

# Whitstable Junior School



# Sports newsletter- Term 4 2018/19

Welcome to our sports newsletter for Term 4. This term we have taken four teams to compete in Handball and Hockey competitions and the Netball teams have played some fixtures in the coastal alliance league. Enjoy the newsletter!

Mr Peal

# Year 5/6 Handball competition- Herne Bay High- 6<sup>th</sup> March

The Handball competition had more entries than ever before so consequently we were only able to take one team. This team was assembled of year 5/6 children and despite winning one and drawing one of our three groups stage matches; we were knocked out on goal difference. There was some fantastic Handball on show though and the star player award went to Alfie. Well done Handballers!





#### Quicksticks Hockey competition- Polo Farm- 20<sup>th</sup> March

One of the biggest competitions of the sporting year happened this term at Polo Farm on March 20<sup>th</sup> and across the course of the day, 20 children represented WJS. We entered two year 3/4 teams and one year 5/6 team. The children were in mixed pairs and rotated round, giving each pair the same amount of game time.

The Lower school competition took place in the morning, our A team unfortunately exited the tournament at the group stage, with one win, one draw and one loss from their three group games. The star player award went to Oliver. The B team



however, enjoyed great success. They won their group with two wins and

a draw and took on Boughton in the Quarter Finals, a tense match that we won on penalties! (Alfie's winning penalty pictured to the left.) In the semi-finals, they confidently beat Herne Hill A team 2-0, before losing 3-0 to Reculver in the final, Rio claiming star player award.



Upper School were drawn in a tricky group and unfortunately bowed out at the group stage with two defeats and one draw. Star player award went to Max.

Fantastic effort and attitude were shown by all three teams on the day; they did WJS proud with their sportsmanship and conduct. The children enjoyed each other's success and were proud to bring silver medals home!



# <u>Netball</u>

The Netball team have made a great start to their league season, improving with every match. We hosted Joy Lane and Hampton schools in one afternoon, narrowly losing both matches, before recovering well to beat Briary 8-4 and Reculver 8-3.



## **Sporting Achievements Beyond School**

I wanted to let you know about something special Tilly and Edie have been doing. They have been doing a "tri-athlon!" They have walked just over a marathon distance - 8 miles around Sandwich & Pegwell Bay Nature Reserve, and 18.5 miles from Whitstable to Margate.

They took part in the Swimathon at Whitstable Pool and swam a total of 200 lengths each.

Then in the Easter holidays they will do a 20 mile bike ride. They have been collecting sponsorship for Cancer Research UK & Marie Curie - and have raised nearly £900 now.

Well done girls!!! You are super athletes!

Finally, huge congratulations to Ethan in 5P who plays for Herne Bay Rink Hockey Club. He has just represented the Under 11's team in the National Cup semi-finals in Soham and the team won!!! This has earned them a place in the final which will take place in Middlesbrough in June.

Ethan has also been selected to play for the South Eastern Counties Roller Association (SECRA) for the Under 11s. This means he will represent our region, playing against other counties over England on the weekend of 6th April.

We can't wait to hear how things go. Good luck Ethan.

Hope you have enjoyed this terms newsletter celebrating our children's sporting endeavours! Have a great Easter break, see you next term!



Mr Peal and Mr Kidd.