

BPSS Secondary Newsletter July 2023



WELCOME

...to the July 2023 newsletter, the last for this academic year.

Summer term 2, as you would have expected, was dominated by athletics meets and competitions. We are very fortunate in Barnet to have access to the facilities at the StoneX Stadium. A special mention too for Ty Holden from Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers Athletics Club, for all his support and expertise.

Quickly out the starting blocks following half term, we had the second athletics meets for Year 8 (6th June) and Year 7 (8th June).

A week later on 14th June, we welcomed heads of department to PDC Claremont for an afternoon which covered both national and local updates around PESSPA. A big thank you to Kim Henderson, BPSI Consultant, for her fantastic delivery as usual.

Later that same day we saw the first of four Girls' Rounders tournaments organised and delivered superbly by Ashmole Academy and The Compton School.

We celebrated National School Sports Week (w/c 19th June) aimed to encourage all children in the UK to be active for at least 60 minutes a day. This week saw two further Girls' Rounders tournaments, Year 9 (19th June) and Year 10 (21st June). Later followed by the final Rounders tournament for Year 8 (28th June).

Hopefully you received our [Inclusion Newsletter](#) and [Community Newsletter](#), with the latter providing information on opportunities for your pupils to be physically active during the summer holidays. Please share with your school community.

We finished the academic year in style on 4th July, once again back at the StoneX Stadium for the Barnet Athletics Championship.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and hard work this year. If there are any changes to your school's PE department or Headteacher, please let us know so we can update our contacts.

You may already be aware that our colleague, Katie, is off on maternity leave from 14th July. We wish her the very best. In the meantime, Mark will be covering her absence. His contact details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in contact if there is anything we can support with. Look forward to seeing you in September 2023.

All the best, The BPSS Team ☺

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

18th – Boys Football
Fixtures Meeting @
Finchley Catholic

26th – School Games
Mark application
deadline

September

7th – Netball Meeting @
Wren Academy

22nd – BPSS Membership
sign-up deadline

28th – Heads of PE
Meeting @ PDC
Claremont

BPSS MEMBERSHIP 2023/24

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 work in partnership to:

1. Increase participation in high quality sport and physical activity FOR ALL
2. Work and communicate effectively with schools to meet need and fulfil expectations related to participation in sport and physical activity, widening access to sport and physical activity among low participation groups
3. Support the development of progression pathways to ensure individuals reach their full potential
4. Provide support and advice to maximise opportunities for Barnet Schools through the Government's agenda for school sport and competition (School Games)

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 22nd September 2023

KS3/4 - To sign up for 2023/24 Academic year please complete the survey here:

<https://www.koboca.co.uk/ks3-4-bpss-buy-in-survey2/?q=7c1e635d>

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=543dfoec>



BPSS FESTIVALS & COMPETITIONS

SECONDARY ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

On the 4th July, 20 secondary schools from across Barnet attended the Barnet Athletics Championship at the Stone X Stadium. Athletes competed in track and field events throughout the day.

Despite the wet weather, there were some exceptional performances on the track and in the field events, with athletes running impressive times and jumping and throwing impressive distances.

Well done to all athletes who competed and represented their school, congratulations to the individual medallists.

Lastly, thank you to Ty for organising the event and to all the schools who provided staff to officiate throughout the day.



ROUNDERS COMPETITIONS (YR 7, 8, 9 & 10)

Thank you to The Compton School and Ashmole Academy for hosting and organising the Rounders competitions for year 7, 8, 9 and 10. Across the four year groups 32 teams participated in total. The competitions showcased the teams fantastic throwing, catching and striking ability.

Well done to all teams who took part and congratulations to each of the year group winners:



Year 7 – Henrietta Barnett School

Year 8 – ???

Year 9 – Henrietta Barnett School

Year 10 – Henrietta Barnett School



BPSS UPDATES

SCHOOL GAMES MARK

The 2022/23 School Games Mark application is open until **26th July 2023**.

The School Games Mark aims to reward and recognise schools engagement in the School Games and to celebrate the opportunities you provide to keep your pupils active.

You will be awarded either bronze, silver or gold based upon answers meeting specific criteria. Platinum is also available for those schools who have achieved four gold awards consecutively.

