

# BPSS Primary Newsletter October 2023



## WELCOME

...to the October BPSS newsletter, this month's newsletter includes the latest news from BPSS and our partner updates and opportunities.

We held our Primary P.E Subject Leaders meeting at St Catherine's school at the end of September. Those who attended shared their expertise and had a fun and knowledge-filled morning. The next meeting will take place in January.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 31 schools competed at the primary cross country event at Copthall Playing Fields. Sports leaders from St James' Catholic High School marshalled the event. They did a great job at supporting and encouraging the children to keep going. The children displayed determination to run round the course and get to the finish line. Well done to all the children who took part.

It was wonderful to see pupils from 14 schools attend the Change for Life Movement Festival at Hendon Leisure Centre. 168 pupils took part in activities themed around movement, dance and gymnastics. Pupils had the opportunity to try something new, learn new skills and perform a dance routine. Thank you to the sports leaders from Hendon School and SMSJ School who led and delivered all the activities throughout the day.

We look forward to hosting the Chelsea Year 5&6 Mixed football competition where the winners will go through to the Pokémon cup.

SEND students also had the opportunity this term to attend the Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling competition at Hollywood Bowl, Finchley. A huge amount of fun was had by everyone involved, and many medals and certificates were distributed across the 37 teams who attended.

In November there is Year 5&6 sports hall athletics taking place at Copthall Leisure Centre. This is a pathway event, the winners will progress to represent Barnet at the London School Games in February.

If you wish to attend any of these events please book on via the BPSS website.

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.

Have a lovely half term break.

All the best, The BPSS Team ☺

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November

1<sup>st</sup> - Boccia @ Burnt Oak LC

7<sup>th</sup> - SHA Athletics @ Copthall LC

16<sup>th</sup> - Chelsea FC Football Competition @ Mill Hill PL

24<sup>th</sup> - Year 3/4 Dodgeball Festival @ Copthall LC

29<sup>th</sup> - Barnet Bar No One @ Hendon LC

### December

6<sup>th</sup> - C4L KS1 Winter Festival @ StoneX Stadium

# BPSS NEWS

## Cross Country

Well done to the 31 schools who competed at the primary cross country event at Copthall Playing fields. The children showed great determination on a cold and windy morning!



## SEND Training

9 school staff attended the SEND training. Attendees learnt how to play Boccia, New Age Kurling and Sitting Volleyball.



## Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling

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## Gymnastics/Movement Festival

168 pupils took part in activities themed around movement, gymnastics and dance. They finished off the day with a wonderful group performance.



## Bronze Ambassadors Training

On 4th October we welcomed 67 budding young sports leaders to Hendon Leisure Centre. These year 5&6 pupils were selected by their schools to lead and inspire their peers to be physically active throughout the school day. The leaders demonstrated great enthusiasm and passion for their roles, as they worked their way around four stations, including; team building/communication, virtual skipping challenges, playground games and STEP principles.



# PARTNER NEWS & EVENTS

## Biggest Football Event (8<sup>th</sup> March 2024)

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the Biggest Ever Football Session is back and what an incredible way to celebrate International Women's Day at your school. The aim is to get as many girls as possible playing football on the same day in schools across England. Can you help us beat last year's total of 285,000 girls taking part?

<https://girlsfootballinschools.org/letgirlsplay2024.php>

## School Games Mark Criteria

The criteria for the 2023/24 [School Games Mark](#) is now available to help you plan your application in the lead-up to the window opening in May. You can download the document by visiting the School Games Mark page. The application window will open on Wednesday 01 May 2024 and close on Friday 26 July 2024. The School Games Mark continues to reward and recognise a school's provision and uptake in the School Games against a national benchmark, and to celebrate keeping young people active. In 2022/23 over 8,000 schools achieved a School Games Mark award.

Please contact your SGO if you'd like any support.

# 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

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



The Compton School Barnet and afPE London Region are hosting this course on:

Part 1 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Part 2 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

From 9.30 – 4.30 each day

For further details for both the above course, including who this course is aimed towards and the costs, contact John I'Anson, afPE London Region Secretary (Em: [j.ianson45@btinternet.com](mailto:j.ianson45@btinternet.com) / Mob: 07880 796174

## 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>

## Free 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.

If you have any questions regarding the LTA opportunity, please contact Shane ([shane.mccullough@lta.org.uk](mailto:shane.mccullough@lta.org.uk)).

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