NEWCASTLE EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

FACTS AND FIGURES 2016-17

hoops 4 health

117 schools participated
up 18 on last year

6,564 young people took part

council finals

champion of champions final

NEWCASTLE EAGLES WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

25-30 schools with more than...

400 children participating

15 junior players
some of which have represented the North East at the junior championships

10 new adult players

1 national league team

49 weekly clubs or after school sites

49 club teams compete within our junior league

16 little dribblers club school sites in Gateshead

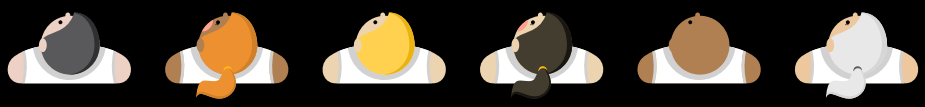
40 mini-eagles

more than **7000** volunteer hours donated this season

7 foundation trustees

9 full time staff

40 part time staff



our clubs cater from 5 years old to senior age groups

change 4 Life

9 extra-curricular school clubs established within the East End of Newcastle

438 young people have attended

up 48% on last year

0:3 times or more

46 academy players

86 beneficiaries of governing body qualifications

all the BBL squad players deliver Hoops4Health roadshows

ZERO core-funding

INTRODUCTION

We are proud of everything that has been achieved by the work of the Eagles Community Foundation (ECF) across the 2016-17 year.

ECF is a true partnership project, working in tandem with local authorities, colleges, universities, funding partners and a huge network of volunteering families to deliver an infrastructure that offers participation opportunities for people of all ages across the region.

Our work is seen as a case study of good practice within and outside our sport and by local and national government partners in sport delivery - long may this continue.

This annual report will give you a flavour of the breadth and depth of interventions we deliver on a daily basis, amounting to over 200 sessions per week of delivery almost year round.

I would like to dedicate this annual report to our General Manager Deirdre Tozer-Hayes, who after seventeen years of dedication to the Eagles took the decision to move back to USA to bring up her beautiful twin girls. Thank you Deirdre for all the hard work, dedication and passion over the years you brought to the Eagles you will be missed.

Paul Blake
Chair of the Trustees

TRUSTEES

Alan Younger, Dave Forrester, Eric Wilson, Jeff King, Malcolm Dix, Paul Blake and Su Cumming.

On behalf of the Eagles Community Foundation, thank you to all of our Board of Trustees for their commitment this year.

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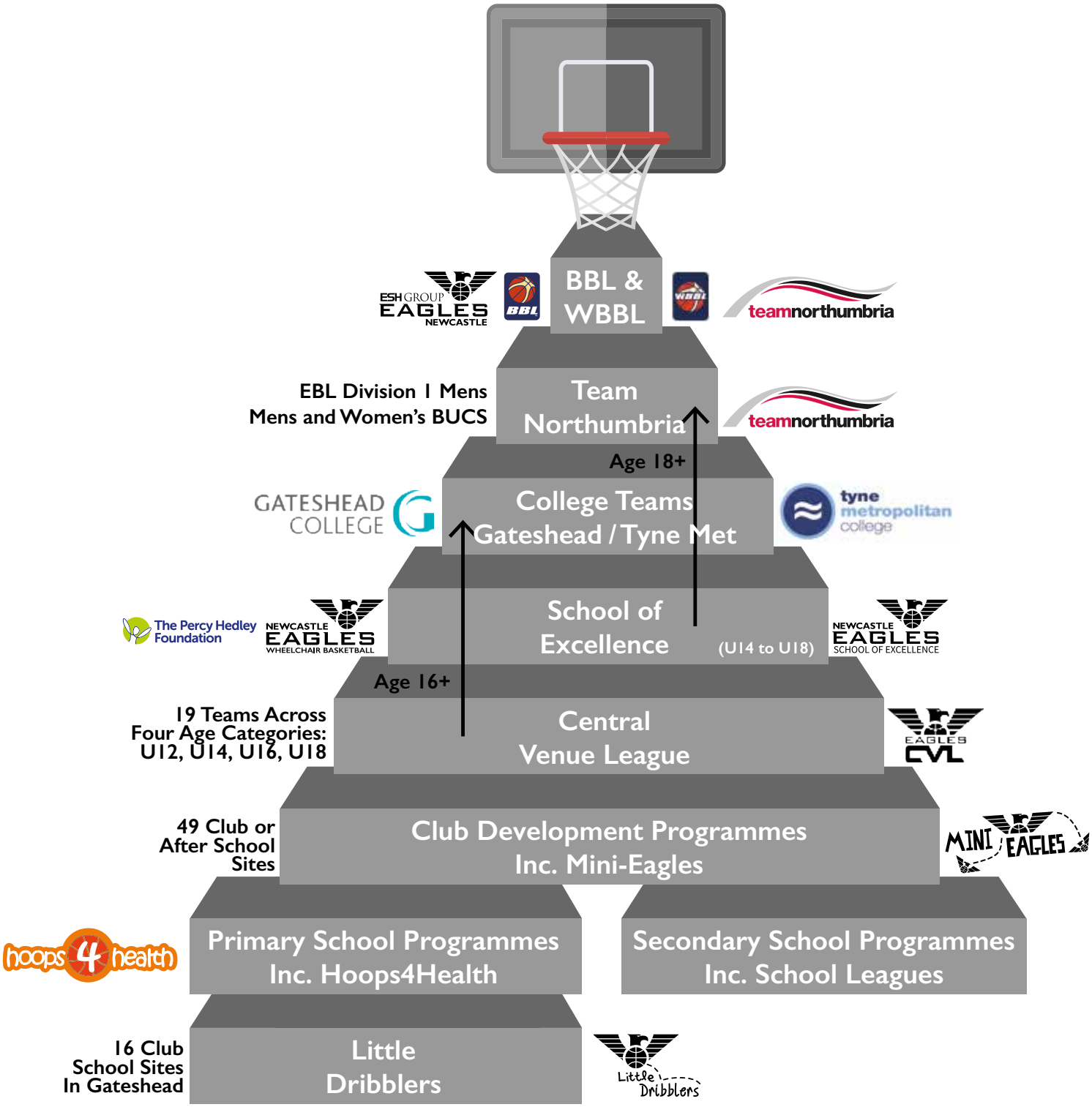
FOUNDATION PLAYER PATHWAY



PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

LITTLE DRIBBLERS

Little Dribblers was a fantastic success across the 2016-17 academic year, with 21 Primary Schools in Gateshead committing to the program and over 1,000 children aged between 5 and 8 years old receiving basketball coaching for the very first time.

The concept of the program is based around delivering introductory stage basketball to key stage 1 children (years 1 and 2). As part of the package, Eagles Community Foundation equipped the schools with mini basketballs and two 6ft basketball hoops. Weekly sessions were delivered either across the curriculum or as part of an after school program.

The focus of the coaching across this age group was aligned with the players' developmental and age appropriate needs, specifically ball familiarity, handling, dribbling and ensuring the children have a ball each for the majority of the session. All of the sessions incorporated the most enjoyable side of the game to any young player: plenty of shooting. It was also important to run only small sided games in order to maximise each child's contact time on the ball and therefore ensure enjoyment and achievement for all.

Once all the sessions had been delivered the children from each of the schools were invited to an Eagles home game where they were presented with a medal in front of the match night supporters. The children then all received a photo with the Eagles team at the end of the match with their medals.

It is the objective of the ECF to now expand this programme across the rest of the region.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS 2016-17:

- Brandling
- Caedmon
- Emmaville
- Riverside
- Crookhill
- Ryton Infants
- Harlow Green
- Dunston Hill
- Kells Lane
- St Peter's RCVA
- Kelvin Grove
- Larkspur
- Glynwood
- Lobley Hill
- Oakfield Infants
- Oakfield Juniors
- Portobello
- Ravensworth Terrace
- St.Joseph's RC
- Wardley

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

MINI EAGLES

In October 2016 we launched a 'Mini Eagles' satellite club based at Emmanuel College.

The sessions were a huge success, engaging children between the ages of 5 and 9 with fun, inclusive basketball sessions. The sessions were based around the children's developmental needs for their age group, with a strong emphasis placed on skill development, technique, ball handling and the most enjoyable part of the game: shooting!

The sessions grew in numbers quickly and provided a strong blueprint for the delivery of the mini-Eagles satellite model moving forward. More pertinently, the programme encouraged many of the children to progress into our existing Gateshead club sites at Cardinal Hornets, Kingsmeadow Royals and Ryton Rockets, and continue their basketball journey in a more structured and formal environment where they receive more technical coaching and take their learning to the next level.

The sessions culminated in an invitation to a Newcastle Eagles match, where the group received medals before the game and met the Eagles players at the end for a group photograph!

There is now a brand new mini-Eagles session at Gateshead Leisure Centre, which will follow the same format. The ultimate objective of mini-Eagles is to develop players with the ability to think for themselves on the court, express themselves and their abilities, and not be afraid to make mistakes on the court without which learning cannot take place.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

HOOPS 4 HEALTH

INTRODUCTION

The Hoops 4 Health programme has engaged with over a hundred primary or middle schools over the academic year.

The messages continued on the health themes of Sugar content and how to look after your teeth, Fitness and looking after your body, the importance of hydration and basketball. This year in Gateshead we also included a stereotyping station, working with the young people on issues around hate crime within communities.

