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Tynedale Middle School Young Sporting Leaders

The 25 Youth Sports Leaders at Tynedale Middle School have been working hard since the beginning of the school year. Through an intensive 8 week training block they have developed various leadership, teamwork and organisational skills in a variety of fun games. Experience was increased through supporting staff in extra curricular clubs, and the Sports Leaders even led some playground games.

Since Easter they have been running an inter-house basketball competition four days a week. Each class has been given an allocated day and the house teams in that class have played each other. The scores from each day, tallying towards a winning house team in each year group.

Decided awards were merits, certificates and a much valued trophy. The Sports Leaders enjoyed the leading of these sessions so much they are already discussing their next inter-house tournament for after half term.



Tynedale Middle School
Young Leaders

Step into Sport Young Leaders

6th form Students from Blyth and Bedlington High Schools on the Step into Sport Programme have been praised for their leadership skills within community clubs. One student, Jade Kilpatrick through her placement with Bedlington Juniors Football Club, has taken her Football level 1 course and has been accepted as one of two Northumberland students to attend a national FA camp later in July.

Cambois Rowing Club Engages New Rowers in Schools

For many years now rowing has been one of the UK's strongest Olympic sports and we are fortunate to have based locally, Cambois Rowing Club, who have produced many regional and national champions.

In recent years the number of juniors joining the club has been in decline and so the club approached the School Sports Partnership to see if a club link club be established with it's 3 closest schools.



A programme was put together involving club coaches going into school on a lunch time, coaching rowing skills on rowing ergo meters, and then the children visiting the rowing club and trying out the sport for real.



The programme has been a huge success with many of the children involved now attending club training sessions on a regular basis.

The pilot project will now become a regular feature of the School Sport Partnership Programme

Netball Newbie's



New Delaval First School
The Winners

The annual Year 4 netball competition for Blyth First schools took place at Blyth Leisure Centre, 8 schools competed with a total of 64 players. The pupils had attended a workshop during the winter term to learn the basic skills, then practiced with their teachers at school. The festival gave some of the pupils their first taste of competition and the results were very close. In a hotly contested final, the eventual runners up were Princess Louise, with the winners being New Delaval First School. This follows the school's success last year when they won the netball league. Well done to all the teams you took part in the festival.



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Tri-Golf a major Success!!

Over the past month eight schools in Blyth have been experiencing, learning and enjoying Tri Golf. The Year 4 pupils from Horton Grange, Malvins Close, Morpeth Road, Princess Louise and Croftway have all been added to the three schools which took part in the pilot of the scheme last year, Newsham, South Beach and New Delaval.

The schools have all received three one hour coaching sessions from the 'ROOKIE GOLF' company, at the school. The culmination of the three sessions has been a visit to Blyth golf club. The club visits include a brief venture into the

clubhouse and a 6 hole Tri-Golf course and close pin competition.



The six hole course has enabled the children to apply the skills and techniques developed within the coaching sessions and learn about golf and sporting etiquette. The lowest scores (best) on the course have been announced for both the girls and the boys. The schools and children with the

best scores will be invited back to the club on Tuesday 17th July to play a six hole Tri-Golf competition. A Golf Festival will take place in the summer holidays, the festival is free to



attend and everyone is welcome. More details are available from www.blythgolf.co.uk.



PDM's Review



Once again we come to the end of another very busy term of sporting activities and I find it hard to believe that the School Sport Partnership has now been established for two years.

Each year we aim to improve upon established events and add new activities to our programme. Year 2 has seen the introduction of Dance and Gymnastics festivals for all key stages and a greater range of competitions for key stage 3 children. For key stage 1 children, multi-skills festivals have taken place and this will grow into a generic skills module to be rolled out from September and multi- sport/ activity festivals throughout the year.

One of the high lights for October 2007 will be the 2 day visit of Val Sabin to the partnership to lead teacher's courses on key stage 1&2 gymnastics and dance. Many of you will already be using the teaching manuals written and published by Val and this will be a fantastic opportunity for staff to work alongside this truly inspiring deliverer.

Also planned for October will be a 'Yoga Dynamics' workshop aimed at teachers/ classroom assistants of all key stages.

There has still been no official announcement regarding

the next 3 year funding cycle (2008-11), so it is crucial that all schools make sure they include all of the good work they are doing in this years PESSCL survey.

Finally may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in the events that have taken place this year and thank you all for your continued support. Together we can make school sport an even more enjoyable experience for all children.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to working with you again next year.

Paul Woodall

Partnership Development Manager

Skipping goes with a Swing

All of the middle schools in the Sports Partnership were invited to participate in a days skipping workshop led by Chris Corcoran, alias Mr Skippy, from Skipping Workshops. All the schools took up on this new opportunity and most targeted Year 5 pupils for the 45/60 minute workshops. Chris led the pupils through single, double and group rope skipping patterns and games. For some children this was a completely new experience and it was great to see complete novices turn into confident skippers. The

more nervous were encouraged to join in by the enthusiasm of their fellow skippers. The sessions were physically challenging and gave children a fantastic grounding for an activity that is great for raising and improving health and fitness. Schools have been given a set of class skipping ropes within their workshop package and its been great to see the ropes in action in many of the playgrounds at lunch and playtimes.

