

Morpeth & Ponteland SSP

Spring Newsletter 2019



Important Dates

- 26th April Active Maths (AM) & Inclusive PE (PM) CPD @ Hexham
- 30th April Y4 Tennis @ Chantry Middle School
- 14th May Y1 Hoopstarz @ Chantry Middle School
- 17th May Y1 Hoopstarz @ Ponteland Leisure Centre
- 17th-24th May Y6 Problem Solving @ Carlisle Park
- 4th June Y3/4 Quad Kids @ KEVI
- 5th June Y5/6 Quad Kids @ KEVI
- 27th June Level 3 School Games @ Cramlington
- 10th July Y3/4 Cricket @ Ponteland CC
- 12th July Y3/4 Cricket @ Morpeth CC

SSP Update

Welcome back, we hope you've all had a fun and restful Easter break. We've had another fantastic Spring term full of delivery, festivals and Level 2 competitions, there has been 14 partnership events across 7 different sports, thank you all for your continued support.

Morpeth & Ponteland SSP has grown over the recent years along with programmes in Blyth Bedlington, Tynedale and North Northumberland. This has enabled us to consolidate to become Active Northumberland PE & School Sport as part of the new transformational strategy and rebrand of Active Northumberland. You may have seen the launch on social media and at our final festivals before Easter. This has enabled us to offer a unique level of support within our schools for the next academic year.

We are always developing our service and are delighted to share with you that we are the only provider in Northumberland that has been recognised and endorsed as a corporate member of The Association for Physical Education (afPE). They have acknowledged that we support their core beliefs which are to:

- Recognise high quality providers who support PE & School Sport professionals to achieve the best outcomes for young people
- Work in partnership with AfPE in a variety of activities to achieve the above
- Promote providers who are Business Associates to the Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity sector

We are also working in partnership with Create Development, this progressive company support the ethos that we all need to develop a positive relationship with physical activity for every child. Our core CPD offer for next year will be centered around their [Real PE](#) digital platform which will give confidence to any non specialist teacher to deliver a meaningful child centered PE programme that will engage and challenge every child in their class.

This is an exciting time for us moving forward and we would love to have your continued support of this journey to ensure every child experiences high quality PE and has positive experiences to instill a healthy active lifestyle.



Badminton

The first competition of 2019 was the Y8 Badminton competition, held at Chantry Middle School. Teams of boys and girls from Chantry, Newminster and Ponteland Middle Schools took part in the event. Players were seeded according to their playing ability and played a mixture of singles and doubles matches against each of the schools. There was a very high level of competition with some fantastic skills on show from everyone, Northumberland Badminton Association were very impressed with the talent on display. The competition was very close with Chantry winning the boys competition and Newminster winning the girls competition.

Basketball

In January the Y8 Boys Basketball competition took place. As always this event was very exciting and highly competitive. 4 teams from Chantry, Newminster and Ponteland Middle Schools competed in a round robin competition. All teams worked extremely hard defensively to keep the scores tight. The games were all overseen and officiated by students from KEVI all with a keen interest in Basketball, they ensured the boys played fairly and were extremely encouraging. Chantry 1, Newminster and Ponteland were all tied on points so the champion was decided through baskets scored. Chantry took the victory with Ponteland finishing 2nd and Newminster 3rd.



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Netball

March saw the Netball competitions for Y8 and Y5&6 hosted by Richard Coates School. The Y8 girls had to endure some tough windy conditions during their matches as teams from Chantry, Dr Thomlinson's, Newminster, Ponteland and Richard Coates all competed to earn a place at the Northumberland School Games. The quality of netball was exceptional, stunning goals and fabulous interceptions made for exciting matches. Congratulations to Richard Coates for winning and qualifying for the School Games, well done to all players involved.

The Y5&6 netball competition was another fantastic competition with a record 11 teams competing. In the shield competition teams were split into 2 pools for some this was their first experience of competitive netball and they were amazing. The cup competition was the School Games qualifier and the standard was exceptionally high. In the end it was Richard Coates who came out on top and will represent Morpeth & Ponteland at the School Games in June.



Tri-Golf

The annual Tri-Golf competition took place at Chantry Middle School in April. The event was supported by leaders from Chantry and Newminster Middle Schools who had received specialist training from the Golf Foundation. 9 Teams from Morpeth & Ponteland competed at 8 different scoring stations either



chipping or putting at different targets to score points. The standard amazes us each year with teams scoring higher than ever. Teams also got a skills for life rating at each station based on how well they were displaying the School Games Values. After all the points were added up reining County Champions Stobhillgate finished in 3rd placed, narrowly beaten by All Saints in 2nd with Ponteland Primary taking the win. Well done to all teams and good luck to Ponteland at the School Games in July.



Skipping

This year we introduced a skipping festival for Y4's across Morpeth & Ponteland ran by the Skipping School team. Over 430 children took part across 4 festivals held in February. The children got to practice their solo skipping skills with some very tricky techniques including crisscross and hopscotch. They also learnt ways to skip with a partner using one and two ropes before practicing using the long rope as a single, pair and trio. After all the practicing it was time for a personal challenge, all the children counted how many speed bounce skips they could do in 1 minute. Don't forget to try and beat your personal best! Then it was elimination follow me time, with a grand final showdown. All the children had lots of fun and learnt new skills to take back to school.



Gymnastics

The annual Key Steps Gymnastics competition took place in February with 14 teams competing for a place at the School Games finals. Teams had put in a lot of hard work and preparation to perfect the 2 set routines they were required to perform. The standard of gymnastics on show was fantastic with children showing great control over all of their actions. The performances were formally judged by gymnasts from KEVI who were very impressed giving out high scores. The competition was very close with Darras Hall Primary coming 3rd, Ponteland Primary took 2nd and a fantastic display from All Saints earned them the title and qualification to the Level 3 School Games in June.



Y4 Football

The final festival of the term saw Y4's from Morpeth & Ponteland take part in a cluster football festival. It was a tale of two halves with the weather for the Ponteland and Morepeth clusters. 5 schools took part in the Ponteland competition in the morning and had to battle through rain and hail showers but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits and everyone played with a smile on their face. The competition was split into 2 pools, Ponteland A and Darras Hall B were runners up in their respective groups with Richard Coates finishing top of both groups.



In the afternoon it was the turn of the Morpeth schools with 6 teams competing in a round robin format. The weather had totally changed with the sun shining and still lots of smiles and rosy cheeks. There were some fantastic shots from every team and incredibly brave goalkeeping kept the games exciting. In the end St. Robert's A finished runners up with All Saints A in first place after winning all of their matches. It was a lovely way to end the term, lots of great sportsmanship on display with everyone having lots of fun competing against other schools.

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Leadership

The majority of schools have now taken up the opportunity to have children trained in playground leadership. Each school has received specific training for their needs to promote active playgrounds within schools. Children have learnt what it means to be a leader, worked on their communication and team work skills as well as gaining practical experience in playground activities. The training has included personal challenge and how the leaders can incorporate this into the activities they lead, fitting in with the new School Games Mark criteria. We would love to see your playground leaders in action, please share any photos with us via email or tag us on twitter [@ActiveNland_PE](https://twitter.com/ActiveNland_PE). Any schools yet to receive training please get in touch.

Social Media

As part of the relaunch to become Active Northumberland PE and School Sport we have new social media pages where you can find out everything that is happening within Northumberland.

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Thank you!

To all the Schools, Staff and Students in the Morpeth & Ponteland SSP for a fantastic Spring Term — Franki, Kerry, Steph, Becky & Kate