The partners involved during the year included:

- Esh Foundation
- Change4Life
- Gateshead Housing Company
- Newcastle City Council
- North Tyneside Council
- Northumbria Healthcare Trust Hospital Volunteer Service
- Northumbrian Water
- Tesco Bank

These partners along with the schools themselves have enabled more than 6,417 young people to make informed decisions on the health choices as they move in to teenage years and secondary school.

This 2016-17 academic year for the first time we engaged 43 primary or middle schools to participate in a year 6 programme in addition to the long-standing year 5 one.

All schools involved within the Hoops 4 Health programme received a roadshow, followed by four hours of coaching from a community coach or development officer, a chance to participate within their council tournament with each of the councils the four winners then progressing to the home of the Newcastle Eagles to play on the home court before and at half time of a game.

Hoops 4 Health programmes run across six local education authorities:

- Gateshead
- Newcastle
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

PARTICIPATION NUMBERS: YEAR 5

GATESHEAD

SCHOOL	
Bede Primary	42
Brandling Primary	36
Crookhill Community Primary	50
Dunston Hill Community Primary	56
Emmaville Primary	36
Falla Park Community Primary	30
Fell Dyke Community Primary	40
Front Street Primary	60
Glynwood Community Primary	26
Greenside Community Primary	26
Harlow Green Primary	51
Kells Lane Primary	115
Kelvin Grove Primary	78
Larkspur Community Primary	52
Oakfield Junior	60
Ryton Junior	100
St Peter's RC Voluntary Aided	60
TOTAL	**918**

PARTICIPATION NUMBERS YEAR 5 - CONTINUED...

NEWCASTLE

SCHOOL	
Bridgewater Primary	32
Broadwood Primary	90
Byker Primary	113
Canning Street Primary	60
Central Walker C of E Primary	40
Gosforth Central Middle	125
Gosforth East Middle	120
Gosforth Junior High Academy	180
Hadrian	40
Hilton Primary	60
St. Alban's RC Primary	57
St Bede's RC Primary	61
St. John's Primary	60
St. Lawrence's RC Primary	53
St Oswalds RC Primary	60
St. Paul's C of E Primary	31
St. Vincent's RC Primary	58
Stocksfield Avenue Primary	120
Walbottle Village Primary	33
Walkergate Primary	79
Welbeck Primary	101
West Walker Primary	43
Wingrove Primary	120
Tyneview Primary	29
TOTAL	**1765**

NORTHUMBERLAND

SCHOOL	
Bede Academy	90
Burnside Primary	60
Cramlington Shanklea Primary	50
Malvin's Close Primary	120
Morpeth Chantry Middle	120
Morpeth Newminster Middle	120
Richard Coates C of E Middle	120
Stobhillsgate First	60
Tweedmouth Community Middle	73
TOTAL	**813**

NORTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Balliol Primary	38
Battlehill Primary	60
Bamburgh	17
Beaconhill Community Primary	30
Benton Dene Primary	40
Carville Primary	50
Christ Church C of E Primary	27
Collingwood Primary	90
Denbigh Primary	60
Grassmere Academy	24
Ivy Road Primary	27
Keelsman Way	40
King Edward Primary	60
Percy Hedley Secondary	40
Preston Grange Primary	90
Richardson Dees Primary	60
Sir Charles Parsons	60
Spring Gardens Primary	52
St Bartholomew C of E Primary	53
St Columba's RC Primary	58
Star of the Sea CofE Primary	120
Stephenson Memorial	114
Southlands	40
Wellfield Middle	62
Woodlawn Primary	26
TOTAL	**1338**

SOUTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Bede Burn Primary	60
Biddick Hall Junior	115
Cleadon Village C of E Primary	122
East Boldon Junior	60
Forest View Primary	70
Hadrian Primary	42
Harton Primary	90
Holy Trinity C of E Academy	29
Ridgeway Primary	56
Stanhope Primary	60
St Bede's RC VA Primary	30
St Oswald's RCVA Primary	60
TOTAL	**794**

SUNDERLAND

SCHOOL	
Barnes Junior	84
East Herrington Primary	62
Farringdon Academy	120
Hill View Junior	115
Hudson Road Primary	67
Mill Hill Primary	54
New Silksworth Junior	49
Richard Avenue Primary	120
Seaburn Dene Primary	59
St Cuthbert's RC Voluntary Aided	29
Wessington Primary	30
TOTAL	**789**

YEAR 5 PARTICIPANTS: 6,417

PARTICIPATION NUMBERS YEAR 6

GATESHEAD

SCHOOL	
Bede Primary	27
Front Street Primary	60
Glynwood Primary	57
Harlow Green Primary	58
Kells Lane Primary	60
Kelvin Grove Primary	24
St Peter's RCVA Primary	30
TOTAL	**316**

NEWCASTLE

SCHOOL	
Bridgewater Primary School	31
Canning Street Primary School	55
Farne Primary School	28
Gosforth Central Middle School	30
Gosforth East Middle School	120
Gosforth Junior Middle School	25
St Bede's RC Primary School	31
St John's Primary School	15
St Paul's CE Primary School	29
Stocksfield Avenue Primary School	60
Walbottle Primary School	12
TOTAL	**436**

NORTHUMBERLAND

SCHOOL	
Malvin's Close Primary School	60
TOTAL	**60**

NORTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Balliol Primary School	30
Christ Church CofE Primary School	30
Ivy Road Primary School	15
King Edwards Primary School	60
Preston Grange Primary School	30
St Bartholomews Primary School	30
St Columba's RC Primary School	30
Stephenson Memorial Primary School	60
Wellfield Middle School	60
Whitehouse Primary School	25
TOTAL	**370**

SOUTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Cleadon Village CofE Primary School	60
Forest View Primary School	30
Hadrian Primary School	30
Harton Primary School	90
Ridgeway Primary School	16
Stanhope Primary School	30
Biddick Hall Primary School	60
St Aloysius RCVA Junior School	60
Bede Burn Primary School	60
TOTAL	**436**

SUNDERLAND

SCHOOL	
Hill View	118
TOTAL	**118**

YEAR 6 PARTICIPANTS: 1,736

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The programme is broken down into five stages which are delivered in schools, regional venues and at the home court of our BBL team.

Every part of the programme is delivered by the Eagles Community Foundation and these stages will be explained in further depth in the following pages.

STAGE 1
ROADSHOWS

STAGE 2
COACHING

STAGE 3
TOURNAMENTS

STAGE 4
TOURNAMENT FINALS

STAGE 5
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS
YEAR 5 ONLY

STAGE 1 - ROADSHOWS

INTRODUCTION
MAIN HALL

FITNESS
20 MINUTES

TEETH AND SUGAR
20 MINUTES

BASKETBALL
20 MINUTES

STEREOTYPING
(GATESHEAD ONLY)
20 MINUTES

WATER
20 MINUTES

ROUND-UP
MAIN HALL

A healthy living roadshow is held within each of the schools and is delivered during an afternoon with four Eagles players in attendance.

The afternoon commences with an introduction to the roadshow in the school gym by the Eagles players announcing who they are and what healthy living stations they will be delivering.

FITNESS

The young people are asked numerous questions about certain human body parts; heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. They are asked why each of the body parts are important and what their function is. We also talk about how to monitor your heart rate through your pulse, all of the young people are shown how to do this and go on to check whilst they are sitting and after exercise. The young people are guided by the Eagles players as to why it is important to stay healthy with weekly exercise. During this station they also took part in a 5 minute cardiovascular exercise regime such as, running on the sport, high knees and star jumps.

The participants are then divided into groups, rotating between the remaining stations and players.

TEETH AND SUGAR

The aim of this station is to talk about the importance of keeping your teeth healthy. Areas discussed were; 3 main types of teeth and the different jobs they do, how to clean teeth properly by brushing twice a day and the effects of bacteria within the mouth. The children continued to learn how much daily sugar intake they were allowed and the effects of too much sugar on their teeth and health. Eagles players also talk about "hidden sugars" so the children understand it is also found in foods you wouldn't expect. The station partnered with the book "Open Wide... What's Inside" to reinforce good dental hygiene.

WATER

The station designed and produced in partnership with Northumbrian Water was to discuss the importance

of daily water intake via the drinking of tap water. All of the children received a water booklet to work through during the roadshow and to take home to finish. The booklet explained many water facts and positive effects on the body; concentration, performance, regulates your body temperature etc. The children then took part in a game of bingo to reinforce their knowledge.

BASKETBALL

This session is to get the young people engaged in the sport, we make it fun and interactive. We teach the basic on how to dribble the ball and why it is important to use both right and left hand explaining the benefits within the game of basketball. We then split the group into equal short lines to compete in relay races based on dribbling and different skills; ball handling (putting the ball around the head, waist and knees). Basketball allows females and males play regardless of ability, age and social class.

STEREOTYPING

This specific station was delivered to the Gateshead schools through partnership with the Gateshead Housing Company. This station was delivered to make the young people aware of the increased number of hate crime incidents within the local authority area. Eagle's player Scott Martin delivered this station deliberately as an example due to being an American, showing that you shouldn't judge on differences.

ROUND UP

Once the rotations are complete the young people all gather back into the hall where they first started. Outstanding awards are then handed out to specific young people for working hard throughout the afternoon. The Eagles players then carry out the 'clap' game for all the young people to participate and challenge themselves, the winner receives a ticket prize for their family to attend an Eagles home game.

STAGE 2 - COACHING

TESCO BANK JUNIOR PLAYERS

Following the roadshow each of the schools received basketball coaching via the Tesco Bank Junior Players programme in preparation for their local authority tournaments.

