

BRADFORD SCHOOL GAMES



NEWSLETTER



September-December 2021

Dear reader, a big welcome to our first ever newsletter from the Bradford School Games Organiser Team which consists of a group of School Games Organiser's (SGO's) who deliver the School Games programme to Primary and Secondary Schools within Bradford and their local area.

What is the School Games?

The School Games, which is funded by Sport England National Lottery funding and delivered by the Youth Sport Trust with the support of 450 School Games Organisers in local areas around the country is a Government led programme designed to inspire young people in **Years 3-13** to be physically active for life through positive experiences of daily activity and competition.

School Games Vision

The School Games will continue to make a clear and meaningful difference to the lives of even more children and young people.

School Games Mission

Putting physical activity and competitive sport at the heart of schools and providing more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best

The School Games is currently going through a transitional year with a greater focus on 60 Active minutes being delivered each day within schools, targeted events towards young people who have suffered the greatest impact as a result of Covid-19, Transition, Young People's Voice and raising the profile of the programme to all school community members.

Schools can register to the School Games website for free here:

www.yourschoolgames.com



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Beckfoot School

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BRADFORD SGO TEAM



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60 ACTIVE MINUTES

Outcome 1: To maintain and grow school engagement' in the School Games and their delivery of 60 active minutes

Supporting schools to prioritise the delivery of 60 active minutes as an entitlement for every child to support improvements in their physical, emotional and social wellbeing

* Schools can be primary, secondary, special, alternative provision, bases/units and other educational settings inclusive of the independent sector

The focus of half term 1 for the Bradford SGO team was to support schools with the delivery of 60 active minutes by giving schools new ideas on how they can support this.

In **September** a virtual opportunity to get children active upon returning to school called 'Hit The Ground Running' in partnership with **Totally Runnable** was released to schools who could log school/class miles and track progress.



"Hit the ground running proved to be a positive way to engage those children who were less active. The children enjoyed clocking up the miles during breaktimes, lunchtimes and P.E. The children would compete against each other as well as other classes. Each Wednesday when the leader board was published the children would get excited to see their position. Hit the Ground Running has helped to engage those children who were less active. Over 240 children took part over the past 6 weeks".

Amanda (Sports Coordinator) – Girlington Primary School



THIS GIRL CAN

On Tuesday 11th November Year 7 and 8 girls from Bradford Girls Grammar school took part in a 'This Girl Can' event at the John Charles Centre for Sport



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Today Y7 & 8 pupils attended a @thisgirlcan event at @JCCS_Leeds organised by @yorkshiresport, taking part in skipping, yoga, pop pilates, army challenges & cricket. The focus on encouraging young girls to enjoy physical activity & be motivated to create a lifelong healthy habit.



"it was amazing and if another event like this takes place, I hope I get picked to go"

"the event was very tiring and fun at the same time. Would definitely recommend to others who like sports"



We were delighted to be working in partnership and developing our relationship across the district with [Skipping School Ltd](#). On the back of last year's successful West Yorkshire Skip into Summer Project, Primary Schools across Bradford were invited to bring Year 4 Children to attend Skipping Festivals hosted at **Bradford Grammar School**, led by **Jodi & Chris** and their team from **Skipping School Ltd**. The 2 festivals engaged 250 children of all abilities from across 12 Bradford Primary Schools in a fast paced and exciting 2hr session which challenged and inspired each young person to continue with skipping back in their school playgrounds and at home.

Primary Staff Skipping CPD
Friday 18th February 2022
9.30am-11.30am
Hanson School

Contact your local SGO to register

"The children thoroughly enjoyed learning to skip. It was accessible for all of the children as we started with the basics of how to hold the skipping rope and when to jump. Even children who were sceptical at first said they enjoyed their afternoon on the way back to school"



LOW ASH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

"We would just like to say thank you for inviting Low Ash Primary to the skipping festival, children and staff absolutely loved it. There were a lot of children that attended which found skipping very difficult, but after taking part in the festival, they came away much more confident. The skipping instructors were very enthusiastic and the Techniques taught, were great. After taking part in the skipping festival, it has definitely encouraged the children to skip a lot more.

