What a great warm up for the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Year ahead of us! The Halton School Games programme has provided an Autumn term brimming full of competitive opportunities for participants and sports leaders. A variety of Physical Education and school sport training opportunities have been on offer for school staff and we have celebrated our best year to date for successful applications, with our first Halton schools receiving the **GOLD** award for 2014-15!

I would like to THANK all schools and key partners involved in ensuring the young people of Halton continue to develop and succeed through the element of sport and physical activity. This newsletter celebrates a snap shot of inter school competitions, leadership and PE and School Sport developments which have taken place this Autumn Term.

Karen Drake - Halton School Games Organiser

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**School Games Mark Award**

The School Games Mark Award rewards the time, dedication and commitment schools provide to developing PE and School Sport participation and leadership. Schools were given the opportunity to apply for **GOLD**, **SILVER** or **BRONZE** standard Mark Award for academic year 2014-15. The successful schools presented with their awards are:

**GOLD**
- Gorsewood, St Bedes Juniors
- St Michaels and Beechwood.

**SILVER**
- Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy
- Lunts Heath, Farnworth
- Our Lady Mother of the Saviour
- St Basils and Moorfield.

**BRONZE**
- The Heath School, St Marys
- All Saints Upton, Weston
- Victoria Road, Hill View
- Oakfield and Castle View.

School Games Mark Award presentations were made to Sports Ambassadors by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Halton Cllr Ged Philbin and Ros Wong at Halton Sportshall Athletics events. The **NEW** 2015-16 School Games Mark criteria will be available in the Spring term at [www.yourschoolgames.com](http://www.yourschoolgames.com)
IT’S ALL ABOUT.......ABILITY

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR SCHOOL DIARY:

DISABILITY
• Mon 18th January – M’side KS3 Ambulant Basketball
• Fri 22nd January – M’side MLD Football
• Tues 26th January – M’side PD Cricket
• Fri 30th January – M’side SLD/PD Football
• Tues 11th February – Electric w/chair event
• Thurs 5th February – Halton KS2 & 3 Boccia
• Thurs 10th March – Primary Panathlon
• Thurs 17th March – Secondary Panathlon

NQT INCLUSIVE SPORT & SCHOOL GAMES WORKSHOP

As part of the Halton and Warrington CPD programme for Newly Qualified Teachers, the course delivered at Cavendish High Academy by Gareth Burke, Halton SEND & Inclusive Sports Coordinator, offered practical support addressing any challenges that may occur when ensuring PE lessons are fully inclusive and engaging to all pupils.

Halton School Games Organiser, Karen Drake, also delivered an overview of the School Games, highlighting the inclusive elements of the competition calendar and School Games Programme.

GARETH BURKE – HALTON SEND & INCLUSIVE SPORTS COORDINATOR

Gareth has engaged with a number of schools across Halton to raise awareness and support schools to ensure their PE and School Sport provision is fully inclusive no matter what disability or impairment your pupils may have. Based at Cavendish High Academy Gareth currently works across the borough one day a week (Wednesday), if you would like him to come into your school to support your staff and pupils contact Gareth Burke Halton SEND & Inclusive Sports Co-ordinator E-mail: gareth.burke@halton.gov.uk Mobile: 07772 688 801 Gareth will also be doing talent Identification for the Halton Primary and Secondary Panathlon teams.

4 SPORTS LEADERS from St Chads High School have been trained as BOCCE OFFICIALS at Greenbank Sports Academy and are now ready to support the Halton Primary and Secondary competitions in February 2016.

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RUNCORN & WIDNES EVERTON MINI KICKERS FOOTBALL

In partnership with Everton FC Development Academy the Halton School Games Runcorn and Widnes Mini Kickers Football Festivals were delivered to over 500 pupils from Years 1 to 4. The festivals were hosted by The Grange, The Heath, Ormiston Chadwick Academy and Sts Peter and Paul Catholic College saw the following 19 schools participating; Runcorn - Beechwood, Our Lady Mother of the Saviour, St Berteline’s, Gorsewood, St Marys, Pewithall, Hillview, Castle View, Weston, Windmill Hill and St Martins Widnes - St Bedes Juniors, Spinney Avenue, Fairfield, St Michaels, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, St John Fisher, St Basils and St Gerards.

