The Northumberland School Games

More than 1200 students competed and volunteered at the Northumberland School Games in 2017. During the event students competed for their respective areas of Ashington & Coquet, Blyth & Bedlington, Cramlington & Seaton Valley, Morpeth & Ponteland, Tynedale & North Northumberland.

Former Olympic Athlete Craig Heap (Gymnastics) was present to declare the games open at Cramlington Sporting Club and deliver a passionate speech about the values of the School Games. To add to the atmosphere there was a fantastic musical performance from the Northumberland Music Partnership North.

The games were a culmination of hundreds of qualifying competitions that have taken place across the county during the school year. The day was a chance for students to compete in the sports of Volleyball, Gymnastics, Netball, Football, Golf, Tennis, Handball, Hockey, Athletics, Rugby and Rounders.

As with all highly competitive and skilled events it was a chance for students to not only showcase their talents but also to be inspired and celebrate achievement at the biggest school sports event of the year in Northumberland.

Remember to check-out our updates on Twitter at: @Morpeth&PontelandSSP

There has also been an amazing 5900 Level 2 opportunities to take part in PE & School Sport with MPSSP in 2016-17!!!
The MPSSP Medal Tally

Gold
Y4 Mixed Tennis—Darras Hall First School
Y3/4 Mixed Rugby—Ponteland First School
Y7/8 Boys Volleyball—Chantry Middle School
Y5/6 Mixed Rugby—Chantry Middle School
Y5 Mixed Hockey—Ponteland Middle School
Y4 Mixed Tri-Golf—Stobhillgate First School
Y9/10 Girls Rounders—King Edward VI School
Y8 Mixed Handball—Richard Coates Middle School
Y8 Girls Netball—Richard Coates Middle School
Y7/8 Mixed Athletics—Ponteland Middle School

Silver
Y5/6 Girls Football—Ponteland Middle School

Bronze
Y3/4 Mixed Gymnastics—Darras Hall First School
Y4 Mixed Football—Abbeyfields First School
Y7/8 Girls Football—Newminster Middle School
Y6 Girls Netball—Chantry Middle School
Y3/4 Mixed Athletics—Stobhillgate

5th Place
Y7/8 Girls Volleyball—Richard Coates Middle School
Y6 Mixed Hockey—Chantry Middle School
Y5 Boys Football—Ponteland Middle School

6th Place
Y7 Boys Football—Ponteland Middle School

An interesting Fact:
The Morpeth and Ponteland SSP was the most successful area in the Northumberland School Games in 2017; with a fantastic 10 Gold Winners. Well done to all of our Gold Winning Teams from across the partnership.
MPSSP Festival Updates

Summer Cricket Festivals

Northumberland Cricket Board have been great and helped to organise the Partnership Cricket Festivals at both Ponteland Cricket Club and Longhirst Hall. The competitions were very ably umpired by leaders from KEVI and Newminster Middle Schools. The games were all played in the true spirit of the game and everyone really enjoyed the competition. The winners were:

Year 7/8 Winners for the Girls were Ponteland Middle School
Year 7/8 Winners for the Boys were Chantry Middle School
The Year 3/4 festival had to be cancelled at Ponteland, because of the weather but the Morpeth event was won by Morpeth First school.

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival

This was one of the most exciting events which has taken place this year across Morpeth and Ponteland. The original two festivals which took place at Morpeth and Ponteland was both very competitive and exciting for everyone taking place with the two winners playing in a play-off at Ponteland First School. The Ponteland area winner was Ponteland First School and Morpeth was represented by Morpeth First School with two very even and highly spirited teams.

The play-off was a very tight game and with only a few extra points it was won by Ponteland First School who would go on to win the overall competition and represent MPSSP at the Level 3 School Games. But to top that fantastic achievement off, Ponteland First School were also the overall winners at the School Games. A fantastic result for Ponteland First School.

Year 5 & 6 Quadkids

Two very competitive Quadkids events took place at KEVI Running Track in May, in very different weather conditions. For the children the Y5/6 competition was very wet, but the positive nature of the staff, students and volunteer leaders from KEVI was great to witness. After a very competitive morning the results were close and these were announced at a later point because of the terrible weather conditions. The winners of the event were Ponteland Middle School and they also went on the win the overall event at the Level 3 School Games as well. There were over 110 students taking part in a very good event.

Year 1 Hoopstarz

The annual Hoopstarz Festival saw over 400 pupils develop their hula hooping skills and learn lots of new tricks and skills. The children had a fantastic day and they all really enjoyed the different movements they learned on the day. Thank you to everyone who supported the day, the children really enjoyed hula-hooping and meeting new friends as well.

