

BPSS Primary Newsletter September 2023



WELCOME

...to the first BPSS newsletter of the 2023/24 academic year. We hope you and your school community had a wonderful summer break.

It was a busy summer of sport with a number of high-profile sporting events taking place. We hope your students have come back to school inspired and keen to get involved in the sport and physical activity opportunities you are offering.

Over the summer the BPSS team planned the events calendar for the year ahead. Based on your feedback we have tweaked some events and also added new ones in.

The autumn events are now bookable via the BPSS website [HERE](#). If you do wish to attend meetings or events please ensure you book on via the website. Please do read the event descriptions to ensure you bring the appropriate students to the events.

On Thursday 14th September we held the virtual netball meeting and on Tuesday 19th we held the virtual football meeting. It was great to see so many of you attend the meetings.

Good luck to all schools taking part in the various leagues and cup competitions this year.

If there have been any changes to your school's PE department or Headteacher, please let us know so we can update our contacts.

BPSS has had some team changes; we welcome Jason to the team. Jason will be the contact for central schools. As you may be aware our colleague, Katie is now on maternity leave. Katie gave birth to a little girl called Margot who arrived on her due date, 16th July. Mark will be covering Katie whilst she's on maternity leave. Both Marks and Jasons 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. Looking forward to seeing you and your students soon.

All the best, The BPSS Team
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KEY DATES

September

28th - PESL @ St Catherine's

October

4th - Bronze Ambassadors @ Hendon Leisure Centre

11th - SEND Training @ Ark Pioneer Academy

13th - Tenpin Bowling @ Hollywood Bowl

17th - Cross Country @ Cophall Playing Fields

19th - C4L Movement Festival @ Hendon Leisure Centre

November

1st - Boccia @ Burnt Oak LC

7th Primary SHA Athletics @ Cophall LC

16th Chelsea FC Football Competition @MH PL

24th Yr 3&4 Dodgeball Festival @ Cophall LC

29th - Barnet Bar No One @ Hendon LC

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

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=543dfoec>

BPSS UPDATES

Football League and Cup

Thank you to every school that has entered the league and cup competition this year. We would like to wish all of our schools good luck with their league and cup matches. This year we are delighted to say that we will also be hosting our first ever central girl's cup.

U11 District Team

If anyone is interested in managing the Boys or Girls U11 District Team please

contact Jo Eames - j.eames@qegschool.org.uk

Dance Festival

Dear Schools,

We are excited to announce that the Barnet Dance Festival will once again be running in 2024. The dates of performances will be Monday 4th - Friday 8th March 2024.

For the first time we will also be running an extra matinee performance date on Monday 11th March 2024 if the festival is over subscribed.

To book your school's place in the festival please complete the application form here - [The Barnet Schools' Dance Festival](#) by 20th October 2023.

You will also need to complete a filming and photography consent form for ALL pupils who will be attending the festival. This will be sent out separately and must be completed by 9th February 2024.

PARTNER NEWS & EVENTS

LTA Training

LTA Youth Schools is free for all schools and has been designed by teachers for teachers. The flexible and inclusive resources support teachers and schools to teach tennis as part of the curriculum and to assist with wider school outcomes. Each school that completes the training is provided with a £250 voucher to spend on equipment or to link with a local LTA Accredited Coach. This coach will support tennis within the school and encourage young people to play outside of school as well.

Please find the LTA presentation attached for further details

If you have any questions regarding the LTA opportunity, please contact Shane (shane.mccullough@lta.org.uk). For those of you who are keen to complete the training, Haringey has an upcoming face to face session. Please see the full details below.

Wackitball

A new urban sport called Wackitball, it is a cross between tennis, squash and table tennis. It is portable, lightweight and can be played almost anywhere. T.V show Blue Peter have accepted Wackitball as a new sport in which kids can attain their Blue Peter Sports Badge.

They are also looking for ambassadors/instructors to take Wackitball into schools and communities as an affordable solution to get kids moving.