Winning schools will go on to represent Halton at the Merseyside Mini Kickers Football Festivals taking place at Everton FC Finch Farm training ground.

Year 1 – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and Windmill Hill
Year 2 – St Gerards and Beechwood
Year 3 – St Bedes Junior and Beechwood
Year 4 – Our Lady Mother of the Saviour and Fairfield
Year 6 – St John Fisher

Good Luck to all teams representing Halton at the Merseyside finals.
HALTON PRIMARY GIRLS FOOTBALL

Hosted at Ormiston Chadwick Academy and officiated by the Academy’s sports leaders this was the biggest ever entry seen at the Primary Girls Football. A reflection of the success England Women had in the summer at the World Cup in Canada, really reflects the impact the sport is having on our girls, with 12 TEAMS, 120 GIRLS competing.

Girls from Spinney Avenue, Simms Cross, Hill View, Windmill Hill, Moorfield, St Berteline’s, St Basils, St Michaels, All Saints Upton, St Bedes Juniors and Castle View braved the wind and rain to compete.

The final was between ST BASILS (A and B teams pictured above right) being crowned the winners after a close 1-0 final against ST BEDES JUNIORS. St Basils will go on to represent Halton at the MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES GIRLS FOOTBALL FINALS in March 2016.

HALTON TAG RUGBY UNION WORLD CUP FESTIVAL

Halton Primary Tag Rugby Union Festival was delivered as a celebration to the recent Rugby Union World Cup 2015. The festival was hosted and officiated by CRONTON 6TH FORM in partnership Karen Drake, Halton School Games Organiser. Each school was given a country to represent prior to the festival. ST JOHN FISHER’S team (pictured right) performed THE HAKA to get everyone warmed up in the opening ceremony.

The competition saw 12 school teams made up of 120 pupils taking part from the following schools; St Bedes Juniors, Gorsewood, Farnworth, Hill View, and St Basils.

The final was between St Basils A (Canada) and St Bedes Juniors (Australia). It was an extremely close contest with ST BEDES JUNIORS (pictured right) gaining the Halton Tag Rugby Union World Cup Festival title by beating ST BASILS (pictured left) 5-2, both teams were presented with a trophy and medals.
HALTON PRIMARY SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

The Halton Primary Sportshall Athletics saw over 475 pupils from 19 schools coming together to compete in this fun, exciting and competitive event. Schools competing were Hallwood Park, St Bedes Junior, Castle View, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, St Gerards, St John Fisher, Lunts Heath, St Martins, Spinney Avenue, All Saints Upton, St Bertelines, Farnworth, St Basils, Gorsewood, Westfield, The Brow and Our Lady Mother of the Saviour Primary.

To assist with the running of the competition were Sts Peter & Paul sports leaders who did an excellent job officiating the events. The Deputy Mayor of Halton Cllr Ged Philbin and the Deputy Mayoress, Ms Ros Wong supported the children and the presentations.

RESULTS – Morning session positions:

1st place - St Bedes Jrs - 664 points (middle right)
2nd place - St John Fisher - 342 points (top right)
Joint 3rd place - St Martins and OLPS - 624 points

Afternoon session positions:

1st place - St Bertelines - 716 points (bottom right)
2nd place - Farnworth Fisher - 706 points (top left)
3rd place - St Basils - 650 points

GOOD LUCK to ST BERTELINES who will go on to represent Halton at the MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS FINAL 2016 in March at Kingsway LC.

RUNCORN HIGH 5 NETBALL

The competition hosted at The Heath School and officiated by 13 of their netball leaders who did an excellent job umpiring matches. The event provided a great opportunity for the 70 pupils from 8 teams to develop their skills in a fun but competitive environment.

Schools participating were St Bertelines A & B, Pewithall, Hill View, Weston Point, Gorsewood and Beechwood A&B.

There were some really close matches which resulted in only 2 points between 1st and 3rd place. Weston Point were 3rd, 2nd place was BEECHWOOD A (pictured above right) and the 2015-16 title went to the winners ST BERTELINES A (pictured left) who are invited to represent Halton at the MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES HIGH 5 NETBALL in the Summer term 2016.