We are also planning on having a "skipping zone" in the school playgrounds, where children are able to go and practice their skipping at breaks and dinners.

So again, thank you and we hope to attend more events like this in the near future!"

Karl (PE Lead) – Low Ash Primary school

Ian (teacher)
Victoria Primary School - Keighley



INCLUSION

SCHOOL GAMES



Outcome 2: To create positive experiences to ensure physical activity and competition provision is designed to reflect the motivation, competence and confidence of young people and has clear intent



Targeting young people who need the intervention most (particularly but not exclusively those from low socio economic backgrounds, minority ethnic groups, SEND, girls) to improve their physical literacy, social, emotional and physical wellbeing

Panathlon gives thousands of young people with disabilities and special needs every year the opportunity to take part in competitive sport



We were also very excited to have back on the calendar our Bradford School Games Primary Panathlon event for KS2. This took place at Zara Sports Centre on Monday 29th November. The event was delivered by Chris Sugden of the Panathlon challenge team, supported by young leaders from Belle Vue Girls Academy.



<https://panathlon.com/>



"Thanks to all involved for the Panathlon on Monday the kids really enjoyed it and are looking forward to getting their medals presented to them again on Friday in celebration assembly"

Chris - (Active Learning Coach/PE Coordinator - St Philip's CE Primary Academy)

INCLUSIVE PE WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 7th December 23 members of staff from Primary and Secondary schools from across Bradford attended a workshop focused on Inclusive PE at Tong Leadership Academy. The aim of the workshop was to improve confidence, knowledge and skill in challenging, progressing and including all pupils within curriculum PE.



Tong
Leadership Academy



SANTA DASH

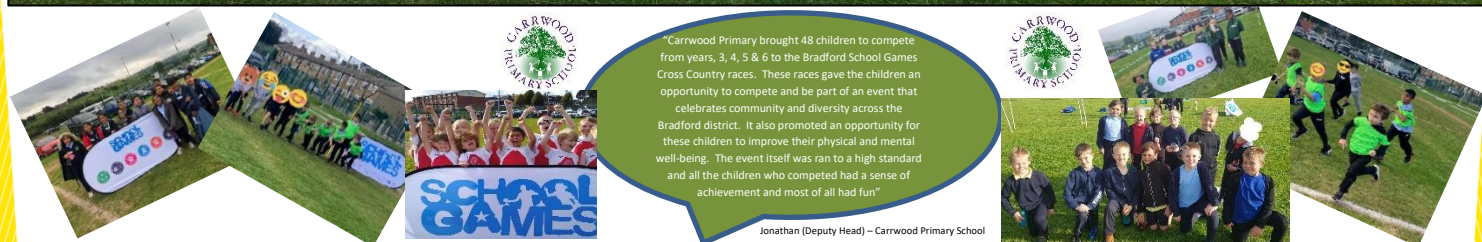
Schools were encouraged to take part in the National School Games Santa Dash on Friday 10th December. The aim was to connect thousands of young people across the country by taking part in the Santa Dash at the same time. Schools were encouraged to post photos and tag their SGO on social media using the hashtags #santasmiles and #SantaDash.

SCHOOL GAMES COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Cross Country

To compliment the virtual 'Hit the Ground Running' Challenge and bearing in mind the possible influence of covid-19, the Bradford School Games Team decided that Cross Country was the safest and best way to start the academic year in terms of a face-to-face competition. Being a pathway event and in line with the new School Games outcomes, this event was targeted at children who are either a member of a school/external running club or excel in sports to attract the best runners in Bradford.

Over 1000 runners from across Bradford Primary schools in years 3-6 descended on Beckfoot Thornton during 4 days of races. It was a fantastic start to the competition calendar and the Bradford District Finals which will formulate the selection of Bradford runners to take part in the West Yorkshire School Games Cross Country Finals is taking place on **Monday 10th January 2022** - again at Beckfoot Thornton.



