

# SPORT

## School Sport



**Elmhurst Primary School had reason to celebrate after winning the Newham finals of the William Greaves Trophy in partnership with Capital Kids Cricket.**

The competition was open to a mixed team of boys and girls from years five and six, with four teams taking part in the Newham finals.

Elmhurst, along with Lathom, had reached the Newham finals after qualifying from an earlier

Langdon Academy Sport Partnership event.

The pair were joined by Park and Vicarage, who had come through a similar qualifier hosted by the Cumberland School Sport Partnership.

The Newham finals saw each team play one another once in a round-robin stage, with the winners decided by whoever finished top of the group.

And Elmhurst saw off the challenge from all comers to finish with a perfect record as Lathom finished runners-up.

## Tennis



Asif Gul Abbasi (left) with a fellow competitor.

Picture: ASIF GUL ABASSI

**Newham's Asif Gul Abbasi will hope 2019 sees him continue to make progress towards his dream of competing at the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo.**

December saw Gul claim the title at the Roma Sport Wheelchair Tennis National Series Finals at The Shrewsbury Club, Shropshire.

Abbasi eased to a straight sets win in the final of that competition, beating his rival 6-4, 6-2.

There was also success for

Abbasi in the men's doubles as he teamed up with fellow Newham resident Manoj Somasundaram.

The Newham duo, who have been playing doubles together since 2017 and won several events through the Roma Sport National Series calendar, finished second in Shropshire.

By the end of the 2018, Abbasi sat atop the national rankings having won six tournaments in the Roma Sport National Calendar and he will hope to achieve more success this year.



Andrew Adegbite and Theo Fadayiro won silver and gold, as Finette Agyapong shone over 60 metres. Pictures: NEB/PA



# Triple jump gold and silver as older Beagles show class

**After some fine medal-winning displays by the Newham & Essex Beagles youngsters last week, it was the turn of the older athletes this time round and they did not disappoint.**

There was an impressive one-two in the men's under-20 triple jump where Theo Fadayiro earned the gold medal with a leap of 14.42 metres, while team-mate Andrew Adegbite finished second with 14.08m.

Among the senior women, the Beagles fired a warning to the rest of the country in the South of England Championships at Lee Valley.

Triple-handed in the 60m event, Asha Philip clocked 7.39 seconds and 7.30 in winning her heat and semi-final.

Mujinga Kambundji won her heat in 7.49 and was then runner-up in her semi in 7.30, while Finette Agyapong won her heat in 7.51, but then did not start her semi.

Philip and Kambundji also

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pulled out of the final as it was just half an hour after the semis.

There were no such worries for Ben Snaith in the senior men's 400m.

He won his heat and semi-final, improving his time in each race, and then stormed to victory in the final, taking the gold medal in 48.48.

Marlon Hogg-Williams marched through to the 200m final with two second places and times of 22.58 and 22.21.

And he was even faster in the final where his time of 22.11 earned him an excellent bronze.

Also in that event were Emmanuel Sosanya, who made the semis where he was fifth in 22.72, and Akeem Akintokun who bowed out in the semis in 22.73.

The senior 60m saw Will Oyowe and Sahio Diallo miss out in their heats, but David Bolarinwa was second in his heat and then a close fourth in the semi in 6.92.

Lennox Thompson did not finish in the semis of the 400m, while Victor Nutakor went out in the heats of the 800m and Alex Al-Ameen was seventh in the final of the senior 60m hurdles.

Jasmine Okoye went out in the heats of the 60m, but Dolita Ayala-Shaw had a good weekend as she took part in the 60m and the 200m.

Ayala-Shaw was second in her heat of the short sprint in 7.88, but her time of 7.79 in the semis saw her miss the final by just one-hundredth of a second.

In the 200m she went one better as she finished third in the semi in 25.8, though she was slower in the final as she finished fifth.

Jazmin Whitehead-Shakes was seventh in the semis of the 60m, clocking 7.95, while in the 200m, Anita Andrew, who went out in the heat of the 60m, was fifth in her heat in 28.2

Danielle Bakare went out in the heat of the 400m, while Dennis Jefia was a close fourth in the under-20 60m in 7.33.

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### Netball

**London Pulse welcome reigning Vitality Super League champions Wasps to the Copper Box Arena this weekend.**

And the first team from the capital to take part in the competition are hoping to inspire young athletes to play at the top level of the domestic game.

The Olympic Park venue played host to the Quad Series last weekend, with England beating Australia in dramatic fashion.

And the Pulse will play a total of seven homes at the Copper Box from January until mid-May, with two-time champions Wasps up next.

The young and dynamic Pulse outfit will be looking to cause an

upset, having won their first match of the season at Severn Stars but then lost at home to Celtic Dragons two weeks ago.

Their match, which starts at 7pm, will be preceded by an under-21 fixture between the Pulse and Wasps youngsters, starting at 4pm.

Details of further fixtures and tickets are available at londonpulsenetball.com.