

# Morpeth & Ponteland School Sports Programme—Spring Newsletter 2017

## Y4 Multi-Sport Festival

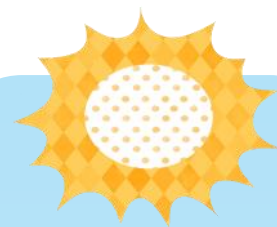
A fantastic 390 students in total from across Morpeth and Ponteland participated in the Year 4 Multi Sports Festival. The aim of the festival was to assist with transition to middle school, especially for some schools whereby the sheer walk to Chantry was a lesson in transition itself! Students enjoyed taster sessions in Sitting Volleyball, a Paralympic Sport, and the other sports of Hockey, Netball, Fencing & Golf in order to develop their skills prior to the uptake of these sports at middle school.



## Festival Results—Gymnastics

### Year 4 Gymnastics

Well done to the 11 teams who participated in the Year 4 Gymnastics Level 2 competition at Morpeth Leisure Centre. The level of competition was extremely high with students having to perform two different sequences which were formally judged by experienced judges from Northern Gymnastics Club. Congratulations to all teams who demonstrated an exceptional standard of performance and in a very close contest Morpeth First School came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Stannington First School were 3<sup>rd</sup>, but a very big congratulations go to Darras Hall First School who were the winners and will go on to represent the partnership at the Northumberland School Games in June.



### Important Dates

**Staff CPD Date** - EYFS Training 9th May 2017 Ready to Write

3rd May Year 3/4 Tag Rugby @ Ponteland Rugby Club

5th May Year 3/4 Tag Rugby @ Morpeth Rugby Club

15th May Y5/6 Quadkids @ KEVI

16th May Year 1 Hoopstarz (Morpeth Cluster)

19th May Year 1 Hoopstarz (Ponteland Cluster)

26th May Year 3/4 Quadkids @ KEVI

15th June Northumberland Para Games

22nd June Northumberland School Games

5th July Year 3/4 Cricket @ Ponteland CC

14th July Year 3/4 Cricket @ Morpeth CC

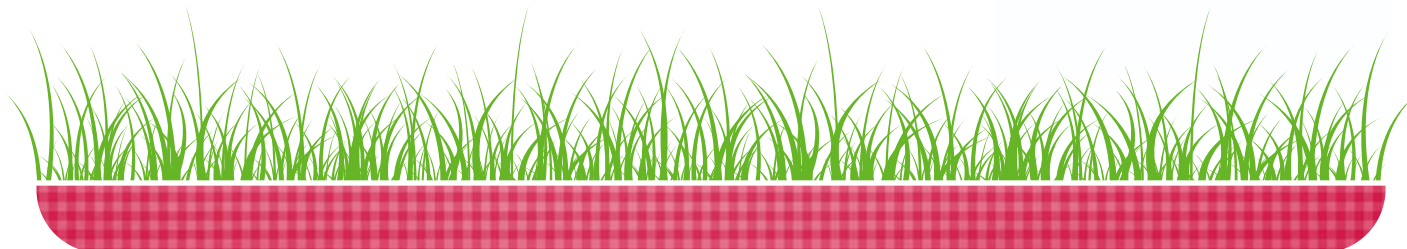
### Year 6 Problem Solving Festival Dates:

23rd May Richard Coates Middle

24th May Newminster Middle

6th June Ponteland Middle

9th June Chantry Middle



## Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics

Richard Coates, Ponteland, Chantry and Newminster Middle Schools took part in the Years 5 and 6 Gymnastic competition. Squads consisted of 4 students who each had to perform their own choreographed routine. Within each routine students had to demonstrate 6 skills to include one roll, one jump and one balance. An exceptionally high standard was demonstrated with Richard Coates Middle School coming runners up, whilst Chantry Middle School were the overall winners — congratulations to everyone who took part and thank you to RCMS for hosting a fantastic event.



Picture Right: Y5/6 Chantry Middle School Winners 2017.

## Year 8 Gymnastics

Congratulations to RCMS Y7/8 gym team for winning the MPSSP annual gym event. The event was again held at RCMS with excellent levels of competition and highly skilled gym routines on show. The results were close and the teams all tried their best with very few points between the teams. Many thanks for the volunteer judges from Northern Gymnastics Club as well which were organised by Miss Rutter from RCMS whom without their support the event would have not have been as successful.