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS

HALTON SECONDARY SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Over 190 YEAR 7 AND 8 PUPILS from 5 HALTON school enjoyed participating in the competition which provides a development pathway to the Merseyside School Games Sportshall Athletics Finals.

The Heath School provided 19 SPORTS LEADERS who did an excellent job officiating. Schools participated in the event were St Chads High, The Heath, Sts Peter & Paul Catholic College, Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy and Wade Deacon High.

RESULTS

GIRLS YEAR 7
1st – THE HEATH SCHOOL A (198 points) – pictured right
2nd – Wade Deacon (189 points)
3rd – The Heath B (172 points)

GIRLS YEAR 8
1st – WADE DEACON (196 points)
2nd – Sts Peter and Paul (180 points)
Joint 3rd – Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy and The Heath A (174 points)

BOYS YEAR 7
1st – WADE DEACON (209 points) pictured below
Joint 2nd – Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy and The Heath A (173 points)

BOYS YEAR 8
1st – WADE DEACON (198 points)
2nd – St Chads (175 points)
3rd – Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy (169 points)

GOOD LUCK to winning teams who will go on to represent Halton at the MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS FINALS 2016 at Kingsway LC in March.

HALTON GIRLS YR 7 INDOOR 5 ASIDE FOOTBALL

Hosted by Ormiston Chadwick Academy the Year 7 Girls 5 aside indoor football Competition saw Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy, Ormiston Chadwick Academy, Wade Deacon and The Heath competing.

The winners WADE DEACON, will now go on to represent Halton at the Cheshire Schools FA competition in the New Year. GOOD LUCK!
HALTON SECONDARY BOYS AND GIRLS BADMINTON
This Key Stage 3 and 4 Competition was coordinated and hosted by Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy. Competing for a place in the MERSEYSIDE SCHOOLS GIRLS AND BOYS BADMINTON FINALS saw WADE DEACON (pictured left) take the title and will who go on to represent Halton in the county finals in the New Year, which are taking place at Kingsway LC.

HALTON BOYS BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS
Wade Deacon played host to Halton Year 7 and 8 Boys Basketball competitions. 5 SCHOOLS, 8 TEAMS over 60 PARTICIPANTS played for the Halton titles. Schools competing were Sts Peter and Paul, Wade Deacon, Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy, The Heath and St Chads. Winners of the Year 7 competition were THE HEATH. The winners of the year 8 competition Wade Deacon will now go on to represent Halton in the MERSEYSIDE YEAR 8 THE MERSEYSIDE SCHOOL GAMES BASKETBALL FINALS 2016 in March.

SCHOOL GAMES UPDATE AND IDEAS
Here are a few ideas linked to the School Games which could help you develop PE and School Sport within your school. With the support of your Sports Ambassadors these ideas will help you to work towards the School Games Mark Award criteria and Ofsted objectives linked to the Primary PE Premium Funding.

SCHOOL SPORTS ORGANISING COMMITTEE RESOURCES
Resources are available to help you set up your School Sports Organising Committee at the following link: http://www.yourschoolgames.com/logged-in-content/school-sport-organising-committees/ssoc-resources

PE AND SCHOOL SPORT CPD PROGRAMME – Book on the sport specific and generic PE and school sport courses through the variety of titles provided to support the development of school staff. Contact Karen Drake - Halton School Games Organiser karen.drake@halton.gov.uk Mobile 07584 508 632

SCHOOL GAMES REWARD & RECOGNITION BLOGGING OPPORTUNITIES - Log on to your School Games home page and upload your PE and School Sport blogs to receive reward and recognition prizes www.yourschoolgames.com. Why not give this as a task for your Sports Ambassadors.

SCHOOL GAMES NOTICE BOARDS – Again this could be something your Sports Ambassadors could have the task of developing and updating.

WWW.YOURSCHOOLGAMES.COM – UTILISING YOUR SCHOOL GAMES WEB PAGE - Why not set up a Hyperlink from your own schools website page to your School Games school page to share all your sports news.

For further details on the School Games visit www.yourschoolgames.com