The Eagles Community Foundation coaches worked with the children in a fun and engaging session to build confidence within the sport. In particular the coach works with the children on basketball fundamentals of passing, dribbling, shooting and teamwork, working in mixed teams.

STAGE 3 - YEAR 5 TOURNAMENTS

OVERVIEW

Schools participated in regional tournaments which were held in the following venues:

- Newcastle
  - Sport Central - Northumbria University
- Sunderland
  - City Space - Sunderland University
- Gateshead
  - Gateshead Leisure Centre
- North Tyneside
  - Lakeside Sport Centre
- South Tyneside
  - Temple Park Leisure Centre
- Northumberland
  - Ashington Leisure Centre

The previous year our total number of teams reached an all-time high of 212, during 2016-17 we increased this further. A total of 248 teams participated this year.

During the tournaments club exit routes were promoted for continued participation within the sport on a weekly basis.

TEAMS TOTALS

- **Gateshead:** 50 teams
- **Newcastle:** 56 teams
- **Northumberland:** 16 teams
- **North Tyneside:** 48 teams
- **South Tyneside:** 36 teams
- **Sunderland:** 42 teams

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

Gateshead - Gateshead Leisure Centre
- Number of teams: 50
- Number of young people: 500
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Crookhill Primary
  - Dunston Hill Primary
  - Kells Lane Primary
  - Kelvin Grove Primary

Newcastle - Sport Central - Northumbria University
- Number of teams: 56
- Number of young people: 560
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Gosforth Central Middle
  - Gosforth Junior Academy
  - St Paul's Primary
  - St Vincent's Primary

Northumberland - Ashington Leisure Centre
- Number of teams: 16
- Number of young people: 160
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Ponteland Middle
  - Richard Coates Middle
  - Shanklea Primary
  - Newminster Middle

North Tyneside - Lakeside Leisure Centre
- Number of teams: 48
- Number of young people: 480
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - King Edwards Primary
  - Preston Grange Primary
  - Redesdale Primary
  - St Columba's RC Primary

South Tyneside - Temple Park Leisure Centre
- Number of teams: 36
- Number of young people: 360
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - East Boldon Junior School
  - St Bede's RC Primary
  - St Oswald's RC Primary
  - Stanhope Primary

Sunderland - City Space - Sunderland University
- Number of teams: 42
- Number of young people: 420
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Barnes Junior School
  - Farringdon Academy
  - Seaburn Dene Primary
  - St Cuthbert's Primary

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS: 248

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE: 2,480

STAGE 4 - YEAR 5 TOURNAMENT FINALS

OVERVIEW

Following their coaching and regional tournaments the best teams from each region play-off for their regional title at Sport Central at half-time in front of the 3,000 strong BBL game crowd.

Each final also decides who goes through to the final stage hoping to be crowned Champion of Champions.

2016-17 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FINAL WINNERS

GATESHEAD

Crookhill Primary

NEWCASTLE

Gosforth Junior Academy

NORTHUMBERLAND

Ponteland Middle

NORTH TYNESIDE

St Columba's RC Primary

SOUTH TYNESIDE

St Bede's RC Primary

SUNDERLAND

Seaburn Dene Primary

STAGE 5 - YEAR 5
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

OVERVIEW

The end of the Year 5 2016–17 Hoops4Health programme closed in style this season with the Champion of Champions event.

A winner from each of the six local authorities came together to play in a round robin event with the top two squaring off for the overall crown.

The winners from each of the six local authorities came together at Sport Central to compete in a round robin event before the Eagles home game. The top two teams qualifying played at half time during the Eagles game to battle it out for overall Champion of Champions.

2016-17 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1. **Seaburn Dene Primary** - Sunderland
2. **Ponteland Middle** - Northumberland
3. **Crookhill Primary** - Gateshead
4. **Gosforth Junior Academt** - Newcastle
5. **St Columba's RC Primary** – North Tyneside
6. **St Bede's RC Primary** - South Tyneside

Congratulations to Seaburn Dene from Sunderland who took the Champion of Champions trophy!

STAGES 3 AND 4 - YEAR 6 TOURNAMENTS

OVERVIEW

This year for the first time in history we invited all the participating schools across the six local authorities to one big year 6 event which was held at Sport Central Northumbria University.

On the day we had 32 schools playing with 35 teams in total, consisting of 320 children, ready to battle it out for the overall year 6 winner title.

TEAMS TOTALS

- **Gateshead:** 5 teams
- **Newcastle:** 13 teams
- **Northumberland:** 1 team
- **North Tyneside:** 9 teams
- **South Tyneside:** 7 teams

FINAL RESULTS

The whole day had an amazing atmosphere, all the children enjoyed themselves.

The teams that made it through to the finals were Preston Grange Primary and Gosforth Central Middle, this was a very tough game, both teams played to the best of their abilities to touch the winning cup.

These two teams could feel the pressure from the game but unfortunately it got too much for Gosforth Central with Preston Grange taking control and leading the score to 4-2 with only 1 minute left.

YEAR 6 WINNING TEAM 2016-17

Preston Grange - North Tyneside

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS: 35

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE: 320

CASE STUDY

CRAMLINGTON CLUB COACHES

Matthew and James Beecroft are brothers who play basketball at the Cramlington Vikings Club in Cramlington Northumberland.

The brothers are students at Cramlington Learning Village, James plays for the Cramlington Vikings U/16 team in the Eagles Central Venue League and Matthew plays for the U/18 team.

Both James and Matthew have progressed through the Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation Player Pathway Structure. This started with our Hoops 4 Health programme as year 5 pupils with access to regular coaching sessions and tournaments as they progressed through to join the Eagles Cramlington Vikings club.

James has just finished his Level 1 Basketball England Coaching Award whilst Matthew has secured his Level 2 Coaching Award. Both James and Matthew are very committed players and coaches, and always help at the Club and their school. The school is very supportive of the Eagles pathway, and they are extremely proud at how well the boys have done.

The brothers are a true testament at how the Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation Pathway works by encouraging individual progression both on and off the court.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

CHANGE 4 LIFE

WHAT ARE WE DOING AND WHO WITH?

We use basketball as a tool to promote living a healthier lifestyle and engaging more exercise. We work in the nine targeted primary schools, at Walker Technology College and in the local community. The schools participating; St Vincents RC Primary School, St Lawrence's RC Primary School, Walkergate Primary, Central Walker C of E Primary School, Tyneview Primary School, St Albans RC Primary School, Welbeck Academy, West Walker Primary School and Byker Primary School.

HOW MUCH ARE WE DOING?

We run various programmes and sessions below are listed the main ones.

- Weekly extra curricular clubs throughout the year with the delivery of thirteen across the year.
- Curriculum coaching for all age groups at primary; Reception through to Year 6
- Healthy Living Roadshows with the Newcastle Eagles players working with the young people on health topics such as; sugar content, teeth, exercise, physical activity and hydration.
- Basketball pre match event at a Newcastle Eagles game including the inclusion of parents/guardians.
- Community Engagement.
- Children's Activity Booklet.
- Volunteer engagement.

HOW WELL ARE WE DOING IT?

The curriculum coaching has worked particularly well with the numbers above target. The young people received basketball during the curriculum with at least a half term of basketball depending upon the individual school requirements. The coaching has led to the young people not only develop more skills and confidence but also engage in fun physical activity.

The extra curriculum sessions in general continue to be popular, where applicable we have added additional age groups to allow more young people to participate. The session at Walker Technology College for Years 7 to 9 continues to grow and we have organised games against other schools plus entering a competition which took place before an Eagles game at Sport Central. This session allows young people transferring from primary school the opportunity to continue in physical activity by playing basketball.

WHAT DIFFERENCE HAS IT MADE?

The success of the programme is reflected in the high number of children who regularly attend the extra curricular basketball sessions in the nine primary schools

and one secondary school, 89% of the children attend regularly which means enabling physical exercise on a regular basis.

The curriculum sessions allow the programme to target all children which enables the Change for Life officer to work with young people who may not typically engage with a sporting activity. This approach has led to young people experience a fun and active programme catering for all abilities which has encouraged more young people to enter the after school club sessions. The younger year groups (Year 1 and 2) that received curriculum coaching showed a 60% increase of knowledge and skill.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Number of Unique Individuals who sign up for after school clubs	492
Number of Unique Individuals who maintain attendance for 3 weeks	438
CURRICULUM COACHING	
Number of schools	16
Number of Unique Individuals who take part in curriculum coaching	811
COMMUNITY	
Outreach Worker involved in School Community (Number of sessions)	25
AWARDS PROGRAMME	
Dribble, Dish, Swish Awards Programme	72
CLINIC	
Number of clinic events	1
Number of schools involved per clinic	6
Number of Unique Individuals involved including Community and Families	170
HEALTH LIVING EVENTS	
Health Living Events	14
Number of Unique Individuals involved (Children & Parents)	601
VOLUNTEERS	
Volunteers/Volunteers Courses - Number of Unique Individuals	7

SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

SPORTIVATE

Sportivate is a national participation programme. Sport England provides funding to county sports partnerships which the Eagles Community Foundation bid into.

This season the Eagles Community Foundation were successful in our bid and were able to deliver 28 sessions across Tyne & Wear; 8 middle school sessions, 14 secondary sessions, 3 with Northumbria University and 3 disability sessions.

Sportivate targets those who currently take part in no or very little exercise. These sessions are about letting the participants play games and have fun with friends.

