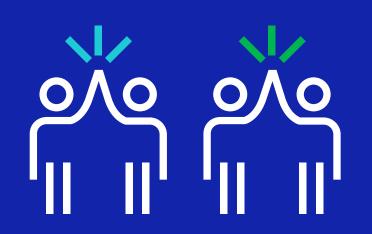


# INATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT WEEK 2022

Campaign evaluation

Belonging
a place in sport
for every child





# Belonging a place in sport for every child



National School Sport Week focused on building belonging through sport, and the importance of a place for every child in sport. A generation of children are struggling to recover from the many consequences of COVID, increasing screen time, and the wider impact of the digital age.

We want to work with more parents, teachers, politicians, and public influencers to address what should be a matter of public concern. Unhappy and unhealthy children don't learn, if children don't learn

we won't have a society fit for the future. We're working to build back play, physical activity and school sport in children's lives, helping them to balance the demands of a digital age, and create societal change when it comes to the place and value of PE and school sport.



ALI OLIVER MBE
CEO OF THE YOUTH SPORT TRUST



### Key Stats

### 40 million

timelines reached with National School Sport Week content

3,656
resources were downloaded

187

mentions in the media, a potential audience in excess of 8.9 million

young people attend the schools which pledged to ensure a place in sport for every young person

3

Government Ministers
visited schools in London,
Reading and Birmingham

1,359

registrations, 1,280 schools, 77 organisations



### Case study

Young people at Sutton Park Primary School and Prince Albert High joined forces to kick off this year's National School Sport Week 2022 with a sports day like no other. To bring to life the theme of 'Belonging – a place in sport for every child', thanks to a special partnership with Team GB, young leaders from the schools designed and delivered fun activities for Team GB athletes and younger peers.

Anyika Onuora, Gemma Howell, Grant Ferguson and Aaron Phipps MBE joined children at the school. Young people designed how each sports day event would be run and led activities for Team GB to ensure everyone got a chance to get involved, have fun and do their best.



You wouldn't imagine that in a primary school you would have professional athletes coming in. When we found out we had the opportunity to put a sports day on for some of Team GB, it was really exciting. None of us expected that! With the Commonwealth Games happening in our city this year, it makes us feel very honoured and special – it's not every day you get to experience this.

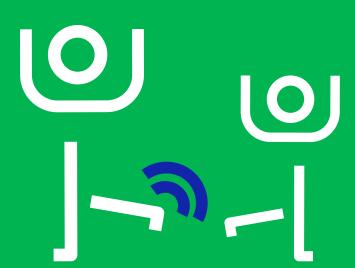
#### YOUNG LEADER SUTTON PARK PRIMARY



As well as getting stuck into races, javelin, and a daily mile, Team GB athletes also shared their sporting journeys with young people to inspire them to find a love for sport and their place within it. Watch a video highlight of the day **here** courtesy of Team GB.

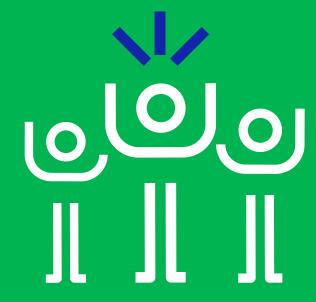


### Key activities



## Finding fun ways to move

On top of our launch, we challenged schools, families, athletes and politicians to take part in a series of '1 a Day' Challenges across the week. We posted a 60 second challenge every day at 8.30am. Watch our video highlight **here**.



# Transforming perceptions of school sport and PE

We saw millions around the country join the campaign on social media and use their voice in the media to champion the benefits of school sport and PE. New research showed 1 in 10 parents admit to writing their child a sick note to excuse them from PE lessons even though they were well enough to take part. We will continue to work towards a future where every child experiences the benefits of play and sport. Take a look at the highlights **here**.

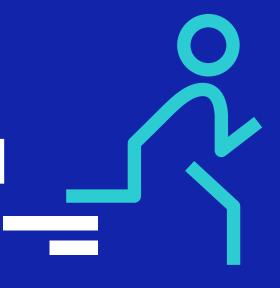


### Schools



1,280

schools registered and pledged to help every child feel a sense of belonging in school sports days this summer



655,873

**pupils** attend the schools which registered

These included:

813
primary schools

369 secondary schools 98
all-through schools



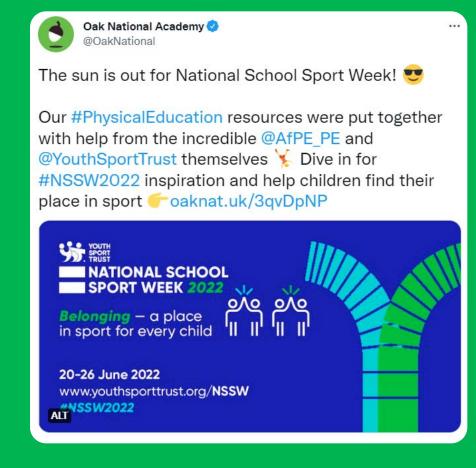
### Supporters

organisations signed up to support the week. They included:

49 businesses and charities11 school sport and active partnerships11 national governing bodies of sport

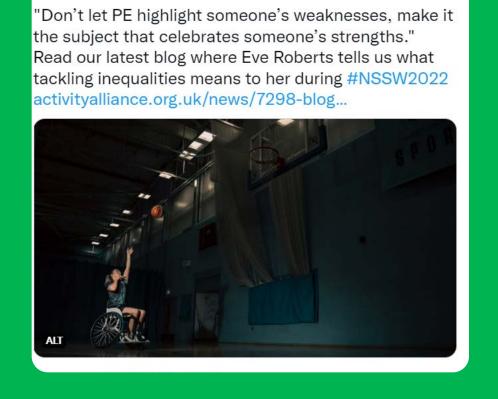














6 local authorities

### Ambassadors and supporters



**European Judo Champion** 

#### Gemma Howell

Gemma did media interviews and shared her story with pupils from Prince Albert High School and Sutton Park Primary School alongside 3 other Team GB athletes.



Former professional footballer and broadcaster

#### Ian Wright

lan Wright teamed up with Barclays and The FA to raise awareness of equal access to girls' football in schools. Kelly Wright also helped champion this. Team GB athletes did interviews for

media outlets
across the week



### Ambassadors and supporters

#### Aaron Phipps,

Wheelchair rugby and Paralympic gold medallist shared a special message:

School sport is so incredibly important. I remember growing up, before I became disabled, just being really active, taking part in sports day – I never won anything, but that camaraderie, being out and about all the time. We were really fortunate, it was before tablets and the internet so we'd just be out all the time. That's why I'm so passionate about getting kids out and getting them active.

#### '1 a Day' Challenges

Olympic bronze medallist Sarah Jones tried the **challenge** while on a special school visit



### World champion Hannah Cockroft OBE

Did a new take encouraging others to do as many **shoulder taps** as possible

#### Also shared by:

**Dr Radha Modgil** 

**Joe Wicks** 

**Chris Skelley MBE** 

Lipa Nessa



### Political support

#### 3 high profile visits

in schools to see how sport can build a sense of belonging Secretary of State for Education Nadhim Zahawi, Minister for Sport Nigel Huddleston and Minister for Children & Families Will Quince swapped the Houses of Parliament for playing fields and sports halls.





#### **DfE Announcement**

The long awaited Primary PE and Sport Premium funding was **confirmed** during the week

#### All Party Parliamentary Group for Sport

Sports leaders and the industry met to discuss the future of PE and school sport on the week. The group also shared our '1 a Day' Challenges.



### Social media overview



282,620

total impressions made by our posts across Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram



32,975

people saw the launch of our first

'1 a Day' Challenge on Twitter



261
new followers
gained



### Social media

### #NSSW2022

3,400 uses of the hashtag during the week by 1,388 people providing 23,002,955 potential timeline deliveries.

We also tracked #NSSW,
#NationalSchoolSportWeek
#NationalSchoolSportsWeek
#NSSW22 which potentially
reached 40 million timelines
during the week