This year's criteria can be found [HERE](#). The application has been simplified, each question is a YES or No answer. The application can be saved so you can save before submitting.

You can access the School Games Mark application by logging into the [School Games Website](#). Prior to completing the application, you will be required to complete the Inclusive Health Check, this can be found on your dashboard once you have logged in.

If you require any support with your application, please contact your SGO.

BPSS LEADERSHIP

We had the pleasure of working with many fantastic leaders this academic year, whom without their support, it would not have been possible to deliver such a comprehensive events program across the borough.

This year we welcomed over 400 leaders from Ark Pioneer, Christ College Finchley, Copthall School, Hendon School, Mill Hill County High, Saracens High School, St James Catholic High School, The Compton and The Totteridge Academy.

For further information, please check out our [BPSS Leadership Celebration Newsletter](#). If you are interested for your leaders to get involved next academic year, please get in contact with us.

OPENING SCHOOLS FACILITIES FUNDING

We would like to congratulate the following 16 schools for obtaining Opening Schools Facilities Funding in April 2023.

This funding will be supporting the schools and their communities with more sports and physical activity opportunities over the next 2 years.

We generated over £140,000 into Barnet schools by successfully applying for these funds. Good luck to all the schools involved in some amazing projects over the next 2 years.

Ark Pioneer Academy	Hollickwood Primary School
Bishop Douglass School Finchley	JCoSS
Brunswick Park Primary and Nursery School	London Academy
Childs Hill Primary School	Millbrook Park Primary School
Church Hill School	Northside Primary School
Claremont Primary School	Saracens High School
East Barnet School	Underhill School
Edware Primary School	Wessex Gardens Primary School

PARTNER NEWS & EVENTS

Middlesex Schools' FA Launch New Girls' County Cup Competitions



Middlesex Schools' FA have announced the launch of two new Girls' County Cup Football Competitions.

The Bob Chandler Trophy will be an additional U13 Girls Cup, which will be a 9v9 competition for schools not entered into the 11v11 Jan Harding Trophy, while the Chris Ampofo Shield will be an U12 competition for Year 7 students. The Kay Cup, an existing U12 tournament, will revert to being a boy's competition.

The Association is planning a 'pilot' running of these competitions and as a result they will be FREE to enter for 2023-24, but will only run if there is sufficient interest. To put your school forward for one or both of the new tournaments, please email Jonny Dubner, General Secretary, jonny.dubner@msfa.co.uk

Middlesex 2023 Girls & Women's Nomination Form



Middlesex CCC are [accepting nominations](#) for player observations for the following squads ahead of 2023-24 winter squad selections; U11, U13, U15, U18 & Seniors.

Players should be nominated by schools or clubs and **have experience of playing hardball cricket**.

Should they have been born or currently live in Middlesex, a school or club from outside the county may nominate.

Sessions will take place in September. Closing date for nominations is Friday 28th July.

Badminton England National Schools Competition Returns for 2023-24, registration now open!

Badminton England is excited to announce the return of the National Schools Championships and [registration is now open](#) for schools to enter. The deadline to enter is 15th September.

The competition will run for the following age groups;



- Girls Key Stage 3 (years 7, 8 and 9)
- Boys Key Stage 3 (years 7, 8 and 9)
- Girls Key Stage 4 (years 10 and 11)
- Boys Key Stage 4 (years 10 and 11)

Schools will be required to pay £15 per team to enter the competition. Schools will be given the option to host both local and regional rounds.

If you have any questions, please contact nationalschoolschampionships@badmintonengland.co.uk

CPD OPPORTUNITIES

British Gymnastics Physical Education Teachers Trampoline Award Part 1 and Part 2

The Queen Elizabeth School, Luton and afPE London Region are hosting this course.

Dates: Part 1 – Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th September 2023

Part 2 – Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd October 2023

Time: 09:00 – 16.00 each day



For further details, including who this course is aimed towards and the costs, please see attached or contact John I'Anson, afPE London Region Secretary (Em: j.ianson45@btinternet.com / Mob: 07880 796174)

All About Autism E-Learning



*All about Autism,
All about me*

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](#).

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.



CONTACT THE TEAM FOR MORE SUPPORT

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