

Competition entries have reached record levels this term reflecting the importance schools are putting on providing competitive experiences for their pupils. There has been a wealth of Halton (Level 2) competitions, and many successes stories with our school teams going on to represent Halton at the Merseyside School Games (Level 3) week of winter finals. Not only have our pupils participate as athletes, but many had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills officiating at county level competitions, as Halton played host to many of the sporting venues of the Merseyside School Games events.

We have some great international spectacles coming up to embrace our pupils sporting interests, and in particular to raise the profile of female sport through the Women's Football World Cup in Canada. There is also the Women's and Men's EuroHockey Championships being staged back at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park for the first time since the London 2012. This summer term will definitely be one to engage and inspire our pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all schools and key partners involved in ensuring the young people of Halton continue to develop and succeed through the element of sport. This newsletter celebrates and provides a snap shot of inter school competition which has taken place throughout this Spring Term.

Karen Drake - Halton School Games Organiser

SCHOOL GAMES UPDATE

NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK 2015

Last year, around a million young people took part in the week, where thousands of schools across the country made a pledge to get more involved in physical activity, school sport and celebrate school achievement. Taking place between **Mon 22nd & Fri 26th June**. Register your school for **FREE** to be in with the chance of a visit from an Olympic or Paralympic Ambassadors. Receive free resources, toolkits and ideas to help run an exciting sporting week that will inspire all your pupils when you register at: www.youthsporttrust.org/events-awards/events/national-school-sport-week.aspx



SCHOOL GAMES MARK AWARD 2014/15

The **NEW 2014-15 School Games Mark** criteria is now available to access at www.yourschoolgames.com. The window to apply opens on Wed 3rdth June and closes on Wed 30th Sept. Following recent Ofsted inspections and in light of the Primary PE and School Sport Funding there is evidence that the School Games Mark Award is being monitored and recognised as good practice by schools in their PE Inspections.

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USEFUL PE AND SCHOOL SPORT ONLINE RESOURCES

www.sportengland.org/our-work/children-and-young-people/primary-school-sport/
<http://youthsportdirect-comms.org/1JGJ-376Z2-0BBFKRTGA8/cr.aspx>

MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES - SUMMER FESTIVAL - FRIDAY 6th JULY 2015



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IT'S ALL ABOUT.....ABILITY

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR SCHOOL DIARY:

DISABILITY

- Thurs 14th May –
Merseyside SLD/PD
Athletics at Wavertree
Sports Park
- Thurs 22nd May –
Merseyside MLD/EBD/SI
Athletics at Wavertree
Sports Park
- Thurs 11th June –
Merseyside Cricket at
Alder CC

The **SECONDARY TEAM** (pictured far right) was made up of students from The Cavendish High Academy and Chesnut Lodge and finished in **THIRD** place. The students were commended for their determination and fantastic performances by the organisers, and vowed to come back stronger next year. All in all, it was a truly tremendous effort by the students and one they should all be very proud of. Pictured below left is the secondary squad captain, Connor Webb from Chesnut Lodge along with some team action photos.

MERSEYSIDE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PANATHLONS

It's been a busy spring term with regards to disability sport in Halton. The pinnacle being the Primary (aged 7-11) and Secondary (aged 11-16). The Panathlon Challenges hosted by Greenbank Sports Academy, Liverpool on March 11th and 18th. The Halton squads are made up of 14 students with varying degrees of disabilities including sensory and physical impairments and learning difficulties.

The students compete in various sports, within their classification, including Football, Boccia, Table Tennis, and Athletics.



HALTON'S PRIMARY TEAM

The primary team (pictured left), made up of 7 students from St John Fisher, All Saints Upton, Brookfields and St. Martins. The students put in fantastic performances finishing **2ND** just behind the Liverpool team.



HALTON PRIMARY BOCCIA TOURNAMENT

For the second year, running alongside the New Age Bowls was a Halton Primary Boccia competition delivered by Gareth Burke, Halton Disability Sports Coordinator.

The Boccia competition hosted and supported by leaders from St Chads High gave children the opportunity to take part in a Paralympic sport which engages children with varying abilities. The competition saw three teams from Simms Cross, All Saints Upton, Woodside and St Bedes Jrs compete in a round robin format. First time winners were **SIMMS CROSS C TEAM** (pictured right) who were presented with a trophy and medals.