The high quality coaches structure their sessions to make them fun, friendly and interactive this is so the participants enjoy and feel comfortable within the session.

This year we have seen 392 participants take part in the programme of which two thirds were male and one third were female.

PARTICIPATION BY REGION

GATESHEAD

SITE	PARTICIPANTS
Gateshead College	32
Kingsmeadow	25
Lord Lawson	13

NEWCASTLE

SITE	PARTICIPANTS
GCMS	78
GEMS	40
Heaton Manor	27
Northumbria University	45
Walker Tech	11

NORTH TYNESIDE

SITE	PARTICIPANTS
Marden High	29
Seaton Burn College	18

SOUTH TYNESIDE

SITE	PARTICIPANTS
Boldon Comprehensive	9

SUNDERLAND

SITE	PARTICIPANTS
Farringdon	25
Monkwearmouth	4
Oxclose	15
St Aidan's	11
Thornhill	10

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

PREMIER LEAGUE 4 SPORT

The Premier League 4 Sport offers football clubs in the Premier League and Championship a chance to work with a range of other sports including basketball, volleyball, hockey, tennis, badminton amongst others.

Both major football club foundations in the area, Newcastle United Foundation and Foundation of Light, continued their support to work with the Eagles Community Foundation.

The idea of the programme is to set up multiple satellite clubs engaging with boys and girls of secondary school age. The aim is to engage young people into the sport by offering something different to a normal club site. The sessions are more informal and participant led with a focus on playing 3 v 3 basketball. By delivering this type of session it is hoped that those who may not be ready to join a basketball club will get a bit more experience and confidence in playing the sport.

Those that want to move on to a more formal structured environment are transitioned through to the local club. Throughout the year those young people that attended regularly also got the opportunity to receive free football tickets to either watch Newcastle United or Sunderland AFC.

Newcastle United Foundation provided funding for 4 satellite clubs including St. Mary's Catholic School, Sacred Heart Catholic High, Gosforth Academy and Longbenton Community College and the Foundation of Light provided funding for 3 satellite clubs including Whitburn Academy, St. Robert's of Newminster and Sunderland College.

PREMIER LEAGUE 4SPORT

All players had the opportunity to take part in different events this year including:

- Regional basketball tournament at Middlesbrough with teams from Newcastle United, Sunderland AFC, Middlesbrough and Hull taking part. This was a 5 v 5 mixed tournament at U16s and U18s.
- 2 pre match clinics prior to a Newcastle Eagles game. All players in the programme were given an opportunity to come along to Sports Central to receive coaching and play a mini-tournament on the Newcastle Eagles home court and then stay to watch the BBL game.

SITES	WEEKLY PARTICIPATION
Gosforth Academy	41
Longbenton Community College	20
Sacred Heart Catholic High	58
St. Mary's Catholic School	27
St. Robert's of Newminster	55
Sunderland College	27
Whitburn Academy	38
TOTAL	**266**

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

NOTHING BUT NET

Nothing but Net is a Basketball England initiative encouraging young people to engage in satellite clubs. The satellite clubs deliver weekly basketball sessions and are specifically designed to be relaxing in a fun environment.

The clubs can be accessed by young people 14+ at any ability. It is hoped that those who may be daunted about joining a club site can have a more relaxed approach to the game. Basketball England funded 2 sites this year including Emmanuel College and Thorp Academy.

Running alongside the programme Basketball England had a Streetball Champion project. Players within the programme could log in to YouTube videos where streetballers would demonstrate different skills that players could practice. There were different levels of skills including spinning the ball on the finger to wraparounds and killer crossovers.

Those that wanted to further progress their skills or play more basketball across the region were signposted to their local community club.

SCHOOL	PARTICIPANTS
Emmanuel College	35
Thorp Academy	33
TOTAL	**68**

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT HUB

Project Hub went into its fourth and final year this season. The project was brought in to create sustainable basketball clubs that satellite clubs and school clubs could transition into.

The aim was to have the clubs running all year round with at least one session per week. Being a part of a hub club then gives the players the opportunity to play in the Eagles Central Venue League.

The project was run through The Basketball Foundation after securing a grant through Sport England. The main emphasis for all hub sites was a focus on 14+ delivery both males and females.

This year the Eagles Community Foundation continued to run sites at St. Cuthbert's High, Hartlepool 6th Form College, Newcastle College , Cramlington Learning Village, St. Benet Biscop Catholic High, Oxclose Community Academy and Benfield School.

Walking basketball also continued for a second year. The walking basketball initiative is to target those that haven't played before, those coming back to the sport and those coming back from an injury or surgery.

Walking basketball has the exact same rules as the running game with the only difference being you can only walk and are penalised for running. Walking basketball is great for those looking to improve their fitness and basketball skills.

The annual walking basketball tournament took place prior to a Newcastle Eagles game with ECF hub clubs sending teams to compete. Teams were made up of parents and players from the club and was a great family event.

2016-17 CLUB SITES	PARTICIPANTS
Benfield Walking Basketball	18
Cramlington Learning Village	48
Hartlepool 6th Form College	22
Newcastle College	69
Oxclose Community Academy	15
St. Benet Biscop Catholic High	26
St. Cuthbert's Catholic High	34
TOTAL	**232**

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY CLUBS

Community Clubs is the next level for those who have received curriculum coaching, school club coaching or satellite club sessions and are looking for a more structured coaching session. Community Clubs also give players the opportunity to play competitive basketball at a development level against other clubs in the Eagles Central Venue League (CVL).

The aim of the Foundation is to get each of the clubs to a level of sustainability which is achieved through weekly subs, memberships, fundraising and sponsorship. The community clubs are all at varied stages dependent on factors such as the length the club has been in existence, court availability and costs. Long term each club is targeted to running sessions for U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s & U18s with the aim of having 20 players turning up to each of the sessions.

There has been huge success with the launch of the U10s and mini eagles sessions which was in great demand due to the increase work carried out in schools at a younger age through the little dribblers programme. The next step will be to introduce a competitive outlet to this age group in preparation for the players eventually moving into the CVL.

The community clubs are quite unique in that any player attending is eligible to represent their club at the CVL with no trials being held so that the league is inclusive to all. As the community clubs continue to grow this has a knock on effect with the CVL then growing to compensate for the increase.

Each of the clubs have a level 2 head coach and in most cases each club has a varying number of assistant coaches dependent on the size of the club. The level 1 coaches that support the clubs include junior players, players that have come through the programme and parents. The foundation hold at least 2 level 1 courses and 1 level 2 course a year to ensure that there is a constant pool of coaches being qualified that can support the clubs and give the option of being able to grow.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

EAGLES CENTRAL VENUE LEAGUE

The Eagles Central Venue League is now fourteen years old and over the years it has grown from 4 teams to 48 teams competing across 4 age groups; U12s, U14s, U6s & U18s.

The clubs from which the original 4 teams came from are still heavily involved in the league; Newcastle East Griffins (formerly Benfield Club), Westgate Hoopstars, North Shields Basketball Club and Morpeth Basketball Club.

The Eagles Central Venue League (CVL) is a platform for participation players to compete against other clubs at a similar level. As the name suggest the CVL takes place in one venue with all teams coming together to play their games. The league takes place at John Spence Community High School across 2 courts from 9.30 – 5.00. The league is split into 2 leagues to enable new teams to join mid way through the year. The league generally runs in 12 – 14 week blocks starting in October and ending in June. The youngest player in the league was 6 years old with the oldest player being 18. The league provides a pathway for players to transition into the senior leagues as they graduate out of the older age groups. Currently the U18 boys feed into the Tyne Met men's local league and the U18 girls feed into the Durham women's local league. Next season a rookie league will be introduced allowing children to get a competitive feel from the age of 5 – 10 years old. Small sided games on a reduced court will prepare young children as they progress through into the CVL.

The league not only gives an opportunity for players to compete but we actively encourage and promote former and current players to get involved in coaching and officiating at the league. Out of the officiating staff two thirds have played or are currently playing in CVL with all but one coming through the Eagles Player Pathway Structure.

Throughout the season ECF organise courses to enable the upskilling of players into being able to take on officiating roles as either referees and/or table officials. ECF have this year invested in to a CVL referee mentor who ensures that all referees are supported as they continue to develop their skills.

This year the officiating staff included:

- Claire Harper
- Lauren Godde
- Anthony Sampson
- Chris Applewhite
- Jay Hawman
- Marc Nichol
- David Sayers
- Nto Ncube
- Shaun Malone
- Jess Weymes
- Rafe Clark
- Dan Kovacs.

On top of the officiating pool needed week to week there is also a large cohort of coaches guiding players through the games. The coaches that attend week to week from the Eagles Community Foundation includes:

- James Anderson
- Graham Heath
- Alastair Langley
- Dan Kovacs
- Chris Applewhite
- Anthony Sampson
- Greg Falcus
- Shaun Malone
- Lee Farrell
- Daniel Langley,
- Deirdre Hayes
- Gavin Wright
- Ryan Lathbury
- Jay Hawman
- Corinne Vaughan
- Manolis Mavroudis.

An annual Eagles Central Venue League All-Stars game takes place prior to a Newcastle Eagles home game with the cream of the crop battling it out. Each coach at the CVL has the opportunity to nominate a number of players from each of their teams to become an All-Star player.

Players are split into their CVL age groups U12s, U14s, U16s & U18s. Each player receives a commemorative All-Stars t-shirt that they wear throughout the tournament.

