



ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM 2012

To: ESTTA County Secretaries & Officials, School Games Organisers/Development Managers -
ETTA Regional Development Managers, Schools -
and to all who have an interest in the development of School Based Table Tennis

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Welcome to 2012!

Citius, Altius, Fortius ~ Swifter, Higher, Stronger

IV Olympiad – London 1908 ~ ~ ~ XIV Olympiad ~ London 1948

***** LONDON 2012: Olympic & Paralympic Games *****

“London’s vision is to reach young people all around the world, to connect them with the inspirational power of the Games, so that they are inspired to choose sport”... Lord Coe.

The School Games

All change – nothing ever seems to be easy in educational circles. Last year was no exception with a change in policy for the funding and delivery of competitive sport in schools. Many NGBs/SSAs, including ETTA/ESTTA, enjoyed the support from Competition Managers working in School Sport Partnerships who were driving competition forward, based upon frameworks devised by Governing Bodies.

However, the Government’s new policy for school sport is now up and running. We look forward to building good relationships with the 450 School Games Organisers (SGOs) who are supported by teacher release staff working in schools with the backing of Local Organising Committees (LOCs).

ESTTA/ETTA have devised School Games Level 1/2 competition and activity cards for Intra/Inter-school use in Primary/Secondary schools. These can be found and downloaded from the Sports section of the School Games website (www.yourschoolgames.com).

Table tennis is one of 24 sports featured in the programme for the Autumn Term 2011. Other sports will come on board throughout 2012. The website will eventually host a page for each school in the country on which they can illustrate their commitment to and involvement in sport. Each sport will also have a page, allowing them to flag up development opportunities on their own websites. More information about roles and responsibilities of SGOs and LOCs can also be found on The School Games website.



The Butterfly Schools' League Project – what is it?

With sponsorship from Butterfly and Sports Match funding from Sport England, ESTTA has been able to produce Toolkits for Table Tennis Schools' League Organisers.

The 250 free kits, including a trophy, starter set of balls, certificates, posters, stickers, match templates and an Organiser's handbook have all been claimed by former Competition Managers (134) and new School Games Organisers (116). We are receiving excellent feedback about leagues which have been set up in Partnerships around the country. **These leagues clearly meet the criteria for Level 2 of the Government's School Games Policy.**

An additional 80 Organiser's Packs (certificates, stickers, templates and Organiser's handbook) have also been claimed – **there are still about 40 of these packs remaining.** These are primarily designed for Organiser's who do not have experience of table tennis themselves, but are keen to organise a league.

Press Cutting Competition

The 2010/11 Press Cutting Competition was well supported by schools, players and their parents. We are delighted that once again Butterfly provided prizes which have been awarded to the following:

- St. Bede's RC High School, Blackburn (Dave Pilkington)
- Taverham Hall Preparatory School, Northwich (Alexandra Crossley)
- Great Wood Primary School, Morecambe (Megan Dillon)
- Ponteland Community Middle School, Newcastle upon Tyne (Christopher Jeffrey)
- Royal Russell School, Croydon (James Smith)

(Consolation prizes have also been sent to other entrants)

Publicity is good for your school, your Partnership, your County, ESTTA, Butterfly and table tennis! **Why not enter this year's competition?**

ESTTA Yearbook – Change of Contact Details

London West – the new County Secretary is Ashley Stokes.

Contact details – Tel: 07506 245374. E-mail: astokes@capitalcityacademy.com

ETTA Regional Development Manager (North East) – Tony Taylor. New mobile – 07855 536361.

New ETTA Regional Development Manager (London) – Harry Peacock

Contact details – Tel: TBC (see ESTTA website). E-mail: hpeacock@etta.co.uk

Butterfly National School Team Championships – Changes to Zone Final Venues

Zone 1 – Northfield School now on both **Saturday and Sunday** (14th/15th January 2012)

Zone 2 – Bradford **Girls'** Grammar School plus new venue at **Keighley Table Tennis Centre** (Sunday)

Zone 4 – Bedford Modern School plus possible new additional venue TBC.

All other Zones unchanged. These changes have been necessary to find additional table space to accommodate this year's entry. Richard Hudson will notify individual schools who are affected but always check the ESTTA website for the latest information including a list of all entrants.

2012 School Games – London, 6th/9th May 2012

Plans are now well advanced for this new National multi-sport residential event (which replaces the UK School Games).

Teams from Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and five English Regions will be taking part in Boys' Team, Girls' Team and Disability Team events. Because of time constraints this year, there will not be Individual Competitions.

Table tennis will be staged on 7th/8th May 2012 at the London ExCeL Arena along with seven other sports but all competitors will have the opportunity to visit the Olympic Park. For your information, the ExCeL Arena will host the table tennis event at the Olympic Games.

International School Sport Federation (ISF) World Schools' Table Tennis Championships
31st March / 6th April 2012 – Cagliari, Sardinia

Congratulations to the girls from Morpeth School and the boys from The Harefield Academy who have been selected to represent ESTTA in the School Team sections of these Championships.

Congratulations also to Adam Harrison (The King's School, Grantham), Liam McTiernan (Waingels College, Reading), Igor Morais (West London Academy), Helshan Weerasinghe (The Judd School, Tonbridge), Emily Bates (Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School), Tin Tin Ho (City of London School for Girls), Vicky Smith (Devonport High School for Girls) and Emma Torkington (King's School, Canterbury) who have been invited to represent ESTTA in the Selected Team events.

They will be joined by teams from: Belgium Flanders, Bulgaria, China PR, Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Puerto Rico, Slovak Republic and Turkey.

Footnote

I cannot think of a time when there have been so many opportunities within schools' table tennis.

- More resources to promote grass roots development
- Inclusive activities, not just those for the talented
- Well presented and exciting events
- A structure to progress through Intra and Inter-school sport to County Individual and Team events which lead to National Championships
- International events for school and selected teams

I hope these opportunities will be maximised through the efforts of all those in table tennis working closely together. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Let 2012 be the year in which strong foundations are laid to build a lasting legacy for table tennis as a leading school sport.

Finally – please let us know if:

- You no longer wish to remain on the ESTTA mailing list
- Your contact details are inaccurate (**particularly if you are a new SGO**)
- You know of any schools actively involved in table tennis who might wish to be added to the ESTTA database, please send their full contact details to the e-mail address below.

Keep in touch www.estta.org.uk

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