HALTON NEW AGE COMPETITIONS

The Halton New Age competitions are fully inclusive key Primary School events suitable for Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils, and provide the opportunity for children who may not have represented their school before or who have SEN to take part in competition in a fun, enjoyable and friendly environment.

Schools taking part in the **NEW AGE BOWLS** hosted at and supported by St Chads HS leaders were St Bedes Jr, St Basils, Woodside, St Martins, Astmoor, and All Saints Upton.

The competition involved each team playing each other to develop the children's skills and identify the final positions. A new school to the competition, **ST BASILS** (pictured right) were crowned Champions with St Bedes Jr runners up.



The **NEW AGE KURLING** Competition hosted and supported by Sts Peter & Paul sports leaders saw record numbers entered this year's event. Schools competing were; Spinney Avenue, Our Lady Mother of the Saviour, St John Fisher, St Martins, Westfield, St Bedes Jr, Beechwood, Gorsewood, Pewithall, St Marys, St Bertelines, St Michaels, Farnworth, All Sts Upton, Chesnut Lodge, Bridgewater Park, Astmoor and The Grange.

The final was played between OLMS and Spinney Avenue, with **SPINNEY AVENUE** (pictured left) being crowned 2015 champions.

HALTON DISABILITY SCHOOL SPORT SUPPORT

These competitions offer students with disabilities the opportunity to participate "on a level playing field" against other athletes from different areas. By providing them with the opportunity to be chosen for not only their school, or town, but Borough, it increases their self-esteem and confidence to show what they can do in sport. To ensure PE and School Sport provision is fully inclusive no matter what disability or impairment your pupils may have, if you would like me to come in and work with any of your students with disabilities or provide support and training for your staff then please do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes for the summer term and here's looking to Rio 2016!

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR SCHOOL DIARY:

PRIMARY

- Fri 24th April – Halton Tri-Golf
- Wed 30th April & Fri 1st May – Halton School Games Legacy Event
- Thurs 7th May – Halton Mini Red Tennis
- Tues 19th May – Halton Girls Kwik Cricket
- Tues 9th June – Halton Quaddkids Athletics
- Wed 10/17/24th June – Widnes Rugby League
- Mon 15th June – Widnes Mixed Kwik Cricket
- Wed 17th June – Runcorn Mixed Kwik Cricket
- Mon 6th July – Widnes Rounders

WIDNES & RUNCORN TABLE TENNIS

This is the eighth year Runcorn & Widnes Primary School Table Tennis competitions have been delivered as part of the Halton School Games in partnership with Frank James, Halton Table Tennis Community Coach.

WIDNES PRIMARY TABLE TENNIS

Schools competing in the Widnes competition were St Bedes Jr, Spinney Avenue, St Basils, Farnworth, St Michaels, Oakfield, St John Fisher and All Saints Upton.

ST BEDES JUNIORS were crowned champions (pictured right) with runners up **SPINNEY AVENUE**.



RUNCORN PRIMARY TABLE TENNIS



The primary schools participating were Woodside, Gorsewood, Our Lady Mother of the Saviour, Astmoor and Beechwood. All schools played each other in group matches, this was followed by play-offs which resulted in **BROOKVALE A** (pictured left with the Deputy Mayor of Halton Ellen Cargill) being crowned champion with runners up Gorsewood A. In attendance for a question, answer and demonstration session was Jack Hunter-

Spivey (Great Britain Paralympic table tennis player).

ST BEDES and **BROOKVALE** now go on to represent Halton at the inaugural **MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES PRIMARY TABLE TENNIS FINAL ON 25TH MARCH AT HALTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB.**

HALTON IN2 HOCKEY

The Halton Yr 5/6 mixed 6-aside hockey competition was hosted and supported by sports leaders from Ormiston Chadwick Academy. The importance of fair play, fun and enjoyment was highlighted to all schools taking part which included; Spinney Avenue, Gorsewood, St Martins, St John Fisher, Beechwood, All Saints Upton, Windmill Hill and Moorfield.

The overall winners were **MOORFIELD** (pictured right) with Beechwood taking runners up place.



HALTON SPEED STACKS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The annual Halton Speed Stacks Championships were yet again a great success, giving pupils the opportunity to challenge their own personal times and also to work together as a team to compete against other schools.



