# MPSSP

TERMLY NEWSLETTER

#### **Multiskills Festival**

Morpeth and Ponteland Year 2 Students took part in a multiskills festival. The Morpeth festival took place at Chantry training shed, a huge 190 pupils took part during the course of the day. The Ponteland festival took place at Ponteland Leisure Centre and a massive 240 pupils took part during the course of the day. Students had an opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills in a circuit of 10 activities. Each activity having a fun focused way to develop either Agility, Balance or Coordination. Our Leaders from Morpeth and Ponteland Middle schools organised, enthused and coached the children at each station. All round it was a fabulous showcase of participation and leadership across the partnership. Well done to all involved!



# DECEMBER 2015.



Congratulations to all schools for achieving their Sainsbury's School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2014/2015.

# Dates for the Next Half Term:

13/01/16 Year 8 Badminton 14/01/16 Year 3/4 Gym 26/01/16 Year 4 Multisports Morpeth Schools 27/01/16 Year 8 Basketball 29/01/16 Year 4 Multisports Ponteland Schools 10/02/16 Year 4 Tennis

# Football Round Up

The Year 7 Boys Football competition saw 6 teams competing in a highly contested tournament. The year 7/8 Girls competition involved 1 team from each of the 5 Middle Schools. The girls demonstrated a great standard of football, with plenty of talent displayed, perhaps we have witnessed a future lioness! The tournament was refereed by our fantastic leaders from KEVI. Congratulations go to Chantry Boys and Newminster Girls teams who will go forward to represent the Partnership at the Northumberland School Games.

The Year 5 Boys football competition saw 8 teams, the Year 5/6 Girl's competition saw 7 teams all competing to win the level 2 competition. A fine standard of performance was displayed and once again ably refereed by Y9 KEVI students. Congratulations to Ponteland Boys and Newminster Girls who will represent the Partnership in the Northumberland School Games.

The Year 4 Level 2 Football competition took place on the 3G pitch at Ponteland Middle School. 8 teams competed in the Morpeth Cluster and 7 teams competed in the Ponteland Cluster. The tournament was played in a lovely enthusiastic spirit and ably refereed by leaders from Ponteland High School. Congratulations go to Morpeth First School and Darras Hall First School who won their respective tournaments. These 2 teams will now need to play a Final in the New Year to see who will be our overall winner and therefore go forward to represent the Partnership in the Northumberland School Games.



### **Quicksticks Tournament**

The Year 5 and 6 mixed Quick-sticks Festival took place at Longhirst Hall. 6 teams in each age range played in a highly competitive round robin tournament. Arguably the highest standard to date was displayed by the players along with excellent confident umpiring by the Leaders from KEVI. Congratulations to Ponteland Middle School who won each age group and will go on to represent the Partnership at the Northumberland School Games.



Y4 Football on 3G

@ Ponteland Middle School

# Tag Rugby Year 5/6

13 teams competed in the Level 2 Year 5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament. Despite the persistent rain and strong winds all of the teams battled through a highly contested tournament, showing their true Rugby grit and determination! Very able Leaders from KEVI and Chantry MS, with support from Rob Green (Community Rugby Coach), managed to referee expertly in the conditions. Congratulations go to the Newminster team who won the tournament and will therefore go forward to represent the partnership at the Northumberland school games.

# **Fantastic Rowing Results:**

The following students have qualified for the Regional Rowing Finals on 18th March 2016 at Durham University.

#### Year 7:

Gus Owen, Jessica Gardiner & Emily Ormistan from Dr Thomlinson's MS.

#### Year 8:

Hugh Dennis from Dr Thomlinson's MS, Scott Davidson from Richard Coates MS & Jess Gagie from Newminster MS

#### Year 9:

William Vinney, Fraser Hutt and Georgia Woods from Ponteland High School.

#### Year 10:

Catherine Woods and Lucy Frazer from Ponteland High School.

#### Year 11:

Lewis Montero from Ponteland High School







#### **Creative Festivals**

Over 2 days at Morpeth Leisure Centre and Kirkley Hall 475 Year 3 students took part in a Creative Festival. Students had the opportunity to learn and develop their talents in the 4 activities of Gymnastics, Dance, Hula Hooping and French Skipping. Hopefully the children can return to school and implement their understanding of gym and dance in the curriculum and have lots of fun in the playground whilst disphying their new found skills in hula hooping and french skipping.



Great jumping in French Skipping at Y3 Festival

# Leadership Academy Update - Focus on Football

With the start of the new term in 2015 the Morpeth and Ponteland SSP is going to significantly raise the amount of leadership training, support and young leader qualifications with its partnership schools to continue to promote and demonstrate how effective sports leadership can be across a wide range of whole school agenda's.

Starting in Morpeth Mr. Dimmick visited KEVI on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to deliver the first of two sessions to a Year 9 Young Sports Leadership group who were able to demonstrate their skills at the Year 5/6 Football Competition. The training focussed on preparing the young leaders with a range of new ideas for warming-up, leading a group, communication skills all with a specific focus on Football as this was the tournament that they were going to support a few weeks later. Then with an older group of Sixth from CSLA students Mr. Dimmick again demonstrated a range of ideas and techniques for supporting, managing and referring a Year 7/8 Middle School Football Competition. Both sets of young leaders enjoyed the training and were a credit to King Edward High School in Morpeth.

Moving on to Ponteland Mr. Dimmick provided similar support and training for students from both Ponteland Middle School, Richard Coates C of E Middle School and a group of about 20 leaders from Ponteland High School. The middle school young leaders again were prepared and talked through the overview, rules, warm-ups and their roles at the Ponteland Year 4 Football Festival and the older students from Ponteland High School were again trained for how to manage a festival/tournament and taught a range of communication and scoring methods as well as how to manage the results and move students to the correct areas and pitches in a timely order for the tournament to be a real success. All of the students did a fantastic job and the partnership has been delighted with their contribution and achievement.



#### **Judo Taster Sessions**

Congratulations to all those schools and pupils who took part in the Judo Taster sessions. Hopefully this has created solid club links and inspired the next generation of Judo Olympians!

To all the Schools, Staff and Students in the Morpeth Ponteland SSP we wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to lots more amazing sport in 2016!

Best wishes from

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