

Three Rivers & Watford School Sports Partnership Newsletter Summer 2022

Welcome to the Summer 2022 Newsletter, providing a roundup of some of the events that have taken place across our primary and secondary schools, as well as highlighting achievements and upcoming opportunities for 2022-2023.

The summer term has been jam packed with a variety of school sport and events across all age groups from KS1 Multi Skills, Year 2 Indoor Athletics, Year 3 Athletics, Year 4 Tennis, Year 5/6 Handball, and Year 6 Dynamo Cricket—to name a few! It has been fantastic to return to our full schedule of summer events and we were pleased to be able to celebrate all the sporting and leadership achievements this year across the 38 infant, primary and secondary schools with the return of the annual SSP Awards Evening at Watersmeet Theatre! As always, the partnership and all our events would not be possible without the support of all PLTs, SSCos, Headteachers, school staff and parents/carers. Thank you!

Infant & Primary Direct Entry Events

The summer term kicked off with the Year 6 Quicksticks Hockey competition hosted by Croxley Danes School. A popular event, we had 9 teams taking part from The Orchard Primary, Little Green, Tanners Wood, St Mary's, Yorke Mead, Rickmansworth Park, Chorleywood, Sarratt and Holy Rood. After some close matches, Little Green claimed the win, going on to place 4th at the Herts School Games County Finals.

The KS1 Multi Skills Inspire & Engage event was up next, giving the opportunity for children in Year 1 and 2 to take part in a Commonwealth Games themed carousel of activities, developing their FUNdamental movement skills. The teams from Tanners Wood, St Mary's, Rickmansworth Park, Yorke Mead, Sarratt and Chorleywood were helped by our Leadership Academy students from Parmiter's School.

Another event for KS1 was the Year 2 Indoor Athletics, again, supported by our Leadership Academy students from Croxley Danes. Providing an opportunity for Year 2 children to experience competition against other schools, the children took part in events including Speed Bounce, Javelin, Speed Stacking, Hurdles, Obstacles and Relay races. It was great to have so many schools taking part including Tanners Wood, Sarratt, Rickmansworth Park, St Marys, St Pauls, Kingsway Infants, Divine Saviour, Yorke Mead, St Johns and St Josephs. Well done to all schools and to Yorke Mead for winning both the girls and boys competitions!



Next up, it was Year 4 Tennis hosted at Maple Cross Tennis Club. As a school sports partnership we pride ourselves on providing children the opportunity to progress and take part in sports outside of school so it was fantastic to be able to link with Get Set 4 Tennis who ran this event with help from leaders from The Reach Free School. Schools taking part included Yorke Mead, Arnett Hills, Little Green, Sarratt, Rickmansworth Park, and Christ Church. Little Green were the winners and went on to represent the partnership at the Herts School Games Tennis Finals, picking up the 'Honesty' award & baton along the way! A big well done on what was a very hot day at Oaklands College!

Our final direct entry event of the year was the Year 5/6 Handball hosted by The Reach Free School. The standard of play, teamwork and sportsmanship shown made for a brilliant competition. Well done to Yorke Mead, St Mary's and Rickmansworth Park for taking part and Little Green for winning the event.



Summer Family Festivals

A week of Dynamo Cricket Family Festivals in May saw over 1000 Year 6 children taking part across 6 inter-school competitions organised by our SCo's and umpired by our Leadership Academy students. The new Dynamo Cricket format seemed to be a big 'hit' with our schools providing lots of opportunities for the teams to develop their striking and fielding skills. The winning teams of each family event, progressed to the SSP final, taking place at Watford Town Cricket Club, including The Russell, Yorke Mead, Maple Cross and Parkgate Junior. A close event, Parkgate Juniors were the runners up with Yorke Mead taking home the medals. Well done to Parkgate Juniors for representing the partnership at the Herts School Games County Dynamo Cricket Finals!

Our final family festival of the year was Year 3 Athletics. Again, providing the opportunity for schools to attend an inter-school competition with their whole class, the children took part in both field events such as Vortex throw, long jump, and speed stacking, and track events such as 100m, Hurdles and Relay races. It was great to see so many young children supporting and congratulating each other during the events. Our very last primary event of the year, on 7th July, we held the Year 3 Athletics final at St Joan of Arc Catholic School where we had teams from Divine Saviour, Yorke Mead, Christ Church, St Josephs, Arnett Hills, Rickmansworth Park, Sarratt and Tanners Wood taking part across the girls and boys competitions. With cheering from children, staff and parents alike, it was a great atmosphere and some brilliant races. Well done to all schools for attending the final and to Christ Church for winning the girls competition and Tanners Wood for the boys.



Junior Games Maker Training

In May/June, the SSP ran the Junior Games Maker Training, allowing children in Year 5 and 6 to develop their social connections and leadership skills. The six training days, hosted at Little Green, Greenfields, The Russell, Tanners Wood, Holy Rood and Shepherd Primary, allowed the young leaders to learn about being a sports ambassador, using the Commonwealth Games, taking place this summer in Birmingham, as the driving tool for their learning and inspiration. The Junior Games Makers, collaborating with each other across the different primary schools, learnt all about how to set up a school sports council, help others in their school to be more physically active and try new sports, as well as organising some multi skills and sport themed activities for KS1 children, giving them the opportunity to demonstrate, score results and encourage the children throughout.



SSP League Finals

The summer term also saw the completion of this year's leagues with finals taking place for the Girls and Boys Football leagues, the Tag Rugby league and the Rounders league. Thank you to all schools that took part in their league fixtures and submitting your results.

Held at Parmiter's, the Girls Football league final included strong teams from The Russell, St Mary's, Little Green and Abbots Langley having won their family leagues. Well done to Little Green for winning the tournament to become the girls champions for the partnership this year!

The Boys Football league final, again, included strong teams from The Russell, Tanners Wood, Little Green, St Josephs, Holy Rood and St Peters. A close final with only 1 goal between first and second place, but this time the win went to Holy Rood, with St Josephs being the runners up. Again, well done!

The Tag Rugby final included teams from Little Green, St Josephs, Tanners Wood and Christ Church. Well done to Christ Church for winning the league this year!

Our final league to take place this year was the Rounders. Well done to Little Green, Woodhall and St Pauls for playing so well in the final matches and to St Pauls for winning the event overall! We look forward to resuming our leagues in September for the next academic year!



SSP AWARDS EVENING 2022

The Three Rivers and Watford School Sports Partnership, proudly hosted at Rickmansworth School, held its first face to face awards evening at Watersmeet Theatre in June, in three years. The evening celebrated the fantastic sporting and leadership achievements of students across our partnership during this academic year. Opening the awards ceremony, the Year 10 dancers from Rickmansworth School gave a brilliant performance with a fun, up-beat celebration of dance.

We were also delighted to be joined by Gail Emms MBE, British Badminton player who won Gold at the 2006 World Championships, 2004 European Championships & a Silver at the 2004 Olympic Games, who gave an inspiring talk about her sporting career and handed out the prizes to our nominees and winners from KS1-KS5.

The awards, presented in 11 categories, recognised the success of the young people from across our 38 infant, primary and secondary schools and the return to the positive experiences sport brings. For a full write up of the awards please see the following link to the Watford Observer: <https://www.watfordobserver.co.uk/sport/20228144.arsenal-chelsea-players-among-watford-three-rivers-schools-award-winners/>

