

Three Rivers & Watford School Sports Partnership Newsletter Autumn 2023

Welcome to the TRWSSP Newsletter, providing a roundup of some of the events that have taken place across our primary and secondary schools this term, highlighting achievements and upcoming opportunities for the Spring term.

Leadership Academy

The academic year for the SSP started with the annual Leadership Academy—two days of training for the new cohort of sports leaders from our partnership secondary schools. This is a great opportunity for the students from Year 9 and 10 to learn about the sports partnership, practice their communication and teamwork skills and demonstrate and lead some of the activities to Year 4 pupils. This year we delivered the training to over 100 students - we wish them the best of luck with the year ahead and look forward to seeing them putting their skills into practice. Look out for them in their green Leadership Academy t-shirts!



Inspire & Engage Events

Year 3/4 Multi-Sport

For our primary schools, the first event was the Inspire & Engage Year 3/4 Multi Sport. Hosted at The Orchard Primary School, this event involved a carousel of challenges themed to frisbee, tennis, football, tri-golf, boccia and ABCs. Scoring points along the way, the aim was for the children to have fun, be part of a team and develop their fundamental movement skills. For some children, this was the first time representing their school at a sporting event. The sports leaders from Rickmansworth School helped the children to complete the challenges, encouraging them and giving out stickers to children demonstrating the school games values. Well done to The Orchard, Arnett Hills, Little Green, Sarratt, St Marys, Yorke Mead, Rickmansworth Park, St Josephs, Bedmond and Tanners Wood!



Year 7 Multi-Sport

Continuing with our multi-sports events, this term also saw teams from Year 7 taking part in our secondary competition. Again, with the aim of providing an opportunity for students to represent their school, have fun and perhaps try something new, the Year 7 event involved teams from Parmiters, Rickmansworth, The Reach, Croxley Danes and St Clement Danes taking part in girls football, boys handball and brand new mixed Kinball. Well done to all the teams for taking part!

Family Festivals

Year 4 Tri Golf

The autumn term kicked off with the Tri-Golf family festival with 24 schools and over 900 pupils taking part across 6 events hosted by our SSCos and young leaders. A great start to the year, it was fantastic to see so many Year 4 children taking part and improving their putting and chipping skills. The SSP Tri-Golf final held at Rickmansworth Golf Course showed some excellent golfing talent from all finalists, including Eastbury Farm, Maple Cross, Holy Rood, The Russell, Maple Cross and Harvey Road. The final event was supported by our Leadership Academy students from St Joan of Arc School who did a fantastic job scoring and encouraging the Year 4 pupils, especially in some very wet weather. All the pupils were so enthusiastic and showed great teamwork resulting in great final scores. Congratulations to Eastbury Farm for winning the event and thank you to all schools, staff and parents for taking part and supporting the event!



Year 5 Fun Run



November also saw the start of the Year 5 Fun Run family festivals taking place at local sports grounds/secondary schools across the district. Despite some wet and muddy conditions, the events saw some brilliant performances from both the elite races and the fun run events. It was great to see so many children completing the courses, trying their best and supporting their peers. Well done to all the teams and the top 10 winners for both the elite and fun run races. For our top elite girls and boys runners, we wish you the best of luck at the Year 5 Schools Cross Country Final run by Watford Harriers at Cassiobury Park (date to be confirmed) next year!

Year 6 Basketball

This term the Year 6 Basketball School Games competition took place at Croxley Danes School. With teams entered from Holy Rood, Tanners Wood, Yorke Mead, St Josephs, Rickmansworth Park and Eastbury Farm, the competition this year saw the introduction of a powerplay—when the music played any basket was worth double points. All the teams played exceptionally well with both boys and girls showing some fantastic dribbling and shooting skills. Excellent performances from all teams throughout the tournament, Rickmansworth Park placed first—well done for representing TRWSSP at the Herts School Games Basketball County Final at Oaklands College.

Year 3&4 6Ts Rapid Fire Cricket



Our last primary event of the term was the Year 3&4 6Ts Rapid Fire Cricket Aspire & Develop competition taking place at Rickmansworth School. With 10 teams taking part, including The Orchard, Rickmansworth Park, St Peter's, Yorke Mead, Little Green, Tanners Wood, Sarratt, St Josephs, Arnett Hills and Maple Cross, the competition allowed the teams to develop their striking and fielding skills. Once the group stage was completed, the teams progressed to the final matches with Yorke Mead and St Joseph's competing for the top placing. Well done to all teams for taking part and to Yorke Mead for winning the event. We wish them the best of luck for the School Games County Final in the summer term. Also, a special mention to Sarratt for achieving Bronze at the Herts County Small Schools Rapid Fire Cricket Competition postponed from the summer term.

Barclays Girls Football

The U12, U14 and U16 Girls Futsal event took place in October hosted at St Joan of Arc School. With the drive to meet the targets for equal access in football, we were delighted that the girls futsal competition has returned as a county pathway event. Teams from St Joan of Arc, Rickmansworth, St Clement Danes, The Reach Free and Croxley Danes took part in the event, seeing over 100 girls competing in the futsal tournament demonstrating fantastic skills and match play. Well done to Rickmansworth for winning the U12 and U14 competitions and The Reach for the U16s! Good luck at the county event in March run by Herts FA.

This term, as part of the Barclays Girls Football programme, the SSP ran, for the first time, the Whistlers Young Referee course for girls. Hosted at St Clement Danes, 19 girls from Years 8, 9 and 10 completed the days training covering the knowledge and rules required to be a football referee. Practical games allowed the girls to put their skills into practice developing their confidence and leadership both on and off the pitch.



Badminton & Table Tennis

Thank you to all our Secondary schools for hosting, leading and taking part in events this term! Well done to Parmiters and St Clement Danes for representing TRWSSP at the Herts County School Games Finals for Badminton and Table Tennis this term. Fantastic performances from all teams.

Badminton

U14 Boys—Parmiters Bronze
U14 Girls—Parmiters Silver
U16 Boys—Parmiters Gold
U16 Girls—Parmiters Bronze

Table Tennis

U13 Boys—Parmiters Silver
U16 Boys—Parmiters Bronze
U13 Girls—Parmiters Silver
U16 Girls—St Clement Danes Silver

Upcoming Events for the Spring term

Primary Competitions (January/February)

Year 3 Indoor Athletics Direct Entry

Year 6 Indoor Athletics Family Festivals

Dance Festival

Secondary Competitions

U16 Boys & Girls Handball