Y3 & 4 Quadkids

The younger children from Y3/4 had much better luck with the weather conditions and they were also able to show a very high level of competition and skill to try and jump, throw and run faster than other children from the other First Schools in the MPSSP. The overall winners from the event were Stobhillgate First School who were really excited to be representing the MPSSP at the Level 3 School Games. In total over 290 children took part in the event and they were really well supported with excellent Sports Leaders from KEVI.
Y6 Post SATS Event

Y6 Post SATS Team Building Day

After a very hard working week of being in exam conditions the partnership Year 6 students were invited to participate in post Sat’s team building. This was an opportunity for the Middle Schools to take part in Outdoor and Adventurous Activities with staff from Active Northumberland.

In contrast to the traditional examinations the activities required extensive communication and cooperation skills and teamwork in order to complete several fun and exciting challenges, including Archery, Orienteering, Paddle Sports, Whistle on the Tree, Tyre Challenge and the A Frame Challenge. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the experience.

Sports Leadership

Sports Leader Training Update

Almost every school has received their Sports Leader training throughout the year and this promises to be especially well received across the Ponteland Partnership of Schools as the Schools have been focussing on preparing the current Y4 children in preparation for September when they stay in their respective schools as they move to become Y5 Primary School children. This is a very exciting time for the Ponteland Partnership children and we wish the Y4 Sports Leaders good luck in their roles as they move into Y5.

School Games Mark Update

School Games Mark

Many schools are now in the process of gathering information and applying for the School Games Mark 2016-17. If you need any further help or support with the application, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team. The application round closes early this year, because of a new website launch in preparation for the Autumn Term on Friday 28th July 2017. There is also a new Platinum Award being launched this year, to be awarded to schools who have achieved the Gold Award for the last 4 years in a row and this is valid for a 2 year period. The results for this year are coming through and some highlights so far include, St. Roberts First School, have achieved the Gold Mark this year, as have Ponteland First School and Heddon C of E First Schools. Other schools continue to maintain their status on gold and these include Stobhillgate, Chantry, Morpeth FS, Belsay, Darras Hall & Ponteland Middle.

Thank you to all the schools in the MPSSP, we appreciate your support and commitment in ensuring participation, achievement and enjoyment for our young people. We wish you all a wonderful, relaxing summer holiday.

Franki, Kerry, Damien, Helen and Steph.
Dates for the Diary—September—October 2017

September

Wed 6th Sept — Y5 Team Building @ Chantry Middle School
Fri 8th Sept — Y5 Leadership Festival Ponteland Primary Schools @ Pont Primary
Fri 8th Sept — Y5 Team Building @ Newminster Middle School
Mon 11th Sept — Curriculum & Club week 1 delivery starts
Mon 11th Sept — Y5 Team Building @ Ponteland Middle School
Tues 12th Sept — Y5 Team Building at Richard Coates Primary School
Thurs 21st Sept — FS / Primary / Middle School PE Meeting @ Morpeth Golf Club
Wed 27th Sept — National Fitness Day

October

Mon 2nd October — Festival Week, no Curriculum or Club delivery this week
Mon 2nd October — Y8 Leadership Training
Tues 3rd October — Y2 Multi-Skills Festival @ Chantry Middle School
Wed 4th October — World Marathon Challenge @ KEVI
Thurs 5th October — Y5 Ponteland Level 2 Football Competition
Thurs 5th October — Y5/6 & Y7/8 Girls Football @ Chantry Middle School
Fri 6th October — Y2 Multi-Skills Festival @ Ponteland Leisure Centre
Fri 20th October — Teacher Training Day Morpeth

After half-term

Mon 30th October — Festival week, no Curriculum or Club delivery this week
20th July 2017

Dear All

Please see the following information regarding the “School Games Offer” for your schools.

Active Northumberland receives £23,800 of national government funding to develop School Games across our 29 schools in the Morpeth & Ponteland area. It is our responsibility as School Games Organisers to inform you what you actually receive for this funding:

- A calendar of School Games competitions across the academic year including 14 competitions across 8 sports available to primary schools and 14 competitions across 9 sports available to secondary schools
- 2 development festivals for years 3 and 4
- Support with sustaining Change4Life Clubs
- Support with application and verification of School Games Mark
- Additional support from your School Games Organiser to implement all additional task as set out in the SGO task list

As a school, you have the right to access the above national offer free at point of access. The funding received is utilised to meet the salary of the School Games Organiser and does not cover all of the essential delivery costs incurred. It is our ambition to provide these competitions in the most cost effective way possible and will only ever pass on costs actually incurred e.g. hire of facilities, additional staffing, specific equipment required to deliver competition and any costs incurred for training of leaders and volunteers.

We would also like to support schools with the ambition of 30 active minutes per child, per day in school.

Kind regards,

Franki Clark