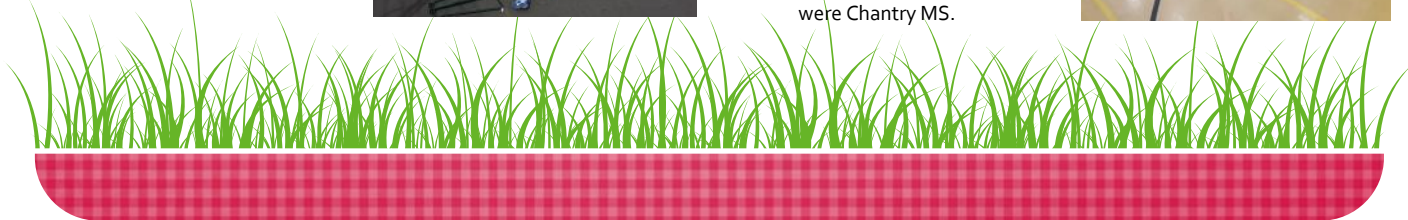
## Y8 Netball at RCMS

The Y8 Netball Competition was held at RCMS on Friday 24th March 2017 on a lovely warm sunny afternoon. All 5 partnership Middle Schools were represented at the competition and each school brought two teams to play in two different pools of fixtures. The overall competition was won by a very strong RCMS A Team and they will go forward to represent the MPSSP at the Northumberland School Games.



## Sportshall Athletics

The Y5&6 and Y7&8 Sportshall Athletics competitions were all very well organised and highly competitive. The events consisted of a range of activities with activities such as relay races and standing triple jump. The Y5&6 combined winners were Chantry Middle School, the Y7 & Y8 boys winners were the two teams from Newminster Middle School, the Y7 girls competition was won by Ponteland MS and the Y8 girls event was won by Chantry Middle School. The Sports Hall Level 3 results were: Y7 boys gold medal winners Newminster MS, the Y7 girls bronze medal winners were Ponteland MS, the Y8 boys silver medal winners were Newminster MS and the Y8 girls bronze medal winners were Chantry MS.



## Year 8 Handball

The Y8 handball competition was again highly competitive in what proves to be year-after-year a very exciting and enjoyable mixed gender event. The event which took place at Ponteland Middle School saw the 5 middle schools in the MPSSP compete against each other in a round-robin format, well supported by leaders from Ponteland High School with the nearest club based in New-



castle. The games were all action packed and played at a fast pace. The overall winners of the event this year were RCMS and well done to everyone who took part. Both RCMS and Ponteland Middle Schools will be going forward to the Regional Handball Finals in April 2017.



## Y3 & Y4 Tri-Golf

On Wednesday 22nd March 2017 the annual partnership Y3/4 Tri-Golf event at Morpeth Leisure Centre took place very successfully with excellent support from the leaders from Dr. Thomlinson Middle School in Rothbury. The 25 Y8 leaders were a fantastic help to the staff from the schools and the partnership and the children played the competition in a very competitive but fair manner. There were 8 scoring stations with teams competing from both Ponteland

and Morpeth across a full-day of Tri-Golf and the overall winners were Stobhillgate FS.

Many thanks to Ian Harvey from the Golf Foundation as well for helping to train up the leaders and should anyone wish to further develop their golfing skills then please visit the link below to the Juniors Page of Morpeth Golf Club.

<http://www.morpethgolf.co.uk/membership/playing/junior/>

## Physical Development CPD—16.3.17

There was a fantastic Early Years CPD training course held at Morpeth Golf Club where many of the partnership schools had staff in attendance.

The staff discussed a range of new developments in the early years curriculum in relation to PE and Physical Development. For example one of the main aspects of the course focused on the whole child and looked at the ways in which they move and how this could be improved.

Also there were some very positive discussions about how the area of Physical Development has been moved to become one of the main Prime Areas of the EYFS curriculum and how this looks in every-day practice.

The next EYFS CPD training date is on the 9.5.17 focusing on Ready to Write delivered by Lesley Doughty. Please speak to Franki Clark if you would like to book a place on this training event as places are limited.



## Year 7&8 Volleyball

The Year 7/8 Boys and Girls Volleyball Level 2 competition was held at Ponteland Middle School. All of the teams who entered brought strong teams and everyone competed in a highly skilled competition. Congratulations to

Richard Coates Middle School girls team won the girls event and Chantry Middle School boys won the boys event. Both teams will go forward to represent the partnership at the Level 3 Finals in April.