At half-time some of the players across each age group are selected to showcase their skills in a friendly game in front of the Eagles BBL game home crowd. This year 80 players were selected to become a 2016-17 All-Star player.

FURTHER EDUCATION ACADEMIES

GATESHEAD COLLEGE

The reputation of Gateshead College basketball academy (GCBA) has grown vastly, and is widely recognised as a quality provider nationally.

The partnership with the Eagles and the Eagles Community Foundation has been a fruitful one for all involved.

In addition to off-court success, rated "Outstanding" for academics by OFSTED, the academy has backed that up with incredible success on the court too!

The 2016/17 season saw the team finish as Champions of the 'Academy Basketball League North Conference' and made it all the way to the ABL national final, held in Leicester. The team narrowly missed out on a National championship but the success of the squad was undoubted.

Head Coach Ian Macleod said; "This season has been my most enjoyable yet. In addition to incredible development of the players, their hard work has paid off in terms of team success as well. The final had over 36 thousand views online and the exposure for the players was invaluable. Players have received scholarship offers in Higher Education on the back of the season they have had!"

GCBA guard, Ilja Fjodorovs, was recognised in the Defensive Team of the Year for the ABL and teammates Sean Murphy, Aaron Wislon and Themba Yabantu also featured in the top 10 in assists in the country for much of the season.

The team was built around working for each-other and gained a reputation for a strong team work-ethic and togetherness.

Despite making it all the way to the final game, no player was featured in the top 10 in scoring at any point in the season, it was a genuine team effort!

The final award received was 'ABL Coach of the Year' for Head Coach Ian Macleod. He said, "It was a privilege to receive the award, but in reality this is a testament to the players. They were a pleasure to work with,

and no-one put themselves before the team. It was genuinely 'we' over 'me'.''

As well as their basketball development, we constantly preach the importance of academics. One such event which is exclusive to GCBA is the implementation of 'Red Star' weeks.

These weeks took place 3 times over the academic year and saw student-athletes double-down on their efforts in three categories; Academics, home-life and athletics.

This lead to players working harder in the gym, additional studying and revision, even doing housework at home!

All of this is to, of course, benefit the players, but also to embed a culture of responsibility and appreciation.

It has been a fantastic year for the partnership, and recruitment is already underway for the 2017/18 season.

FURTHER EDUCATION ACADEMIES

TYNEMET COLLEGE

North East Sports Academy at TyneMet College

The North East Sport Academy (NESA) Basketball Academy is committed to coaching players of all abilities in a welcoming, supportive environment that encourages confidence, performance and personal development.

The NESA Basketball Academy is structured to support players at any level of the game. High level, expert coaching and competition experience are combined in a professional sports setting. Our long-standing partnership with the Newcastle Eagles Basketball team enhances learning – encouraging performance, determination and team work, whilst you master the skills for success.

The North East Sports Academy (NESA) is focused on developing your talent and sporting ambition alongside your academic studies. You can study any course at any of our campuses and enjoy the benefits of being part of NESA.

As a NESA Basketball Academy Athlete students benefit from:

- Subsidised training and playing kit.
- Up to 10 hours of training and competitive matches each week in superb on-site purpose-built facilities.
- Individually tailored strength and conditioning programmes as well as use of our state-of-the-art sports science and testing lab and rehabilitation support.
- Free unlimited access to the Flex Fitness Gym.
- Opportunity to gain basketball-specific coaching and officiating qualifications.

Our Men's and Women's Basketball Development Centre will develop your skills and expertise both on and off the court, improving your game and your confidence. For students looking to maximise their professional basketball skills and athletic ability, the

NESA Basketball Academy is perfect. Expert coaches with a wealth of professional playing experience are ready to enhance student's passion for the game to an advanced level.

The NESA Basketball Academy at Tyne Met College is ran by Head Coach Shaun Malone as part of a dual role that he shares with Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation where he is a Development Coach for the North Tyneside area. Shaun who is a previous student at Tyne Metropolitan College progressing from Level 2 Qualification through to a Foundation Degree was also part of the Newcastle Eagles School of Excellence from an early age as well as a part of the NESA Basketball Academy in its first year of existence under Coach Marc Steutel.

This academic year has been a huge success on and off the court for all involved in the NESA Basketball Academy. The academy has seen many learners that will be progressing into higher education and apprenticeships both internally and externally where they will continue towards their chosen career ambitions as well as hopefully continuing their basketball journey. The Head Coach has regularly received positive

feedback from curriculum staff across the college on how learners are transferring skills that they develop in basketball sessions into their academic lessons. Communication, confidence, motivation and teamwork are all example skills that are learners are encouraged to display throughout their learning experience.

Shaun's personal experience of life as a student at Tyne Metropolitan College as well as his understanding of the importance of being a student athlete encourages him to work closely with curriculum staff to ensure that all of his NESA learners are most importantly achieving in their academic studies as well as progressing on the basketball court.

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An example of such a student at Tyne Metropolitan College is Ben Hogg who has been part of the NESA Basketball Academy just finishing his second season with the College. Captain and centre for the 2016-2017 season Ben landed himself Defensive Player of the year award in the ABL Far North Division and picked up All-ABL First Team an honour which is a huge achievement. Ben Hogg showed impressive performances throughout the season at both ends of the floor, proving to be a huge threat both offensively and defensively which allowed him to have a great impact in the 2016-2017 league finishing with 17.4ppg, 12.8rpg, 2.5bpg.

Ben stepped away from the Eagles Central Venue League (CVL) and trialled for the School of Excellence last summer securing a place in the squad allowing him to compete in the North National League. A complete novice only two years ago, Ben's dedication and commitment to the Basketball programme has now seen him become Captain for Tyne Met Basketball, as well as becoming one of the starting five for the Newcastle Eagles Under 18's team is a huge achievement which he will be looking to build on this coming season.

Ben along with others led by example attending all sessions even when the season was over as he continued to access the Strength and Conditioning opportunities that are provided at Tyne Met where learners train twice a week with the Basketball Strength and Conditioning Coach. Learners including Ben also accessed individual sessions on a weekly basis to work on their fundamental skills such as dribbling, footwork and shooting.

Head Coach Shaun Malone stated "Ben is very passionate about the game and he knows that he has an advantage over other people with his height and build; however he does not expect things to come easy and uses this as a tool to develop and this all comes down to the desire and his heart for the game."

"I am so happy for Ben, this is his only second season playing basketball and he has come so far in so little time. He has tremendous potential and if he continues to apply himself he can go on to have a very good future in the game!"

The competitive season came to an end with the annual North East Sports Academy Awards where learners from both our first and second were recognised for their successes on and off the court with award categories such as 'Player of The Year' and 'Student Athlete of The Year' handed out to the successful nominee's. Samantha Blake was in attendance to present the awards with previous students Lamar Morrison, Ross Wilson, Dominique Allen and Laura Watson all being inducted into the NESA hall of fame. Looking forward to next academic year we will again have two competitive teams on offer for our learners as well as looking to offer a Basketball tour around Europe to again enhance the experience that a Tyne Metropolitan learner accesses.

NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

The Newcastle Eagles School of Excellence is the performance arm of our junior basketball programme competing in Basketball England's Junior National Basketball League from under 14 to 18.

Players are selected in June, from the Eagles Central Venue League (CVL), which allows youngsters from all over Tyne and Wear and Northumberland to compete weekly in a community centred environment.

UNDER 14 BOYS

Coached by Eddie Gilchrist

Our Under 14 Eagles played in the 'North Conference' and finished a very creditable 2nd in their league.

The team made it into the end of season play offs, where they were drawn away to York Eagles. York were responsible for inflicting our only loss in regular season play, and this was an excellent opportunity to respond. The Eagles played 4 great quarters, to edge home as winners, and earn a second round tie away to Premier division winners Manchester Magic. This proved to be one step too far as they lost out to the power-house team of the North West.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	York Eagles	15	1	46
2	Newcastle Eagles	15	1	46
3	Tees Valley Mohawks	11	4	37
4	Derbyshire Arrows	9	7	34
5	Leeds Force Ii	7	9	30
6	East Durham Lions	7	8	29
7	Chesterfield Flight	3	12	21
8	Leeds Tigers	1	14	16
9	Leeds Force Iii	1	13	14

The Eagles were led by Sam Mamuini, a pupil from Heaton Manor School, who started playing basketball at Byker Primary school, as part of our 'Change for Life' programme. He also played basketball at his local club Westgate Hoopstars. Sam will represent the North East regional team at U15s this September, as he plays in front of the England national team coaching staff.

Most Valuable Player: Sam Mamuini

Most Improved Player: Luke Jones

Best Defensive Player: Charles Lewis

UNDER 16 BOYS

Coached By Sam Roxborough/ Aaron Thompson

The under 16 boys competed in the Premier Division North, where they had a testing season playing against some of the power-houses of junior basketball. They finished 9th out of 11 teams, however the experience they have gained moving forward is invaluable.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Sheffield Junior Sharks	19	1	58
2	Manchester Magic	18	2	56
3	Cheshire Wire	14	6	48
4	Trafford Magic	12	8	44
5	Mansfield Giants	12	8	44
6	City Of Birmingham	10	10	40
7	Northamptonshire Titans	9	11	38
8	Manchester Giants	7	13	34
9	Newcastle Eagles	6	14	32
10	Cheshire Phoenix Juniors	3	17	26
11	Stockport Falcons	0	20	17

The U16s had a star in their ranks as Tosan Evbuomwan, from the Royal Grammer School in Newcastle, made it to the last 16 of the U16 England team. Tosan dominated games and lead his Eagles team in most statistics. Tosan was talent identified at a Newcastle Schools league and was encouraged to join the ECF's 'Newcastle East Griffins' club, before he stepped into the performance side of junior basketball.