Each school has also been given a follow up pack of skipping ideas so it is hoped that skipping will get a firm place in the playground, in warm ups and alongside Wake and Shake. The feedback from pupils and teachers has been great and it is hoped Chris can be employed in the near future to spread the skipping bug into the first schools.

Y4 Tag Tournament

The SSP linked into Blyth Valley Sports Development Unit's Y4 Tag Rugby Tournament which took place on Thursday 24th of May at Blyth Rugby Club. 12 teams from 7 first schools in the Blyth area and 1 guest school from Cramlington entered.

The tournament ran in a league format on three pitches with four teams per league. The winners of each league and the best second placed team were then placed in the Semi final for the tournament. The Final was contested by Morpeth Road (from Blyth) and Cragside (From Cramlington) with Morpeth Road winning. All teams played four games, three in the league and one against a team from another league. The children all really enjoyed the morning and its setting at the rugby club and meeting many of the coaches and people from Blyth Rugby Club who they could identify should they want to join the club.

Year 7 & 8 Rugby Tournament

Blyth, Bedlington and Ashington schools were invited to take part in a cross partnership under 12 and 13 rugby tournament on the 28th March this year. Wensleydale, Meadowdale, Bebside and Bothall Middle schools competed in the 12-a-side competition which was keenly contested. The worthy winners were Bebside Middle School from Blyth. The games, played at Blyth Rugby Club, were refereed by Mark Watson and Tamara Taylor from the Rugby Football Union coaching team. All boys who played were given information about their local rugby clubs to try to encourage as many players as possible to join a rugby club.



Bebside Middle School
The Winners



Jump to Health

Thirty staff (teachers, LSAs and Sports development officers) from across the partnership took part in a skipping workshop on Wednesday the 25th of April led by Chris Corcoran from the company 'Skipping Workshops'. Chris taught a variety of skipping activities which started off easily enough but quickly progressed to pretzels and cross-over's (individual skipping), pairs skip-

ping and a variety of group skills using short and long ropes.

It took everyone back to their youth (for some that was longer than others)! Skipping is a great activity to use for fitness work in lessons and during break and lunch times. Hopefully all the staff who attended the workshop will have their pupils skipping soon! www.skipping-workshops.co.uk



Its all Jolly Hockey Sticks for Y7 pupils!



Guide Post Middle School,
The worthy winners.

The first ever hockey tournament for the Blyth/Bedlington School Sport Partnership was held at Longhirst Hall, home of Morpeth Hockey Club. The event provided an opportunity for schools to compete in a sport

that was new to most of the children, whilst also providing a school/club link for those pupils who would like to play hockey on a more regular basis. Longhirst Hall is a spectacular setting to play hockey, and the children experienced playing on a sand-based astro turf pitch for the first time. They were also lucky enough to have their games umpired by representatives from Morpeth hockey club, including Julie Fenwick, who is also the hockey development officer for Northumberland. 6 teams took part, from Tynedale, Meadowdale, Guide Post, Bebside, Middle Schools and after some very close matches, the worthy winners were Guide Post



Y3 Mini Tennis Skills Festival

Over one hundred Year 3 pupils from three Bedlington First Schools, Ringway, Mowbray and Whitley Memorial, took part in a mini tennis skills festival at Morpeth Tennis Club. It was a very successful festival with children taking part in a circuit of ten events. The festival was a follow up to three weeks of coaching from Simon Telfer from Northumberland LTA

Barney Jones Soccer Festival

16 first school from across the partnership opted to take part in the Year 4 Northumberland Football Partnership Team Football. This involved 3 weeks of high quality football coaching to all Year 4 pupils with a follow up festival. Two festivals took place, one at Meadowdale Middle school for the Bedlington schools and one at Wesleydale Middle for the Blyth schools. Both events were a great success with children participating in further high quality football coaching and friendly matches against other school teams. There were no trophies for the winning



team, instead teams were recognised for their sportspersonship.

In total 555 pupils were involved in the training and festivals, a fantastic number of pupils to have involved in such a high quality sporting experience.



Year 5 Tag Rugby Tournament

The Y5 Mixed Tag Rugby Festival was held on the 23/05/07 at Blyth Rugby Club. There was 5 Schools participating: Bebside; Deleval; Tynedale; Guidepost; and Meadowdale. The schools played a round robin format giving the children lots of rugby to play. There was a great deal of talent shown that afternoon despite some schools claiming that they had played little Tag before. A lot of the matches were very close, many resulting in a draw. However, there was a clear winner by 2 points, Meadowdale Mid-



Bebside Middle School
The winners

dle School. Meadowdale thought there chance of winning was slim after drawing their first few matches but by getting bonus points for scoring 5 try's or more they managed to lift the trophy. Well Done!

The referees were very impressed with the standard of all the children participating that afternoon. It is hoped that the schools continue to play Tag Rugby in the future and that many of the players seek to further their rugby playing at local clubs.