### Media overview

# 16 news stories

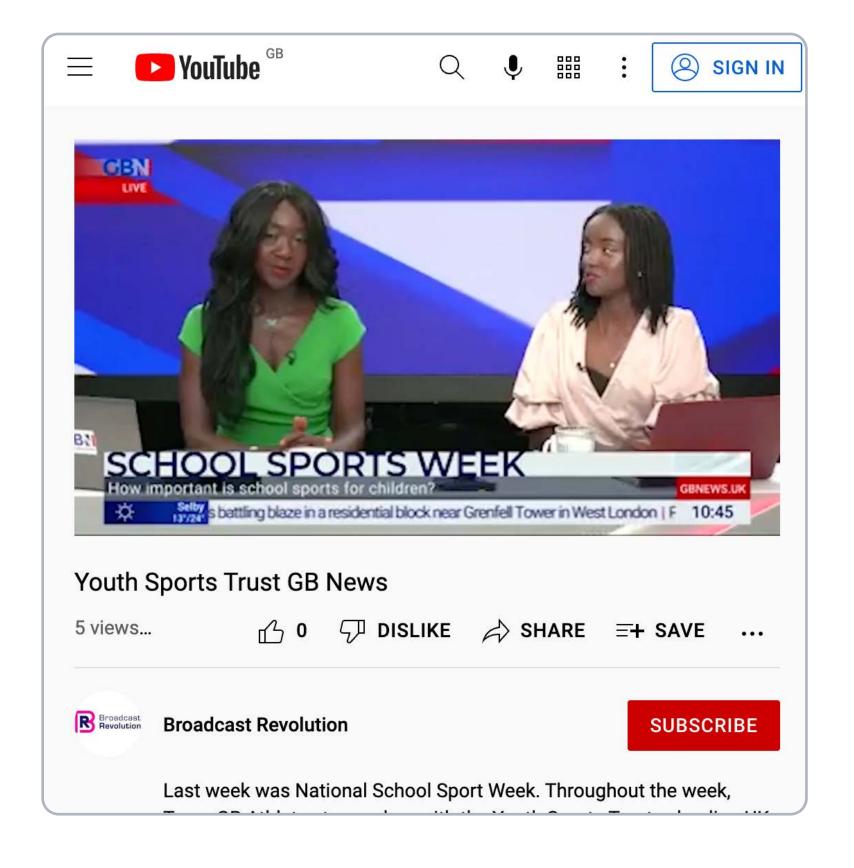
National School Sport Week generated over a hundred print, broadcast and online news stories, with a potential audience reach of more than 8.9 million. This was a marked increase from 2021 by 252%.

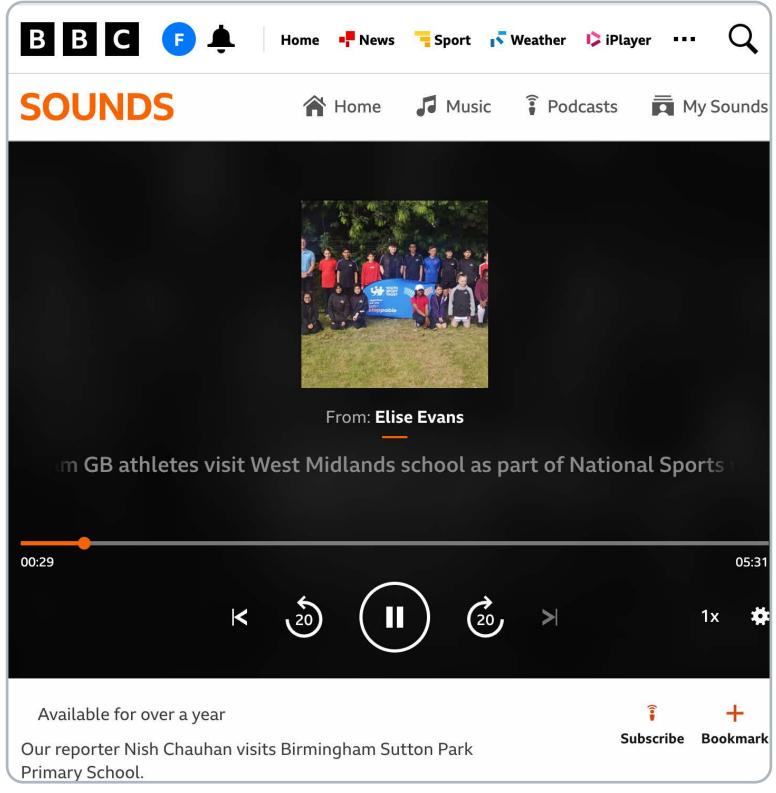
#### Coverage included:

