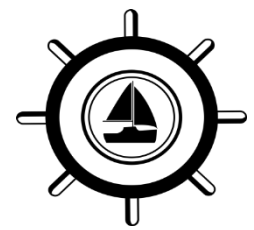


Whitstable Junior School



Sports newsletter- Terms 1 and 2 2022

Welcome to our autumn sports newsletter for Terms 1 and 2. It has been a great start to the new academic year with a new Sports Crew that have been trained by Mr Kidd, new Football and Netball teams working well together and new House Captains, plus some wonderful new equipment. Furthermore, we have been lucky enough to receive training from the National Tennis Association and support from Inclusive Sports that has provided the children with additional sporting experiences from dodgeball to pickle ball.

Looking forward to the New Year, we will be developing the Sports Crew role within school, encouraging even more diversity into our sporting diet and planning a really spectacular Sports Week in term 6. It has been a busy start to the year and I would like to thank everyone who has represented our school at competitions or taken part in Sports Clubs so far.

Sports Crew:



I would like to start by introducing our Sports Crew. They are made up from Year 6 children who have applied for the role by writing why they wanted to be a part of the WJS Sports Crew. In Term 1, they all received specific sports leaders training provided by Mr Kidd and overseen by Herne Bay High School. It is lovely to see them wearing their green t-shirts with pride and supporting their peers during lessons and lunchtimes with a variety of inspiring and engaging sports games. They were a real credit to the school during our open morning, when they set up a range of outdoor activities for the year 2 children to sample: all the while demonstrating compassion, humility and positivity in their interaction and support. They have also engaged the school during our Space Week when they completed space-themed wake-up and shake-up routines. They are also in charge of collecting and monitoring the sporting equipment used by the school during breaks and lunchtimes.

Upper School Change for Life after School Club:

Mrs Dean and Mrs Browning have thoroughly enjoyed running our Change for Life club this term. The children have sampled a wide variety of nutritious and delicious food, from tasty milkshakes to exciting kebabs, and discovered new activities such as Speed-Stacking. The club has been a great success and will continue on to term 3. There will be a chance for Lower School to take part in terms 4 and 5, so watch out for the next letter.



Sports House Captains:

These children are our amazing Sports Captains, who have also successfully applied for their role this year. Their hard work and dedication helps to ensure that our Curriculum Drivers are embedded into the children's everyday activities. So one of their many roles is to set challenges for the children in their houses, setting new ones each term. Please see the challenges shown. I know that every Friday the children are covered in stickers that show they have achieved their challenges.



Football



At the start of the year, Mr Kidd (our sports coach) held football trials so children in Year 6 could demonstrate to him their football skills and try out for the school football



teams. The trials were a great success with a brilliant attendance from both girls and boys. We were able to put together two really strong squads; a Boys Team and a Girls Team, who have been practicing together before school begins on a Wednesday and Thursday morning. So far this term, they have played really well against some very challenging teams and should all feel very proud of themselves. There is only one game for both teams left to play in the New Year in order to complete the season of inter-school competitions.

Inclusive Sports:



Every Tuesday, the children have been enjoying a range of enrichment activities provided by Inclusive Sports. So far this year, the children have loved improving their Dodgeball skills as well as being introduced to Pickle Ball, which is similar to tennis but using different equipment. Next Term, the children will be improving their hand to eye co-ordination by taking part in Speed-Stacking.



Basket Ball Competition:

Our wonderful basketball team represented the school perfectly during the first inter-school competition at Herne Bay High School this year. They competed against some really strong teams, drawing their first game and then winning the next one. Unfortunately, the team didn't progress into the semi-finals but they did come 5th out of 15 schools; well-done team!

Year 3 Unihoc Cornerball:

This was a mixed year 3 event, with a focus on inclusion and enjoyment for all; our year 3 team were amazing. Mr Kidd who took the children to Herne Bay High School for the event could not speak more highly of their ability to work as a team, their compassion and respect and just how kind they were to each other and the children competing. It was a great event and our children were a credit to themselves!



In Term 3 and 4, we are looking forward to competing in many more inter-school competitions, developing our House Captains and Sports Crews' roles and celebrating the Winter Olympics as well as the many additional sports the children complete outside of school. Thank you for taking time to read our Sports Newsletter for Terms 1 and 2. I hope you all have a wonderful break and enjoy Christmas. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either via the office or on the playground.