Wharfedale Harriers – Off road events/Fell & Cross Country Running

Silsden Park, 6.30pm on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Mondays for younger athletes aged 7 and up, Tuesdays for year 5 through to secondary school ages. For more details, and to check if we have spaces please contact: Chris Jones: wharfedaleharriersjuniors@gmail.com

Peco XC league

Primarily aimed at runners who belong to a club, but the junior races are in fact open to anyone. There are a series of races throughout the winter months. More details and to enter at <https://pecoxc.co.uk/>

Quarry Runs

Wharfedale Harriers and take place on Penistone Hill (Haworth), around the old quarries. Open to children from age 6 upwards. These races can be entered on the day <http://www.wharfedaleharriers.co.uk/events/quarry-runs/>

North Bradford Primary Schools Cross Country League

15 Primary Schools competing in the league, but there is always room for more. Separate race for Years 3-4 Girls, 3-4 Boys, 5-6 Girls and 5-6 Boys.

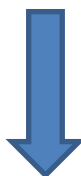
Venues

Northcliffe Playing Fields, Shipley
Baildon CE Primary School, which was a new venue for us.

Our first meeting in 2022 will be at Bradford Grammar School on Thursday March 10, and the second at Sandal School, Baildon, on Thursday March 24. Both meetings begin at 4.15 p.m., as does the relay meeting on Thursday April 7.

If anyone would like further details please contact Tony Kingham (tonykingham@bluevonder.co.uk)

We have also circulated lots of competitive opportunities outside of the School Games for both Primary and Secondary Schools which we have collated in the table below



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Yorkshire Sport Foundation	Yorkshire Sport Foundation	Various	Primary & Secondary		www.yorkshiresport.org/what-we-do/in-education/school-games/wywg/

**BRADFORD PRIMARY SCHOOLS
CROSS COUNTRY FINALS**

Monday 10th January 2022



INCLUSION



2nd Panathlon Challenge

Monday 14th February

Zara Sports Centre

BRADFORD PE CONFERENCE – TUESDAY 1ST FEB 2022

CANCELLED

Virtual PE Conference taking place – 30th March 2022



Any schools who initially signed up will receive a full refund

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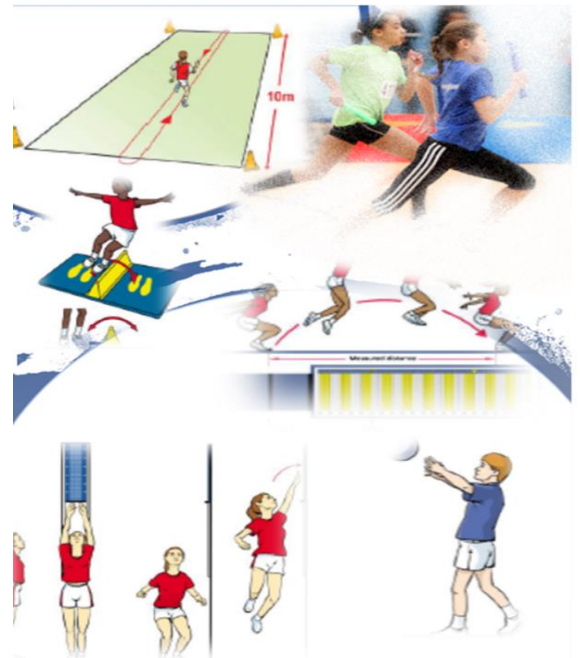
KS2-KS4 Disability Sportshall Athletics

(Venue TBC)

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

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YOUR SCHOOL GAMES ORGANISER WILL BE IN TOUCH ABOUT HOW THEY WILL BE DELIVERING THIS IN YOUR SCHOOL GAMES AREA



BIRMINGHAM 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES LEGACY



EACH SGO WILL BE LOOKING AT THEIR OWN SPECIFIC AREAS NEEDS AND WANTS AND WORKING ON TARGETED PROVISION FOR THEIR AREAS AND WORKING ON A COMMONWEALTH LEGACY