Sts Peter & Paul provided the venue and sports leaders for the **WIDNES CHAMPIONSHIPS**. All Saints Upton, Moore, Farnworth, Beechwood, St Bedes Jr, Spinney Avenue, Fairfield and Lunts Heath all competed for the 2015 Championship title. **FARNWORTH** were crowned winners (pictured right). The **RUNCORN CHAMPIONSHIP** was hosted and supported by St Chads HS sports leaders. Schools competing were Gorsewood, The Brow, Woodside, Astmoor, Hale, and St Martins. **ASTMOOR A** (pictured left) were awarded the Runcorn team title for 2015.



HALTON PRIMARY HIGHLAND GAMES

The Highland Games is a fun based event with activities being specially designed using child friendly equipment based on traditional Scottish events. The events include the caber, standing long jump, weight for height, weight for distance, linear shot, highland steps, kiltie dash and the skipping challenge. The aim of the event is to promote an inclusive competitive opportunity for pupils from Years 5 and 6.

Schools participating - St Michaels, St Edwards, Simms Cross, Hallwood Park, Woodside, Gorsewood, Castle View The Brow, Farnworth, Beechwood, St Bertelines, St Bedes Jr and All Saints Upton.



Winners in the morning session being **CASTLE VIEW** (above right), runners up were Hallwood Park. **ST BERTELINES** (pictured left) came first in the afternoon session with runners up being St Bedes Juniors.

To assist with the running of the event were sports leaders from Wade Deacon who played an excellent role encouraging the children while coaching and officiating the events throughout the day.

The Mayor of Halton Shaun Osborne supported the children the children and presented certificates and trophies.

RUNCORN AND WIDNES SWIMMING GALAS

Runcorn and Widnes Swimming Galas coordinated by the PE Associations were both held at Kingsway Leisure and supported by Halton Swimming Club and Sts Peter & Paul Catholic College Sports Leaders.



WIDNES SCHOOLS participating were St Gerards, All Saints Upton, Ditton, St Bede's Jrs, Moorfield, St John Fisher, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield, St Michael's, Lunts Heath, Farnworth and St Basils. The final overall team positions were really close in points however **FARNWORTH PRIMARY** (pictured left) were successful in winning the boys, girls and overall team categories for the **THIRD** consecutive year.

RUNCORN SCHOOLS competing were Beechwood, Pewithall, Gorsewood, Murdishaw West, Moore, Hillview, St Clements, St Bertelines and St Marys. Team results included 1st – **MOORE**, 2nd Pewithall and 3rd St Marys.

WIDNES CROSS COUNTRY

The Widnes Primary School Sport Association cross country event saw a great turn out with the following schools - All Saints Upton, Lunts Heath, Moorfield, Simms Cross, St Bedes Jr, St John Fisher, St Michaels, Farnworth, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Ditton and St Basils. The event was supported by Halton Frodsham Harriers AC and two students from Wade Deacon who paced the races.

Team positions finished with **MOORFIELD** (pictured right) in 1st place, 2nd Lunts Heath, and 3rd St Bedes Jr.



HALTON KEY STEPS 1 & 2 GYMNASTICS

The competition played host to 5 new schools and 30 additional pupils with a total of 12 schools and 21 teams competing. Focus Institute of Gymnastics, Widnes hosted and delivered the competition, with the support of club coaches, junior members and judges.

The morning session hosted the **KEY STEPS 1 FESTIVAL** for pupils from Years 1 & 2. Schools competing were - Runcorn All Saints, St Michaels, Lunts Heath, St John Fisher, Ditton, St Marys, Widnes Academy and All Saints Upton. Runners up were Lunts Heath B team with the 1st place going to **ST MARYS** (pictured right).



The afternoon played host to the **KEY STEPS 2 COMPETITION** with Year 3 and 4 pupils from Runcorn All Saints, St John Fisher, Beechwood, St Bede's Juniors, Ditton, Spinney Avenue, Lunts Heath, St Marys, Widnes Academy and Moorfield.

Runners up were St Bede's Jr B team with 1st place going to **ST BEDE'S JRS A TEAM** (pictured left), who went on to represent Halton at the **MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES WINTER FESTIVAL KEY STEPS 2 GYMNASTICS COMPETITION**, held at City of Liverpool Gymnastics Club, the team came an overall credible 2nd place.



WIDNES HIGH 5 NETBALL

Widnes High 5 competition once again provided a great opportunity for pupils to develop their team work, tactical and playing skills in a competitive environment. The competition was supported on the day by **THE HEATH NETBALL LEADERS ACADEMY** (pictured below left) who did an excellent job umpiring and helping to run the competition.