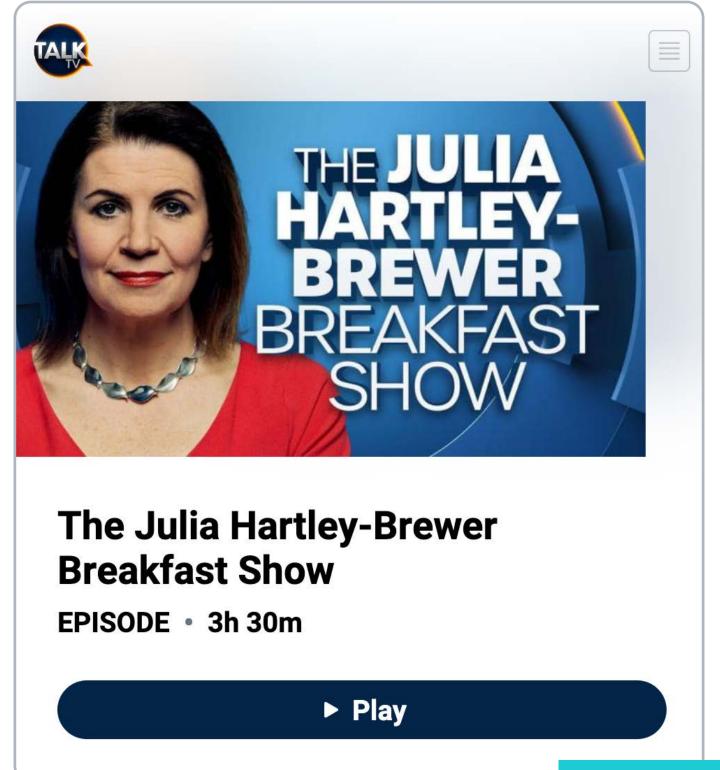
- 49 mentions on regional BBC radio stations about the
  week and how urgent action is needed to transform
  perceptions of PE and school sport to reach more families
  and young people. This includes high reach station BBC
  London, BBC Leeds and BBC Radio Scotland.
- 2 mentions on national TV stations including **GB News** and **Talk TV**.
- 122 mentions in local newspapers and online including high reach titles Glasgow Evening Times, Northern Echo, Southern Daily Echo, yahoo news, and The Conversation.
- 14 mentions in sports and education trade press, including First News, Children & Young People Now and Inside the games.



### In the press







SKIP TO 2HRS 49MINS



### In the press

#### British athletes participate in National School Sport Week

By Michael Houston O Sunday, 26 June 2022











Double Olympic gold medallist Lizzy Yarnold and Olympic relay bronze medallist Anyika Onuora are taking part in National School Sport Week to highlight the importance of sport in school.

The celebrations coincided with Olympic Day, which takes place on June 23 every year.

The British Olympic Association (BOA) are working with children's charity the Youth Sports Trust for its annual awareness campaign about mental health and well-being through activity.

"We are delighted to be partnering with the Youth Sport Trust on this fun initiative," said BOA chief executive Andy

"An important part of our remit is to bring together and inspire the nation through the power of Olympic sport, and

inspiring young people to develop and maintain an active lifestyle is a vital element.

"It will be great to see our athletes sharing their stories and encouraging the next generation to reap the benefits of involvement in sport at every level."



■ Dual Paralympian Darren Harris, England's most capped and most decorated blind footballer, pictured with Wilmcote C of E Primary School children during his

The workshop consisted of fitness circuit, followed by a tional School Sports Week, work and resilience, and the all talk with a Q&A session.

To end, Darren played the stops, from swimming on al benefits of sport."



Yarnold and Anyika Onuora dug out their PE kits last week to get involved in this year's National School Sport Week. Marking the ten year anniversary of London 2012, Team GB joined forces with children's charity the Youth Sport Trust to highlight the role of school sport in helping children feel a sense of belonging and maintaining their physical and mental health. It also coincided with Olympic Day as Team GB encouraged communities to get involved with a series of visits planned. Yarnold visited a primary school in Christchurch to part in workshops around a theme of belonging.

