



ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

SUMMER NEWSLETTER – 2013

Roll of Honour – 2012/13

Butterfly National School Team Champions

- Under 19 Boys Calday Grange Grammar School, West Kirby (Merseyside)
- Under 19 Girls Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School (Lincolnshire)
- Under 16 Boys London Academy, Edgware (London North)
- Under 16 Girls Northfield School & Sports College, Billingham (Cleveland)
- Under 13 Boys The Bushey Academy (Hertfordshire)
- Under 13 Girls Falmouth School (Cornwall)
- Under 11 Boys Victoria Dock Primary School, Kingston upon Hull (Humber)
- Under 11 Girls Great Wood Primary School, Morecambe (Lancashire)

Butterfly National Individual Champions

- Under 19 Boys Liam McTiernan – Waingels College, Reading (Berkshire)
- Under 19 Girls Emma Tovey – Mayfield Grammar School, Gravesend (Kent)
- Under 16 Boys Helshan Weerasinghe – The Judd School, Tonbridge (Kent)
- Under 16 Girls Tin-Tin Ho – City of London School for Girls (London East)
- Under 13 Boys Tom Jarvis – Skegness Grammar School (Lincolnshire)
- Under 13 Girls Denise Payet – Enfield County School (London North)
- Under 11 Boys Amirul Hussain – Greenacre Junior, Oldham (Gt. Manchester)
- Under 11 Girls Gracie Firkins-Edwards – Holland Park Primary School, Clacton on Sea (Essex)

The Association and their sponsors, Butterfly, congratulate the above teams and individuals and thank all those who have contributed in any way to their success.

Photographs for viewing and purchase, taken by the ESTTA Official Photographer, can be found on <http://www.photoboxgallery.com/tedcottrell> in two sections - ESTTA Hinckley 2013 and ESTTA Doncaster 2013. To access click on 'View Collection' and enter the password 'whiffwhaff'. Ted Cottrell can be contacted on tedcottrell@mac.com.

Congratulations also to ESTTA representatives at the ...

British Primary International – Dublin, Ireland – 5th/7th April 2013

- England Boys' Team – 1st place (Gold medallists)
- England Girls' Team – 2nd place (Silver medallists)
- England Boys' Individual – Tom McIntosh & Ethan Walsh – 3rd place



Website – www.estta.org.uk

What can you find on the website today?

- Results of the 2013 Butterfly School Team & Individual Championships.
- Results from the British Primary Schools' Table Tennis Championships held in Dublin.
- Photo Gallery – including photographs from the above events.
- Up-to-date Contact information/Calendar/News.

Championships – Facts & Figures

- This has been a bumper year for ESTTA competitions with 271 teams taking part in the Butterfly School Team Zone Finals. The 32 teams qualifying for the National Finals represented 29 different schools from 20 ESTTA counties.
- The Butterfly Schools' Individual Championships, held at Doncaster, attracted a huge entry of 313 players who played 810 individual matches. This is still clearly the largest one-day table tennis event in the country. The size of entry has increased so much over recent years that the 2014 event moves to a new larger venue – Tipton Leisure Centre, Sandwell, West Midlands – where play can be held on 24 tables with an additional bank of tables available for practice.

Help – Are your Players in the Correct Age Group?

We do not ask for birth certificates or passports but we do ask that care is taken for members of teams and individuals to meet the age eligibility rules for both events.

In the Individual event (see Individual Championship Rule 4F):

- Under 11 (Year 6 and younger) may play in U11 and U13 events (but **NOT** in U16 or U19 events).
- Under 13 (Year 7 & 8) may play in U13 and U16 events (but **NOT** in U19).
- Under 16 (Year 9, 10 & 11) may play in U16 and U19 events.
- Under 19 (Year 12 & above) may play only in U19 events.

In the Team events (see Team Championship Rules):

- Each school shall be required to name eligible players, with dates of birth, in ranked order on Form T3 (Rule 7E).
- This may be amended **BUT** no player may play in more than one age group in the same season (Rule 9A) i.e. Once having taken part, a player is team tied.
- Finally, at each stage of the championships, at least one playing member of each team **MUST** be competing in the youngest event for which he or she is eligible (Rule 9B) e.g. An Under 19 team **MUST** have at least one playing member of the team who is **ineligible** for U16/U13/U11 events.

The help of County Secretaries is sought to see that teams and individuals strictly adhere to the above regulations. This year, ineligible players have played either knowingly or by default in the wrong age groups. This is unfair to other players and teams and unacceptable to the English Schools' Table Tennis Association.

Reminder – Ages shall be reckoned as at midnight on 31st August/1st September 2013 (for the **2013/14 season**. i.e. Any pupil born on or after 1st September 1994 will be eligible for the Under 19 event (Team Championships Rule 4 – Individual Championship Rule 3).

Now for something different – Ping Pong Care Campaign

ESTTA has been asked to give the following information from BRITDOC. **PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO THE MOST APPROPRIATE PERSON AT SCHOOL** (e.g. Deputy Head, Head of English, PHSE Co-ordinator, Community Outreach Co-ordinator, Teacher i/c Table Tennis).