Schools participating included St Bedes Jrs, OLPS, All Saints Upton, Farnworth, Lunts Heath, Widnes Academy and St John Fisher Primary. Schools played in two groups before coming together for play-off finals.

OLPS A TEAM (pictured right) were crowned 2015 champions after beating their B team in the final. 3rd Farnworth, 4th Lunts Heath.



MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES PRIMARY WINTER FINALS 2015

CONGRATULATIONS to all the primary schools that represented Halton at the Merseyside School Games Winter Finals 2015. It certainly was a great week of excellent sporting talent, with many Halton teams coming back with medals. Halton played host to a number of the venues, with the pinnacle of the week being the Girls Football finals at the Select Security Stadium, which proceeded with a press conference, supported by Liverpool and Everton Ladies FC, for the 140 competitors. Our Halton teams competed against the best school teams in Merseyside, so these achievements really should be celebrated.

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ST BEDES JUNIORS - Table Tennis – GOLD MEDALISTS (pictured middle)

BROOKVALE - Table Tennis

ST BEDES JUNIORS – Key Steps 2 Gymnastics – SILVER MEDALISTS

WINDMILL HILL – Girls Football – Spirit of the Games winners (pictured left)

ST BERTELINES – Sportshall Athletics – BRONZE MEDALISTS (pictured right)



SECONDARY SCHOOLS

MERSEYSIDE BOYS BADMINTON

Congratulations to **STS PETER AND PAUL** Key Stage 3 Badminton team (pictured), who following their success at the Halton competition went on to represent the borough at the Merseyside Centre Parks National Schools Championship which took place at Kingsway Leisure Centre, Widnes on Fri 6th February. The competition was extremely competitive with the best schools in Merseyside coming together to compete, the team displayed a great level of performance and sporting conduct on the day.



MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES BASKETBALL

STS PETER AND PAUL U15'S and **WADE DEACON U14'S** (pictured right) were invited to represent Halton at the Merseyside School Games Boys Basketball finals, which took place at Toxteth Firefit on Mon 23rd March.



HALTON NETBALL TOURNAMENTS

The winners of the Halton Year 7 and Year 9 netball tournaments were competing for a place to represent Halton at the Merseyside School Games netball finals. The league this year saw a 'Player of the Year' award for each age group. Congratulations to the following **league** teams:

Year 10/11 winners – OBA (pictured left) Runners up – The Heath

Player of the Year – Jess Smith (The Heath) & Leah Bentley (OBA)

Year 9 winners – THE HEATH. Runners up – OBA

Player of the Year – Caitlin Seddon (OBA)

Year 8 winners – THE HEATH. Runners up – The Grange

Player of the Year – Molly Coxon (The Heath)

Year 7 winners – THE HEATH. Runners up – OBA

Player of the Year – Emy Coxon (The Heath)



CONGRATULATIONS to **THE HEATH** teams (pictured right) that went on to represent Halton at the Merseyside School Games netball finals at Wirral Girls Grammar. The year 7 team achieving **BRONZE** and year 8 finishing 4th.



MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS



ST CHADS HIGH SCHOOL

Year 8 girls and Year 7 boys (pictured right) represented Halton at the Merseyside Sportshall Athletics Finals, which took place at Kingsway Leisure Centre on Friday 27th March. **STS PETER AND PAUL**

SPORTS LEADERS (pictured left) did a brilliant job officiating the track and field events at both the girls and boys competitions.



MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES TABLE TENNIS



Halton Table Tennis Centre, Widnes played host to the Merseyside School Games Table Tennis finals on Thursday 26th March. Representing Halton in the Key Stage 4 competition was **WADE DEACON HIGH SCHOOL**, (pictured right competing in the final). **Wade Deacon** also provided the sports leaders who did a great job officiating the matches on the day. **WADE DEACON** (winning team pictured left with the Mayor of Halton Shaun Osborne and YST Development Manager, Anthony Judge) went on to achieve **SILVER** After just missing out in the final to Formby High School representing Sefton.



HALTON AND KNOWSLEY Y7 & Y8 EVERTON BOYS FOOTBALL

This is the first year Halton and Knowsley School Games Organisers have teamed up to deliver a Boys Year 7 and Year 8 football competition in partnership with Everton Development Academy.

Halton schools competing were Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy, The Grange, Sts Peter and Paul and Ormiston Chadwick Academy. Following their success Sts Peter and Paul (pictured right) will go on to represent Halton at the Year 7 finals being played at Everton's Finch Farm training ground in the summer term.



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