Most Valuable Player: Tosan Evbuomwan

Most Improved Player: Joel Burns

Best Defensive Player: Jacob Payling

NEWCASTLE EAGLES SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

UNDER 18 WOMEN

Coached By Corinne Vaughan and Levi Williams

The women competed in the 'Premier North' division, under the guidance of Coach Vaughan for the 3rd straight season. The continuity in both players and coaching staff really started to show in the way they played basketball. While the player development and progression may not have been reflected in the results column, they finished with a record of 6 wins and 12 losses, good enough for a final position of 5th.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Myerscough College Spinners	16	2	50
2	Manchester Mystics	16	2	50
3	Nottingham Wildcats	13	5	44
4	Team Birmingham Elite	7	11	32
5	Newcastle Eagles	6	12	30
6	West Bromwich Albion	4	14	26
7	Stockport Lapwings	1	17	20

The team had Orieoma Chukwu-Etu in their ranks from Sacred Heart High School in Newcastle, she was selected into the U17 England Development program which is the training squad for players being considered for U18 England women's team, for the European championships. Orieoma played for the Newcastle East Griffins before making the step up into National Junior League.

Most Valuable Player: Orieoma Chukwu-Etu

Most Improved Player: Aimee Gray

Best Defensive Player: Ellen Donaldson

UNDER 18 MEN

Coached By Graham Heath and James Anderson

The team plied its trade in the very tough 'Premier North' division and was sponsored for another season by Specialist Panels.

The early season proved to be very tough, but by the end the Eagles only just missed out on a playoff spot in the final week. The team finished 7th but were only 2 points away from 4th place. The Eagles defeated 4 teams above them in the last month of regular season, proving they were capable of competing with the best.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Manchester Magic	20	0	60
2	Derby Trailblazers	13	7	46
3	Leeds Allerton High School Force Academy	12	8	44
4	Leicester Riders	11	9	42
5	Stoke-On-Trent Knights	11	9	42
6	Cheshire Phoenix Juniors	11	9	42
7	Newcastle Eagles	10	10	40
8	Sheffield Junior Sharks	9	11	38
9	Myerscough College Spinners	7	13	34
10	Team Birmingham Elite	5	15	28
11	Manchester Giants	1	19	21

The U18 men had Themba Yabantu as their starting point guard, who was first spotted playing basketball in our Hoops for Health Program at Moorside Primary School before he joined the Westgate Hoopstars Club. Themba played a major part in the Gateshead College Basketball Academy, where they not only won their division, but made it all the way to the national finals of the Academy Basketball League (ABL).

Ben Hogg was also in this team and he represented Tyne Met College and was voted the best defensive player within his college's division. Ben was a member of North Shields basketball club before being selected to the School of Excellence.

The award winners were;

Most Valuable Player: Themba Yabantu

Most Improved Player: Chris Linsley

Best Defensive Player: Ben Hogg

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END OF SEASON AWARDS

Across the whole School of Excellence two awards are presented, first Most Valuable Player and second the Rachel Rushton Award. Both awards are held in great esteem across the programme and are awarded to individuals who have gone above and beyond what is expected.

The winners of the awards were;

School of Excellence Most Valuable Player

Themba Yabantu

Rachel Rushton Award

Aimee Gray

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

PERCY HEDLEY EAGLES

The Wheelchair Basketball programme have fifteen junior players now engaged within the sport on a weekly basis training out of Percy Hedley Sports Academy, some of the fifteen have already represented the North East at the junior championships.

The programme has also attracted ten new adult players this season which has enabled the programme to enter both national and regional leagues this year with two teams now competing and training on a weekly basis.

The national league team were promoted last year and are currently sitting third in the league whilst pushing for a playoff position with only two games left this season.

NEWCASTLE EAGLES WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

GBWBA

BBL TEAM

ESH GROUP EAGLES NEWCASTLE

CHRISTIAN BEHRENS

University of California
Height: 6'9"
Place of birth: Washington

JOE HART

Height: 6'5"
Place of birth: Southend

DEONDRE PARKS

South Dakota State
Height: 6'1"
Place of birth: Michigan

DANNY HORTA

Northumbria University
Height: 6'2"
Place of birth: Lanzarote

DARIUS DEFOE

Hackney
Height: 6'8"
Place of birth: Dominica

SCOTT MARTIN

Notre Dame
Height: 6'9"
Place of birth: Indianna

FABULOUS FLOURNOY

McNeese State University
Height: 6'4"
Place of birth: New York

ANDREW LASKER

Point Loma Nazarene University
Height: 6'4"
Place of birth: Texas

ORLAN JACKMAN

Oklahoma City
Height: 6'7"
Place of birth: London

RAHMON FLETCHER

Wisconsin Green Bay
Height: 5'10"
Place of birth: Missouri

BBL TEAM

HISTORY

SEASON	DIV	POS	PLD	W	L	PTS	PLAY OFFS	TROPHY	CUP
1996–1997	BBL	7th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	1st Round	Semi-final
1997–1998	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Quarter-final	Semi-final	4th Round
1998–1999	BBL	5th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
1999–2000	BBL N	6th	36	10	26	10	DNQ	Quarter-final	1st Round
2000–2001	BBL N	3rd	36	20	16	40	1st Round	Runner-up	Quarter-final
2001–2002	BBL N	3rd	32	17	15	34	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2002–2003	BBL	5th	40	25	15	50	Semi-final	Semi-final	Quarter-final
2003–2004	BBL	6th	36	18	18	36	Quarter-final	1st Round	Quarter-final
2004–2005	BBL	2nd	40	31	9	62	Winners	Winners	Quarter-final
2005–2006	BBL	1st	40	30	10	60	Winners	Winners	Winners
2006–2007	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Winners	Runner-up	Semi-final
2007–2008	BBL	1st	33	29	4	58	4th	Runner-up	Runner-up
2008–2009	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Winners	Winners	Runner-up
2009–2010	BBL	1st	36	31	5	62	Semi-final	Winners	Quarter-final
2010–2011	BBL	2nd	33	24	9	48	Semi-final	Semi Final	Semi Final
2011–2012	BBL	1st	30	23	7	46	Winners	Winners	Winners
2012–2013	BBL	2nd	33	25	8	50	Runner-up	Quarter final	Runner-up
2013–2014	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Runner-up	Quarter final	Runner-up
2014–2015	BBL	1st	36	31	5	58	Winners	Winners	Winners
2015–2016	BBL	2nd	33	28	5	56	1st Round	Runner-up	Winners
2016–2017	BBL	2nd	33	23	10	46	Runner-up	Quarter final	Winners

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

21ST BIRTHDAY PARTY

This year's annual awards dinner celebrated the 21-year legacy of the Newcastle Eagles Basketball Club.

Eagles players, coaches, fans, funders, sponsors and many of our amazing volunteers came together for a night of fun and fundraising to continue the work of our Eagles Community Foundation across the region and to congratulate the recipients of six accolades.

The evening gives us the opportunity to recap not just on the BBL season, but also all aspects of the Foundation and proceedings began with special introductory drill from our newest recruits, the Mini-Eagles.

In this special year for the club and it's foundation, Paul Blake took to the stage to share the progress being made behind the scenes towards the building of the Eagles Community Arena and to thank everyone who has supported both the club and foundation in so many ways over the 21 years that they were at the dinner to celebrate.

Eagles Players' Player of the Year Award 2016-17
Rahmon Fletcher with Esh Group's David Halfacre

Services to the Club Award 2016-17
The Hunter Family with Paul Blake

Team Northumbria NBL Division 1 MVP 2016-17
Malcolm Smith

Wheelchair Basketball MVP 2016-17
Michael Hutchinson

Team Northumbria WBBL MVP 2016-17
Alison Gorrell

School of Excellence Player of the Year 2016-17
Themba Yabantu

Introducing the 'Key To Our Future'
Paul Blake spoke about the Eagles Community Arena

Special Edition of the Hoops4Health 'Clap Game'
Led by Eagles Player-Coach Fabulous Flournoy, MBE

THE FUTURE

EAGLES COMMUNITY ARENA

Eagles Community Foundation are working in partnership to construct a new mass participation sports arena in Newcastle-upon Tyne; Eagles Community Arena (ECA), serving the west end of Newcastle and the region as a whole.

The partners are Newcastle Eagles, Newcastle City Council, Sport England, North East Local Enterprise Partnership and Newcastle College.

The new arena will be situated on a main arterial road into the city, close to the campus of Newcastle College, on Riverside Dene which is located in the Elswick Ward in Newcastle. It will incorporate a 2,200 m2 hall space with 2,800 seats, equalling the largest indoor hall space in the region.

The facility also comprises of a large foyer area and a flexible multi-purpose space on the first floor, a gym and café area.

The arena will deliver all-year sporting, leisure and community activity for the local and regional community and become the home for Eagles Community Foundation (ECF) and its grassroots basketball programme. The venue will also become home to Newcastle Eagles Basketball club, the most successful team in British basketball history.

Development of the arena has widespread support from the local community, the college, and other partner organisations. The new facility will encourage and facilitate a wide range of sporting and community activity, catering for grassroots programmes for all ages and abilities, from toddlers' community programmes to senior European club competitions and even Great Britain international events. The facility build will complete the regeneration of this locality.