“You are invited to become involved in a National campaign to challenge stereotypes of older people amongst our youth. **What does it involve?**”

Ping Pong (www.pingpongfilm.co.uk) is a documentary film following eight over-80's World Table Tennis Championship competitors that blast through conceptions of what older people can achieve!

We have a **FREE Lesson Plan** for Key Stage 3 English, based around the ***Ping Pong*** film, which we would like you to use in your school this year. The lesson builds key skills and ties to National Curriculum objectives. Written by teachers for teachers.

There is the potential for intergenerational **Extra-Curricular Activity** involving young people and older people watching the film and/or playing ‘ping pong’ together. Perhaps you could work together between the English and PE departments to host an evening of activity?

We are looking for schools close to these areas as a priority: Middlesbrough, Liverpool, Leeds, Nottingham, Cambridge, Exeter, London, Brighton and Birmingham. **Please do get in touch if you are outside these areas but would still like to get involved.**

How can you get involved? If you would like to use the lesson plan and clips in your class, host a screening in your school **OR** hook up your pupils with older people, do please get in touch with us. We have a range of resources available for your school to get you involved in this national initiative.

The Ping Pong Care Campaign is brought to you by the BRITDOC Foundation, working alongside the English Table Tennis Association.

To contact us, just email Gemma Barron gemma@britdoc.org, with the email subject: ‘Ping Pong Care Campaign’

Please include: Your name, school and area in the UK.”

Calendar – Important Dates for your Diary 2013/14

- 28th/30th June 2013 – Home Countries Schools’ International – Isle of Man.
- 12th/15th September 2013 – Sainsbury’s School Games National Final – Sheffield.
- October/November 2013 – ESTTA County Qualifying Competitions (please will County Secretaries fix a date for their events as soon as possible and inform schools and School Games Organisers well in advance).
- 18th/19th January 2014 – Butterfly School Team Zone Finals.
- 22nd/23rd February 2014 – Butterfly School Team Regional Finals.
- 22nd March 2014 – Butterfly School Team Championship Finals – Hinckley.
- 4th/10th April 2014 – International School Sport Federation (ISF) World Schools’ Table Tennis Championships – France. (Provisional date – tbc)
- 5th/6th April 2014 – Primary Schools’ International – Jersey.
- 26th April 2014 – Butterfly Schools’ Individual Championships – Tipton.
- 27th/29th June 2014 – Home Countries School International – Wales.

On the Education Front

It will not have escaped your notice that changes in the Education sector are coming thick and fast. These include:

- The expansion of the **Academies** Programme and creation of **Free Schools**. Academies will enjoy greater freedom from Local Authority control and around the delivery of the curriculum, the ability to change the lengths of terms and school days and to set their own pay and conditions for staff.
- The publication of 'Beyond 2012 – Outstanding Physical Education for All' – an Ofsted report on Physical Education and School Sport (14th Feb. 2013) which provides an overview of pupils' achievement, the quality of teaching and management, identifies common weaknesses but highlights what effective schools have done to overcome these.
- The Government's publication of a new draft National Curriculum Framework which sets out priorities for a range of subject areas including Physical Education & School Sport in which much greater emphasis is given to team games and competitive sports.
- The announcement by the Government of a package of funding through a new 'Sport Premium' of £150m in each of the next two school years to support the delivery of PE & Sport in Primary schools. The funding will be ring-fenced and allocated through a lump sum – a typical primary school will receive around £9250 each year.

The Youth Sport Trust has published a comprehensive guide to help schools make the most of their funding. This is in the form of a Special Edition of Sporting Start: Government School Sport Announcement on primary school funding. See www.youthsporttrust.org (How can we help – guide to Government funding). Additional funding was announced at the same time including £1.5m to allow County Sport Partnerships to support National Governing Bodies of Sport. Sport England has already started consultations with NGBs to agree strategic outcomes for the use of this funding to assist those wanting to take the opportunity to promote their Primary Schools' offer to Headteachers in line with local needs. While these discussions are taking place, I would urge School Games Organisers and all Secondary Schools to make Primary Schools in their clusters aware of the well established **Butterfly 'More Schools' Project** material developed to introduced table tennis activities to schools with little or no equipment or knowledge of the sport. **An ideal package for Primary Schools**. This is all free to download from the ESTTA website www.estta.org.uk under Development – Butterfly 'More Schools' Project and includes Handbook, Templates and Activity Cards.

Press Cutting Competition

This annual competition is open to all schools, Partnerships, Counties and individuals. Send in your Press Reports, Web articles and Newsletters to our Chairman, John Blackband, highlighting your involvement in table tennis during the 2012/13 season to win valuable prizes donated by Butterfly.

And finally – please let us know if:

- You no longer wish to remain on the ESTTA mailing list or your contact details are inaccurate.
- You know of any school actively involved in table tennis who might wish to be added to the ESTTA database, please send their full contact details by e-mail to the address below.