PICTURE: Ker Robertson/Getty Images

#### Power of PE - good school experiences have generational impact





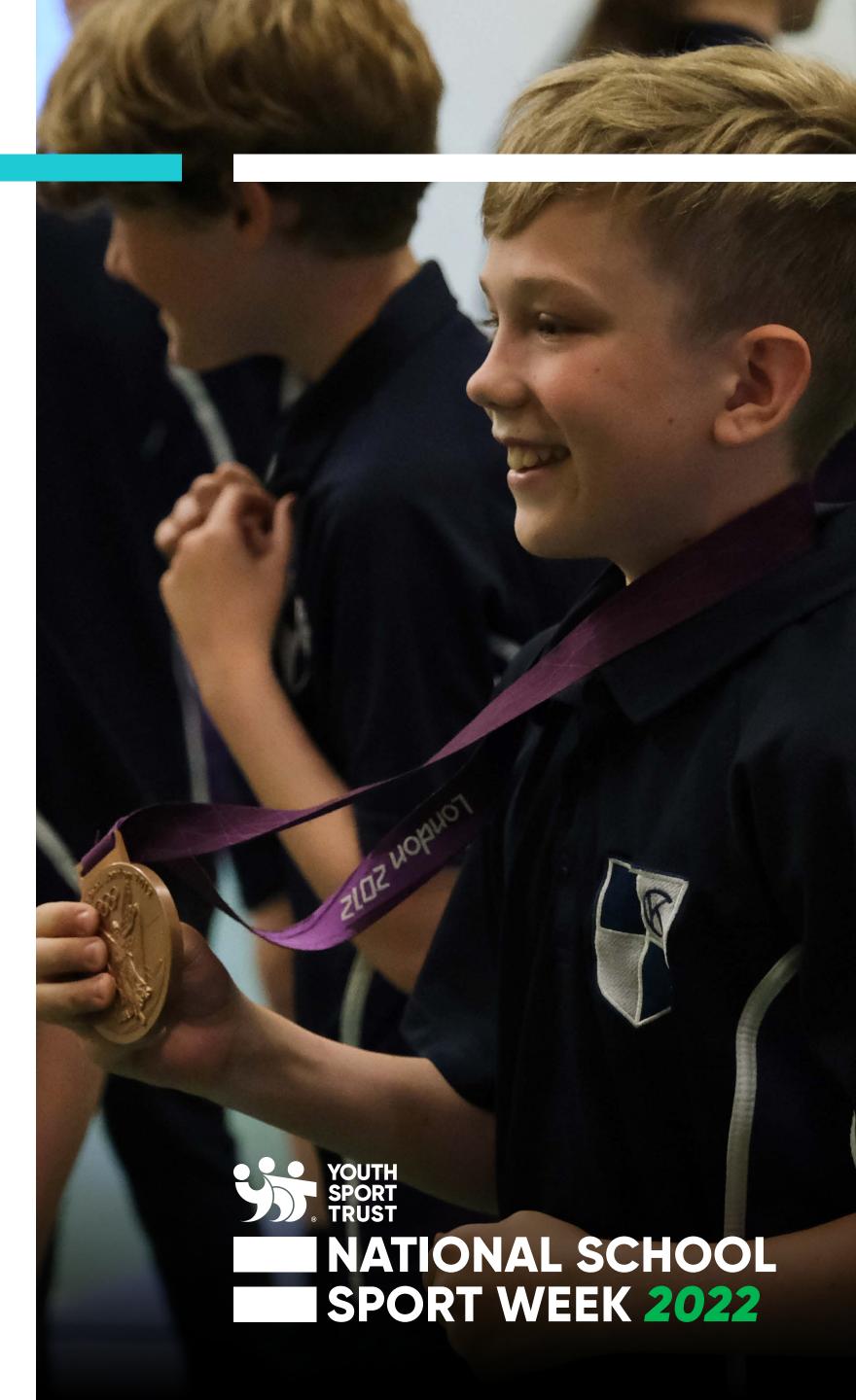




Just 32% of UK parents have positive memories of PE and school sport as a child. New research from the Youth Sport Trust, conducted by YouGov, comes as the charity looks to National School Sport Week 20-26 June, when it will be championing a place for every child in sport and encouraging schools to focus on physical activity and sport environments where every young person feels they belong regardless of ability or motivation. In the aftermath of the pandemic, it wants to reclaim the life chances of a generation by changing parental perceptions and children's experiences.



Get involved with the news Send your news & photos



### Website



3,510

page views of the YST National School Sport Week webpage in a one-month period up to the end of the campaign. This included 930 page views during the week itself



3,656

downloads of YST National School Sport Week 2022 resources.

A 63% increase on 2021



# Website resource downloads

**337**Tap Up Tennis

412

Speed Bounce

**594** 

Around the World

361

Fast Feet

360 Catch and Clap 284

Changemaker Certificate

263

Changemaker Badges

147

Supporter Press Release

291

Social Media Graphics

607

Resource Pack







### Email marketing

emails sent by
Youth Sport Trust
with a call to action
for schools and
partners to sign up



Have you registered for National School Sport Week 2022, 20-26 June? Join us and become one of the many schools, organisations and families who will be campaigning with us to ensure there is a place for every young person to belong in school sport.

REGISTER NOW

#### Win a sunburn awareness kit for your school

Ensuring everyone is sun protected at sports events can be a task, however, with just one sunburn doubling the risk of melanoma in later life, it's vital. To make this easier, the Melanoma Fund created the Outdoor Kids Sun Safety Code, a free online accreditation campaign, that provides you with a toolkit of resources to help super-charge awareness.