If you feel this could be something new for you to introduce into your area school, or help kids get a Blue Peter badge, please get in touch. Check it out here <https://ippresents.co.uk/wackitball/>

CPD OPPORTUNITIES

Inclusive Education Hub

Here you will find lots of support for you as teachers or school staff to review and improve your inclusive physical education and school sport delivery. It is all made possible through the Department of Education-funded, Inclusion 2024 project.

Once [registered](#), you will be able to complete the Inclusive PE self-assessment. Then you will be directed to relevant resources based on your answers and receive tips to continually improve the way you work.

Please click on the link below:

<https://education.activityalliance.org.uk/>

TOP Sportsability

TOP Sportsability is an online resource for schools and offers practical advice to teachers, learning support staff, and other sports practitioners. It consists of video clips and downloadable content showing ideas and strategies to support the inclusion of young disabled people in physical activity and is divided into five areas.

Top Sportsability now sits on the Youth Sport Trust website [here](#). A code is required to access the content including 24 Sports and activity areas including 3 Paralympic Sports (Boccia, Goalball and Sitting Volleyball). The code is: YSTINCLUSION27

All about Autism, All about ME

All About Autism, All About Me online CPD is FREE!

We know there are many key barriers to inclusion in PE and sport for young people with autism that collectively our teachers and sports professionals should consider. These are addressed in an exciting E-Learning 'All about Autism, All about Me' resource. Developed by the Youth Sport Trust, and endorsed by the National Autistic Society, this is a digital and practical toolkit, building upon knowledge of autism spectrum conditions (ASC) and some of the key considerations for making PE and sport inclusive to all. It is free for schools across England to access throughout 2023-24

You can click below to access E-learning: <https://ystautismcourse.org/login.php>



Teachers' Intermediate Gymnastics Primary Course

Day 1 :3rd November at Highgate School, North Road, N6 4AY &

Day 2: 10th November at Galliard Primary School, Enfield N9 7PE

Outcomes:

- Build confidence in your approach to gymnastics
- Develop the necessary skills required to teach set moves
- Give you the ability to incorporate apparatus and sequencing into lessons
- Help you to understand and underpin good body management
- Teach you how to identify and remedy common faults
- Develop your subject knowledge for future courses that you might want to undertake

You will be a teacher, teaching assistant or an adult deemed competent by the school to deliver gymnastics within a school environment.

This is an accredited course and a resource pack will be given to delegates on day 1.

The assessment will be on-going over the 2 days and a certificate awarded following the attendance on two FULL days from 9-3pm.

This course cost is £300. Numbers are limited to 20 schools

Applications should be made to Jan Hickman jan@hickmanconsulting.co.uk - 07814 926371

Disney Shooting Stars Programme

Many of you have previously signed up and registered/pledged to the Girls' Football in Schools Partnership with BPSS.

We are writing to all schools to try to re-engage you back into the programme to achieve the national target of equal access for ALL girls by 2024.

The website - [Home \(girlsfootballinschools.org\)](http://girlsfootballinschools.org) - provides a space for teachers and school staff to access free exclusive digital resources, CPD and much more to give girls equal access to football in schools by 2024. Any school in England can register and sign into the website. So, what are you waiting for?

Disney inspired Shooting Stars on-demand training is live.

Kick start your academic year with Disney inspired Shooting Stars on-demand. Access the training and complete it at a time and speed that suits you and bring the magic of Disney to your school this year!

<https://learn.EnglandFootball.com/courses/PHYSICAL-EDUCATION/disney-inspired-shooting-stars>

Disney inspired Shooting Stars by England Football has been developed to support the engagement of girls aged 5-11 years old in sport at school and in the home through creative play and storytelling.

Please find below the programme brochure for more details:

 [**DisneyInspiredShootingStars ProgrammeBrochure.pdf**](#)

To find out more about this programme please contact Jason Vassiliades on j.vassiliades@qegschool.org.uk or register on the website above and start your journey today.



CONTACT THE TEAM FOR MORE SUPPORT

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