

CRAMLINGTON & SEATON VALLEY SCHOOL GAMES Summer Term 2022-23

NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL GAMES #MAKEACTIVEMEMORIES

The School Games programme aims to provide all children with appropriate opportunities for them to create positive experiences of PE, sport and physical activity. For many young people, motivation comes from the opportunity to have fun and be active with their friends, and we were delighted for a second year to run a Northumberland School Games day at Alnwick Castle and The Alnwick Garden.



This year's event was named "#MakeActiveMemories", which is our new hashtag for School Games activity across the county. Participants were encouraged to take part in activities across the iconic site to develop physical, emotional and social skills. Activities included broomstick training, archery, roly poly hill, Dragon's Quest and teamwork challenges. Staff from Northburn Primary stated that "the children enjoyed every minute of the day especially getting absolutely soaking wet in the fountains!" Northumberland County Councillor, Guy Renner-Thompson, cabinet member for Inspiring Young People said: "It was fantastic to see young people from every corner of the county join together to enjoy a day of sport and activity. They've made friends, built confidence and had great fun and I hope it inspired them to have a more active summer."

Y4 BADMINTON

We were delighted to work again with Holly Robson of Badminton England to deliver a "Racket Pack" festival to groups of Y4 pupils from Seaton Delaval First, Cragside CofE Primary, Beaconhill Primary, Hareside Primary and Eastlea Primary. Targeted to help prepare pupils in Y4 for the transition from first to middle school in Seaton Valley, and into upper KS2 for the primary schools, participants took part in a range of fun activities, superbly led by Y7 & Y8 Sports Leaders from Whytrig Middle School.

Pupils from Y4 at Beaconhill Primary shared their thoughts after the event: "I enjoyed doing everything" (Maddie).

"I loved it all, the Y7 and Y8s were so nice and helpful" (Bobby).



SCHOOL GAMES FOOTBALL

There have been a number of opportunities for schools in Cramlington & Seaton Valley to be involved in football events during this summer term:

Y4 FOOTBALL

Cramlington Learning Village hosted our Y4 Football Festival in June. Players from Burnside, Cragside, Eastlea and Hareside took part in warm ups and fun skill activities, planned and delivered by the Y12 Sports Leaders from CLV. The teams also took part in boys' and girls' competitions. There were some close results with some fantastic football, great teamwork and support on display, and a lot of development seen, particularly in the girls' matches. Burnside were the overall winners of both competitions—congratulations to them and well done to all the players who represented their schools brilliantly at this event.



Held on a hot and sunny day, there was a great atmosphere at this event, made even better when Cramlington United treated everyone to ice lollies. Well done to all the teams, with particular mention to all the girls who put on a football kit or played as part of a football team for the very first time at this event.



Y7&8 FOOTBALL

Working with our neighbours in Blyth & Bedlington School Games area, Blyth Academy hosted a series of secondary football competitions. These one-off, friendly competitions were added to



the calendar for these year groups who may have missed out on opportunities over the past couple of years. Teams from Whytrig Middle went to competitions for both Y7&8 boys and girls, and CLV entered the Y7&8 boys' events. The Y7 boys' team from Whytrig finished as runners up in their competition—well done!

Y5&6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

For the second year, we held a competition for Y5&6 girls' football hosted by Cramlington United and refereed by Sports Leaders from CLV. Teams from Cragside, Cramlington Village, Whytrig, Hareside, Northburn, Eastlea, Beaconhill and Shanklea played each other in two pools. Shanklea 1, Northburn, Cragside and Hareside 1 progressed through to the semi finals, with Shanklea 1 and Hareside 1 then meeting in the final. With the score 0-0 at full time, the title was decided by a penalty shootout - Shanklea eventually winning 3-2 in the shootout. Congratulations to Shanklea!



QUADKIDS ATHLETICS

Quadkids Athletics for Y4 and Y6 pupils is a long established part of the School Games calendar. Teams of ten pupils take part in a long run (400m for Y4 and 600m for Y6), a sprint (50m for Y4 and 75m for Y6), howler throw and standing long jump. Every distance/time is converted into points for their team, similar to a heptathlon or decathlon.

The Cramlington & Seaton Valley competitions were held at Astley High School, led by their Y9&10 Sports Leaders. The top three teams from our area competitions then progressed to the county finals, which were held at KEVI in Morpeth and were attended by schools from across Northumberland.

Cramlington & Seaton Valley Results:

Position	Y4	Y6
1st	Cragside CofE Primary	Whytrig Middle 1
2nd	Burnside Primary	Hareside Primary
3rd	Cramlington Village Primary	Whytrig Middle 2

The Northumberland champions were Morpeth First in the Y4 competition and Newminster Middle for Y6.



Y4 TRI-GOLF

We welcomed Y3 and Y4 pupils from Holywell Village First and Cragside, Northburn, Eastlea, and Burnside Primaries to our Tri-Golf festival. At this event, pupils took part in 6 golf games, led by Y7&8 Sports Leaders from Whytrig Middle School. As well as challenging their golf skills and scoring points for their school team, the leaders were looking out for players who were demonstrating the School Games values—teamwork, self belief, respect, passion, honesty and determination—and pupils were rewarded with stickers if these values were spotted. Holywell were the winners of this event, with Eastlea in 2nd place and Burnside in 3rd.



NETBALL

We introduced a friendly netball tournament for Y5&6 pupils. The aim was for pupils who may not have had the opportunity to play netball against other teams to experience this before moving to secondary school or to play in KS3 leagues. The mixed competition was attended by Seaton Sluice Middle, Whytrig Middle, Cragside CofE Primary and Shanklea Primary schools, and involved a majority of players competing for the first time. The event was supported by Laura Nicholson, Netball Development Officer for Northumberland, who was delighted to see the pupils playing netball, working together and so keen to take part. We also had Sports Leaders from Astley HS who assisted with umpiring, and there were some older students helping to coach the Y6 teams. As this was a friendly tournament, we saw a lot of player development as the games progressed, with the more experienced players helping their team mates. Whytrig 2 were the winning team—well played!



YEAR 3 TENNIS

Cramlington Community Tennis Club hosted our Y3 Tennis Festival during July. 70 children from Hareside and Eastlea visited the tennis club and played fun tennis activities and games. The activities were led by Y9 Sports Leaders from Cramlington Learning Village, who had been specially trained by CCTP Head Coach Phil Barron before the event as “Tennis Leaders”. The leaders did a great job of making sure everyone was having fun and practising the different skills needed to play tennis.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Cramlington & Seaton Valley School Games programme in 2022-23 - PE Departments and PE coordinators, school SLTs, staff, parents, NGBs and community clubs.

Special thanks to all the Sports Leaders who have made running our events possible. It is fantastic watching you work enthusiastically with the young people, whilst developing your own confidence, organisation, and communication skills. Great job!



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