



GRANDSLAM NEWSLETTER

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FREE TOURNAMENT



Bradford
Grammar
School

Our club sponsors Bradford Grammar School and the coaches at STC have put together a fun tournament for children in years 3, 4 and 5.

The evening will consist of singles matches, on court coach assistance and refreshments for both players and parents. There will be the chance to win medals and trophies!

See the details below:

- **Date:** 12th July
- **Time:** 5:30 - 7:30pm
- **Location:** STC
- **Cost:** Free

To enter simply email info@skiptontennis.com

LOCAL SCHOOL CLUB LINK



Skipton Tennis Centre have strong links with schools. As a club and a team of coaches we firmly believe that this link is so important for developing childrens interest, not just in tennis but sport in general.

We asked the Headteacher of Carleton Endowed Primary school, Duggie Speight to tell us about how and why as a school they think PE is so important in the primary curriculum.

Mr Speight told us *"We put sport at the centre of our curriculum as we firmly believe that this gives all children another opportunity to shine in. Some children may not be academic, and all children learn and develop at different rates, but sport and P.E can generally unite children and provide opportunities for children to work together, learn from each other and mentor other children. Peer on peer learning is something that we strongly encourage."*

As part of our schools package we offer free termly CPD to teaching staff, Miss Sigsworth from Carleton is a regular on these sessions. The CPD doesn't just focus on tennis, but skills required when playing a number of different sports. We are mindful of the time of year, space and equipment available in schools, ensuring that what we present

is relevant. We want teaching staff to have the confidence when delivering PE lessons.

We asked Mr Speight why he thought continued professional development within sport was so important to both his teaching staff and children. *"CPD is very important in our school as without staff feeling comfortable and confident in their teaching, children would be unable to learn as effectively and are unlikely to make as much progress. Our school won the Yorkshire PE and Sport Premium Award for Upskilling Staff as we dedicate lots of time, effort, resources and money into developing this. Due to this, we have now won a total of 4 Yorkshire or North Yorkshire PE Awards which shows just how far we have come on our journey to deliver outstanding PE and Sport opportunities."*

Carleton and STC have a brilliant relationship, one that has developed over many successful years working together. Mr Speight spoke about the school, club link and how it has benefited them. *"Our links with STC are strong and extremely positive. The work that they provide for our children is in one word awesome! Our children are supported from class one and they learn lots of skills and areas that they can practice on. Many of our children learn at school and are introduced to tennis through the amazing coaches. They then take this learning and are so enthused that they then join the club and take their interests in sport even further. Overall, here at Carleton we love our sport and P.E and long may our strong links continue!"*

Thank you Duggie for taking the time to speak to us about the importance of sport in school and how the link with school and STC works.

Carleton is and has always been a fantastic school to be involved with, both staff and children are brilliant!

SUMMER PASS

Wimbledon is in full swing and our Summer Pass is now up for grabs!

Do you fancy joining the club just for the summer months? Why not take advantage of our summer pass and have unlimited use of the club for July and August or August and September. Book your own courts online, pop along to social tennis and enjoy some of the best months to play tennis.

The summer pass is £65 and includes unlimited tennis and no commitments. Pop in to the club or email info@skiptontennis.com for more information



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IN THE COMMUNITY

On Saturday the 13th July between 1-4pm you can find the team outside the front of Keelham Farm Shop with our pop up nets, fun competitions and samples of strawberries and cream, kindly provided by Keelham.

We will have info on our Summer Pass, Summer Holiday Camps, Term Time Coaching and Membership.

Come along and say hello, have a shot at the free fun competitions such as best rally, ball in the bucket, plus beat the coach.

For every child booked on to a summer camp day, they will each receive a free Keelham goody bag. This year the goodies will change weekly, how fantastic!

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COACH TIP OF THE MONTH



Coach Adam gives this months tip ...

When serving, have a routine and know what your most comfortable serve is. Having a routine will prevent you from going up to the baseline and rushing your serve which is likely to lead to a mistake.

The routine could be something like the amount of times you bounce the ball before serving. Knowing what your most comfortable serve is gives you more chance of winning a point when you are under pressure, because you have more confidence in getting your first serve in. Finally, know where you want your serve to go and visualise yourself doing it!

Adam will soon be starting his LTA Level 3 qualification, watch this space!

OVERSEAS SUCCESS



The coaching team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made Jamie Kirkman feel welcome during his first visit to England and STC. We have received some brilliant feedback from players who joined his clinics and we are hoping that the link between both him and the club will

continue for the foreseeable future. Jamie is very keen to return before the winter months, keep your eyes peeled for dates and coaching sessions available.

If he thought it was cold in June, he might be in for a shock!

As a club we want to continue to offer our members and players added value and enjoyment to their tennis experience. We feel that having Jamie here to coach and soak up his fantastic knowledge and expertise really does offer this.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

CARL MAWSON

You can guarantee that when Carl arrives at the club he always has a smile on his face.

This season has been a great one for him, he's playing some of his best tennis.

We've heard he's pretty good at making cakes too...

We are so glad your involved at STC Carl!

There's a Keelham hamper on it's way to you!

KEY DATES

- **1st - 14th July** - Wimbledon!
- **1st July 1-3pm @ STC** - Ermysteds Y7 Tournament
- **5th July 9:30 - 11:30am @ STC** - School staff CPD
- **12th July 5:30 - 7:30pm @ STC** Bradford Grammar KS2 Tournament
- **13th July 1-4pm @ Keelham Farm Shop** - Pop up tennis courts
- **15th July 1-3pm @ STC** - Ermysteds Tournament - Finals
- **16th July 6-8pm @ STC** - Walker Foster corporate event
- **22nd July @ STC** - Summer Camps start

THE FUTURE

Some of you may have already read in the Craven Herald that the planning has been submitted for the indoor facility. The reality is there is still a lot of work to be done with regards to securing funding and we are still negotiating the extension of the land at the back of the club house.

We have a vision and a dream to further develop the facility and we will keep you up to speed every step of the way!



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