All schools that sign up to the Outdoor Kids campaign from now until 10 June will be put into a prize draw to win one of ten sunburn awareness kits, containing: a SUNBURN! morph suit, x200

**244,456** total sends

**104,425** total opens

2,740
unique clicks



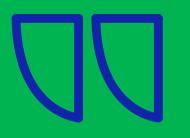
### Families

For Margaret Hay, working mother of three from Wales, engaging in National School Sport Week has been another step in supporting her children's love of movement, and journey to find sporting experiences that create memories and opportunities for the whole family.

Author of **A&Me**, Margaret has long written about her son Rhys's Autism and how that's posed its own challenges and unique opportunities when it comes to finding sports that offer inclusive access.

For the specialist school Rhys attends in Wales, sport bridges connection to children and their families and while sport activities may prove unique, it has nonetheless proved why sport offers so much to children, however those experiences are defined by how they see the world.

Reflecting on school sport events like **Sports Day**, Margaret has written about embracing the diverse needs, and sometimes interpretations, of the races and activities, but how the fun remained central to the experience, regardless of the structure that you may often witness at other sports days.



We don't need perfection in life. We need fun. We need inclusion. We need to just let loose and enjoy things as they are. Life is too short to be standing in straight lines. My son is autistic. But that doesn't mean he is unable to learn or experience things in his own way.

Margaret was one of many parents who registered to access National School Sport Week 2022



### Save the date

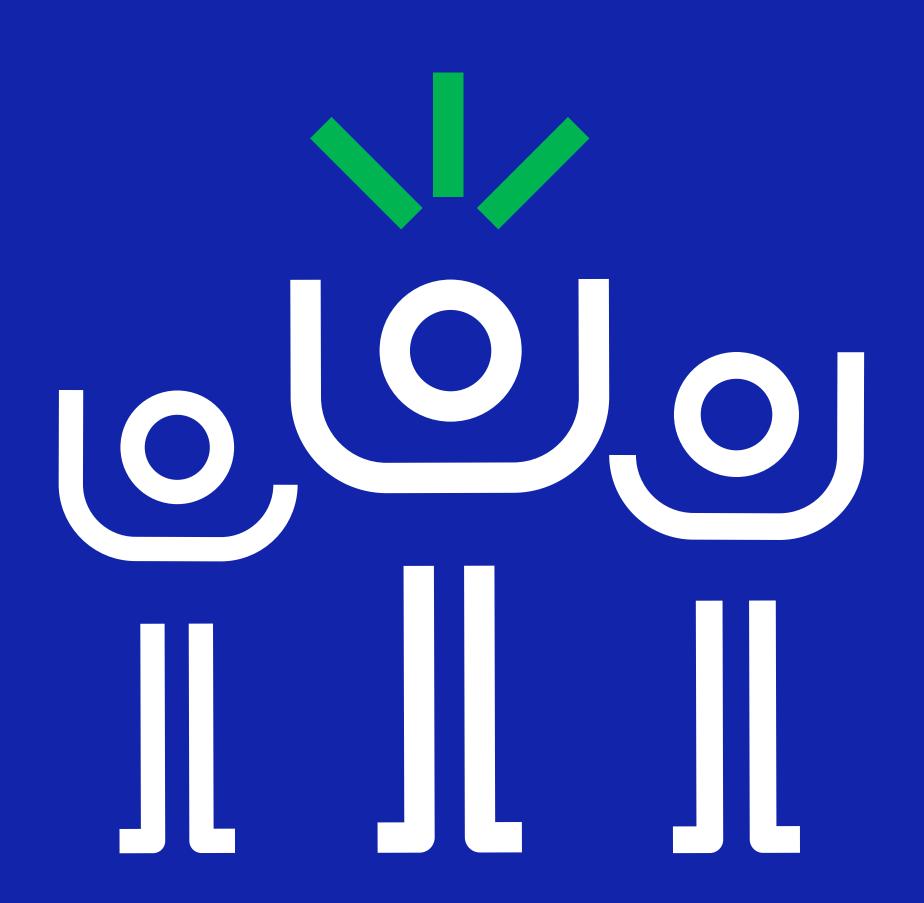


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### Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who made National School Sport Week 2022 a success and helped to work towards a future where every child has a place to belong in school sport.

Special thanks are given to Team GB for supporting this year's campaign and Complete PE for sharing its resources.

The week was run in association with European School Sports Day which takes place on 30 September 2022 and Melanoma Fund's OK Outdoor Kids Sun Safety Code