APPENDICES

HOOPS4HEALTH PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

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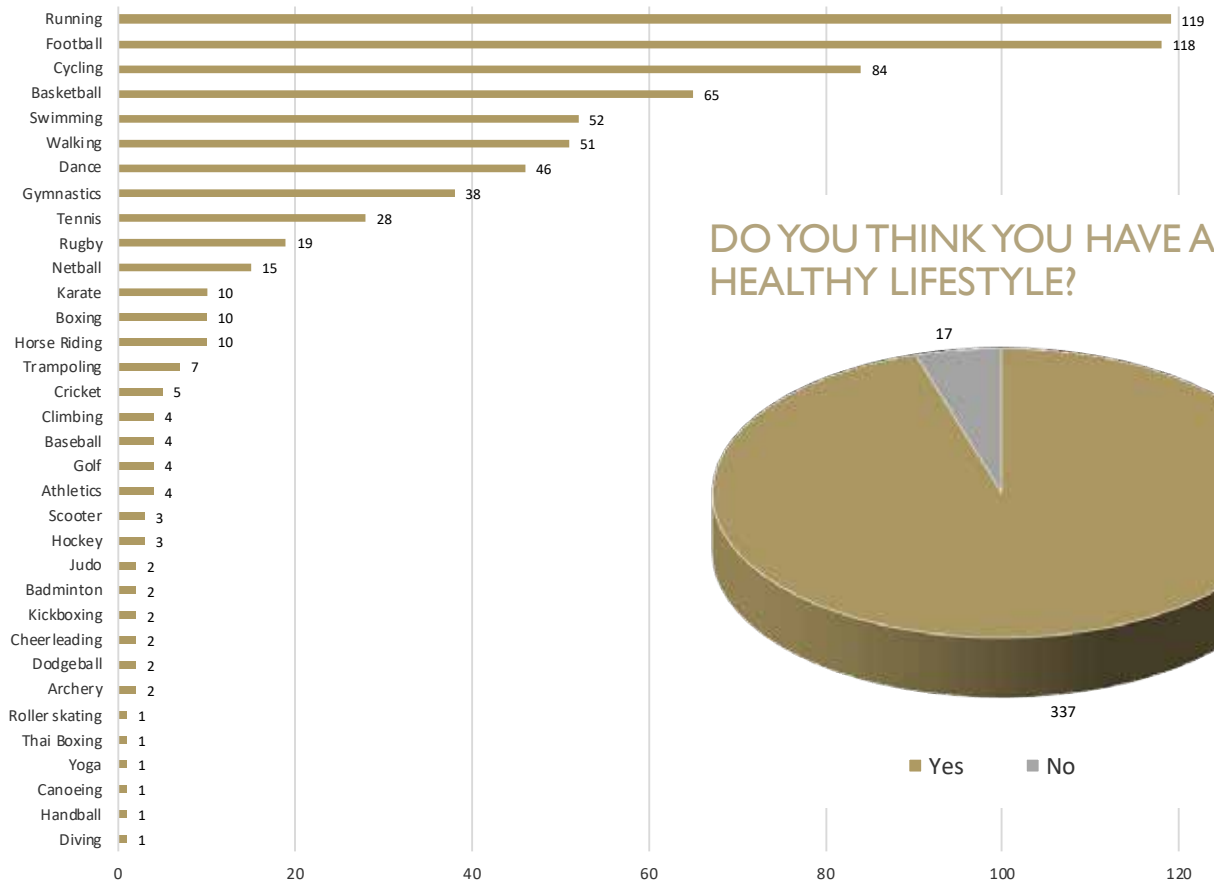

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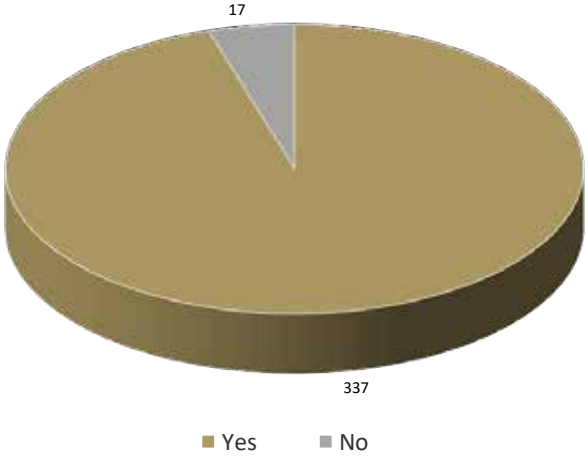

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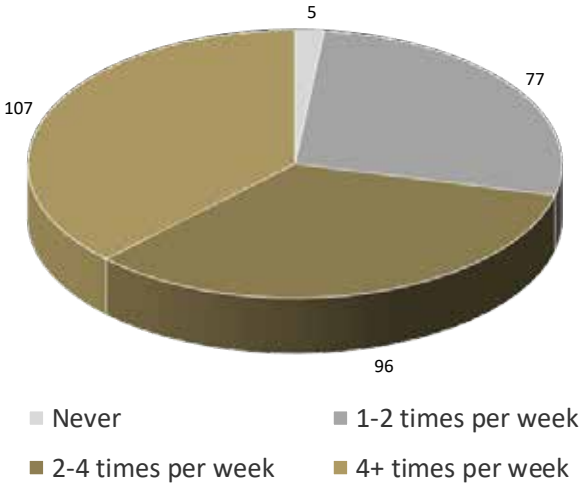
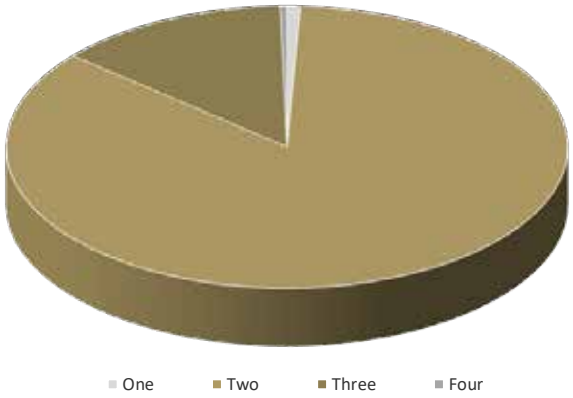


HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH EVERYDAY?



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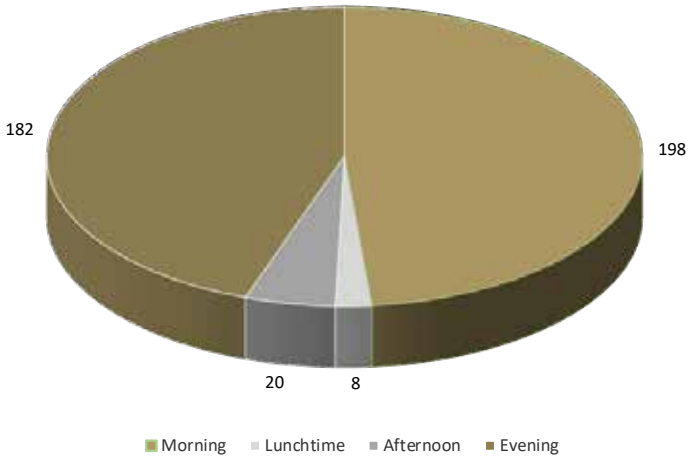