## Year 8 Boys Basketball

In February it was the annual Morpeth and Ponteland Y8 Basketball competition. This was a very exciting and highly competitive event and our congratulations go to Richard Coates Middle School who won this years competition by out-scoring several teams and winning with the highest number victories. They will now represent the partnership at the Northumberland School Games — good luck to the boys!



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## Year 4 Playground Leadership

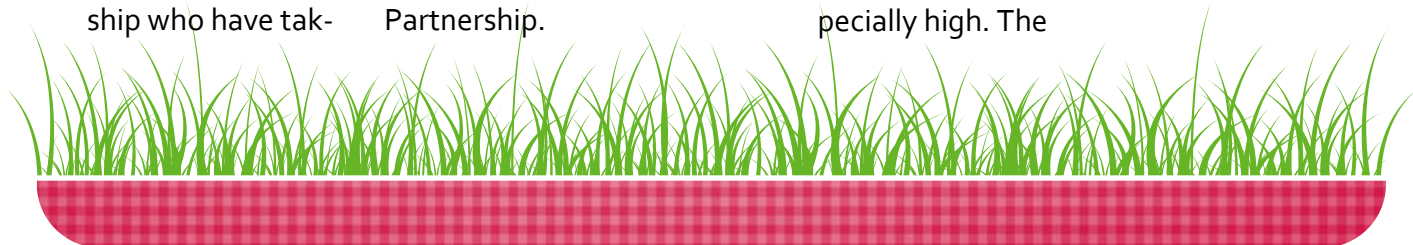
Many schools have now taken up the opportunity to have their Y4 children trained in some form of playground leadership, with a range of activities taking place on the playground such as skipping, team-games and various multi-sports. Well done to all of the schools across the partnership who have tak-

en up this opportunity, Darras Hall FS, Ponteland FS, Belsay FS, Stanington FS, Stobhillgate FS, Morpeth All Saints FS, Morpeth RC St. Roberts FS, Morpeth FS, Abbeysfields FS and any schools who are yet to receive this training please contact Franki Clark at the Sports Partnership.

## Regional Rowing Results

There were 13 rowers from the MPSSP who qualified for the Northern Regional Finals at Durham. There were rowers were from a selection of schools and a very big congratulations goes to all of the rowers who took part in a highly competitive event where the standard of rowing was especially high. The

following students did very well, Eloise Woods from Richard Coates Middle won the Y7 girls event, Anna Styles from Ponteland High took the a silver medal in the Y9 girls event and Catherine Woods came 3rd in the Y11 girls event.



## Sports Mark Update—March 2017

There has been a significant increase in the number of MPSSP school applying and achieving a higher School Games Award in the last 12 months. There are a total of 28 schools in the MPSSP and the success of these schools grows from strength –to-strength. For example 30% of the schools in the partnership now hold the Silver School Games Award, 33% of the Schools hold the Gold School Games Award and a further 23% of the schools currently hold the Bronze Award. However there are 14% of schools who currently do not qualify or hold any level at School Games and we strongly recommend you speak with Franki Clark for further support regarding this. All of the successful results have increased from the previous year and continues to increase yearly and is expected to rise again in 2017. Good luck to all of the schools in applying again this year.

The School Games Mark has been updated and changed slightly for this year. Below is a link for the new criteria for you to look through. If you need any support or guidance when it comes to applying for the mark again this year please do not hesitate to contact Franki Clark at the Sports Partnership. Please also be aware that before you can complete the mark this year you need to add in your School Sports Day date and complete the Inclusive Health Check sections on the mark. The School Games Mark window opens from 31<sup>st</sup> May and closes on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

[https://www.yourschoolgames.com/your\\_school/sainsburys-school-games-mark](https://www.yourschoolgames.com/your_school/sainsburys-school-games-mark)



## Welcome to the Team

In January 2017 we were joined in the MPSSP by Miss Alderslade who will be teaching PE in several partnership schools including Belsay and Ponteland First Schools. It is a pleasure to have Miss Alderslade join the team and we wish her every success in everything she does in the partnership.

## Thank you!

To all the Schools, Staff and Students in the Morpeth & Ponteland SSP we wish you all a happy Easter holiday—Franki Clark, Kerry Simpson, Damien Dimmick & Steph Alderslade.



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