enjoyed watching each group play the activity the most as we could watch and see the different ways each child used to try and get the most points and we got to see what techniques worked the best. I learnt many different leadership skills and how to encourage younger SEN children to continue on with the activity even if they don't do so well the first time. I would like to do the whole experience again just maybe with teaching a different activity so I can see how the children approach that activity to how they approached the one I was teaching today."

"I thoroughly enjoyed and thought it was an amazing experience. 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."

East Barnet - Year 9 Sports Leaders:

“As the academic year comes to a close, we are thrilled to share the remarkable achievements of our sports leader’s programme at East Barnet School. Over the past year, our dedicated group of young athletes has displayed immense passion, commitment and leadership skills. Our talented leaders have shown commitment by coming into school every Wednesday morning at 8am to attend our PE leadership training programme. I am proud to say that this has led to them creating sports festivals for Year 1 and Year 5 students from St Mary’s and Danegrove Primary School. They were incredible and the primary children had a brilliant time. The skills that the students picked up from the programme will undoubtedly help them to become the next generations of superstars at EBS, well done to all those involved! “

Mr J Langley, East Barnet teacher

Would you like to get involved next year?

BPSS recognises the importance of leadership on self-development and emotional wellbeing in young people. We have developed a virtual programme available to all schools across Barnet which includes training sessions and activity workbooks adapted for KS1 up to KS5.

Every year we run the bronze ambassador training and train leaders across secondary schools to assist us in the delivery at BPSS events.

If you would like further support in running leadership at your school or would like your secondary school students to lead at our events, please contact your SGO.

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