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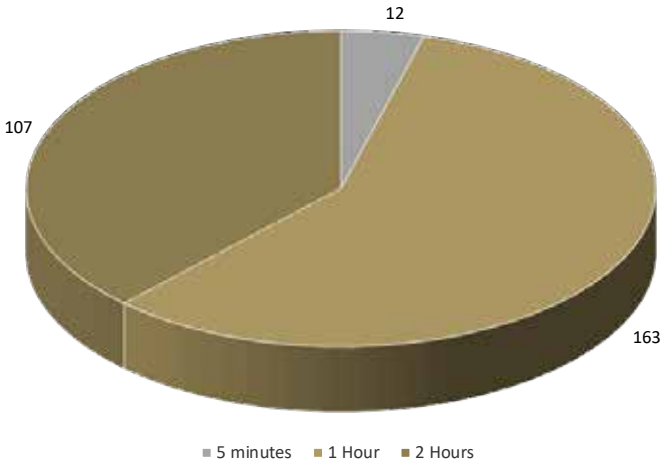
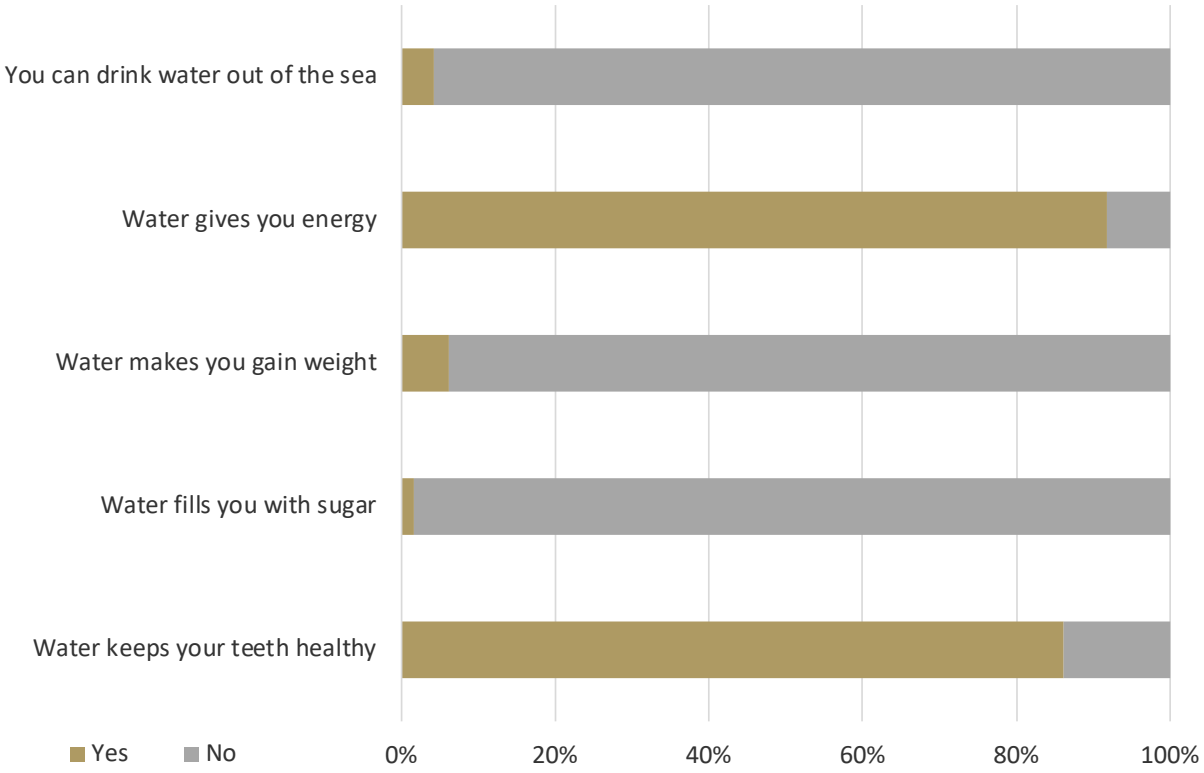
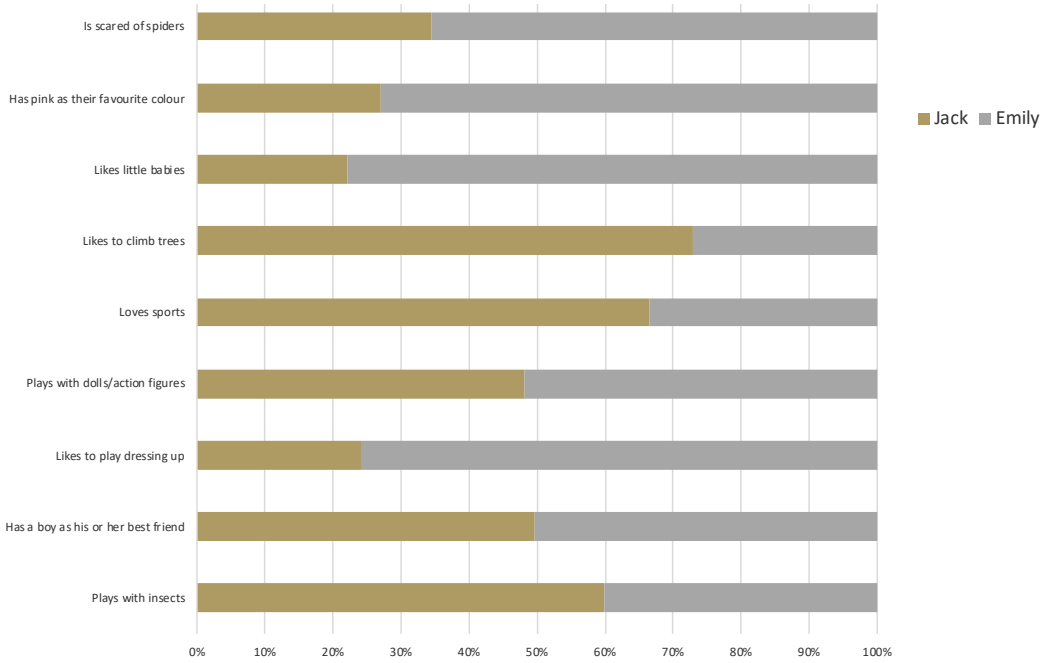


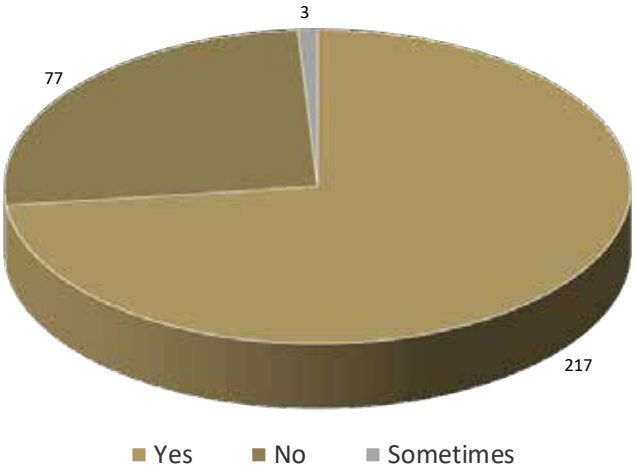
WATER: TICK THE BOX THAT'S CORRECT



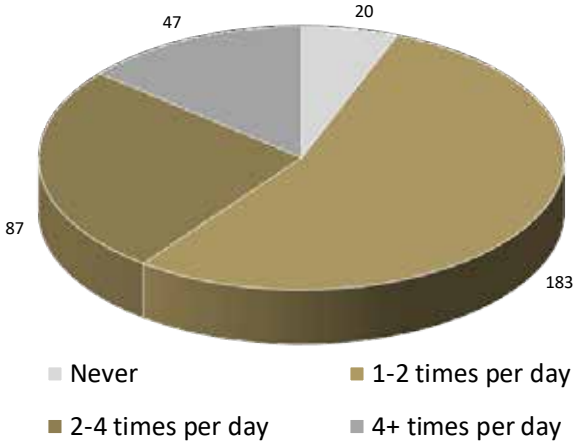
MEET EMILY AND JACK, WHO DO YOU THINK EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IS DESCRIBING (YOU CAN TICK BOTH BOXES)



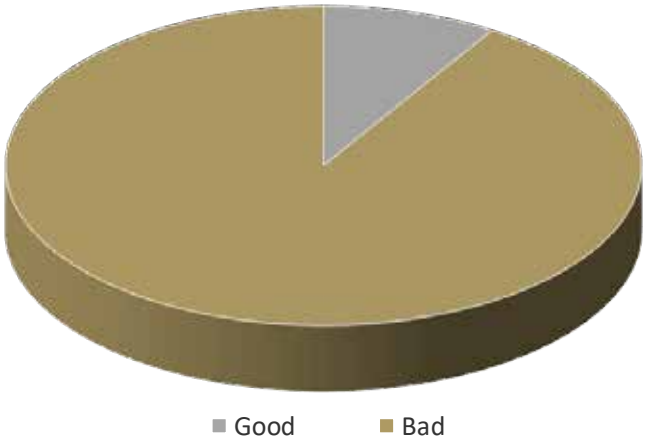
DO YOU EAT 5 PORTIONS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES EACH DAY?



HOW OFTEN DO YOU WATCH TV OR PLAY COMPUTER GAMES EVERY DAY?



ARE STEREOTYPES GOOD OR BAD?



APPENDICES

HOOPS4HEALTH SCHOOLS FEEDBACK

"Just a quick message to say thank you so much for visiting my sons school today. Your guys visited East Boldon Juniors and Jack has talked about nothing else all night. He was so excited to meet your assistant coach and players from the team.

"It's a great thing to promote health and sport with kids… keep up the good work.

"Jack did get one of your golden tickets for the London lions match but sadly he is at cub camp that weekend so can't make it. I guess we'll have to make it up to him and bring him and his brother along soon. Thanks again!"

Neil Fuller,
East Boldon Juniors

"I thought the programme was a real success. The children were very engaged in each session and couldn't wait until the next session.

"Every child made progress with their individual basketball skills. They also improved their ability to work collaboratively in team games.

"The Hoops 4 Health Roadshow was also an excellent afternoon. The Newcastle Eagles players and Taylor showed great enthusiasm and ensured that all of the children enjoyed the afternoon. The children were again able to develop their basketball skills, but they were also taught the importance of keeping our teeth healthy and about the importance of water."

Kevin Hughes, Battle Hill Primary School

"The primary physical education and sports funding is used well to ensure that pupils take part in a wide range of sporting activities and competitions, including dance, netball, football, basketball, gymnastics and karate.

"External specialist coaches are used to extend pupils skills and to develop the existing skills of members of staff".

Front Street Primary,
OFSTED Report

"Yesterday was absolutely great. The players were absolutely brilliant with the children and it was enjoyed by all. Thank you."

Ashleigh,
Spring Gardens Primary School

"The best afternoon in school ever. The players were huge, but they were really nice"

Year 4 Pupils, Battle Hill Primary School

"Just wanted to say thanks to everyone for yesterday's hoops4health the kids loved it and the guys put on great sessions as always. Thank you!"

Ben Ord
Chantry Middle School

"I would like to congratulate not only all the teams who took part in tonight's event, but also everyone who participated in last week's tournament; it was wonderful to see so many children having fun while getting active.

"Our focus is to create opportunities for young people and encourage healthy choices which is undoubtedly an objective shared by the Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation. We are all delighted to see this this flagship partner

"hip develop, allowing us to give something back to the communities which have supported us."

Adele Mills,
Tesco Bank Senior Community Investment Manager:

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