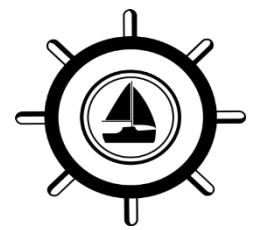


Whitstable Junior School

Sports newsletter- Terms 1 and 2 2024



We have already had an amazing start to this academic year with: the election of new Sports Crew and House Captains, maintaining our Gold Sports Games Award for the third year running, and participating in some fantastic sporting and transition events at Herne Bay High School and it is only the end of term 2!



We are also pleased to say that we are continuing to work closely with Inclusive Sports to ensure that our children enjoy being active, understand the importance of being healthy, and are exposed to various sporting activities. We have continued to fully fund our Inclusive Sports After School Club, which has been focusing on developing Dodgeball techniques this term. Moving forward, the club will be focusing on Handball techniques in term 3 and 4. Our Nurture provision also works with Inclusive Sport every Tuesday afternoon as part of a bespoke curriculum offer.



For those of you looking for a Christmas Holiday Camp, Inclusive Sport is running sports, games, arts and crafts sessions from Saturday 21st December to Tuesday 24th December at The Endowed School. For more information please email: info@inclusivesport.net or call 01227 202515.

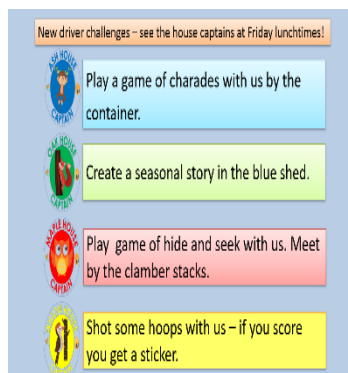
Sports House Captains:

Carrying on from the success of last year, the Year 6 children who were interested in becoming House Captains put together their own presentations to explain why they should be selected for the role of a House Captain. Then all of the children gathered together in their house teams to

listen to each presentation before voting for their favourite representative. It was so great to see the children deliver such confident and purposeful speeches: a huge congratulations to those children who were voted for.



Since being elected, they have shown respect, fairness, and great responsibility. They have also continued to ensure that our Curriculum Drivers are embedded into the children's every day activities by setting termly challenges for the children to complete.



Sports Crew:



We have a fantastic Year 6 Sports Crew this year, who have risen well to the challenge of inspiring and promoting children to be more active. For them to be selected for the role they had to explain why they should be considered, by writing letters of application which outlined the skills and attributes they felt they displayed that were required for the role. Once selected, they attended a training session at WJS, run by the Schools Games Co-ordinator, which ensured they understood the importance of communicating respectfully to others and how to develop the correct team ethics to be able to run their own lunchtime sporting activities during the year. Ensuring they model to others the importance of fairness, respect and care.



They have done an amazing job organising and looking after PE equipment and running active games during lunchtime; ensuring that they encourage other children to take part and at the same time model good teamwork. Their focus has been to work with the Year 3 children to help build their confidence and trust.

We would also like to say thank you to Mrs Reed who has taken over meeting with the children and overseeing the aims and objectives of the games which they organise.

I would like to take the opportunity to say how proud we are of both the Sports Crew and the House Captains, who have been amazing at helping to raise the profile of the sport within the school community.

After School Clubs:



Due to the success and popularity of the Change for Life ASC, Mrs Dean and Mrs Browning have continued to ensure that they run this club for both Upper and Lower School children throughout the year. The ASC is designed to inspire children to want to cook and be active, as well as challenge the children's perceptions of food, educate them on the importance of a healthy diet, and teach them a wide variety of simple recipes that they can recreate at home. The children have sampled a wide variety of seasonal, nutritious, and delicious food, from tasty milkshakes to exciting kebabs, and discover new activities such as Speed-Stacking or calming yoga. They have also planted their own vegetables to use later in the year. Thank you so much Mrs Dean and Mrs Browning for your enthusiasm and commitment to making this such a successful club.



In addition to this fantastic After-School Club, we continue to offer a wide range of sporting and enrichment activities for all of the children, opening early for our disadvantaged families to ensure they have the best opportunities possible. This year we have continued to ensure that our Term 1 and 2 ASC offers were bespoke to our children's interests and our ethos of Learning today for Life tomorrow. We are really grateful to all the staff who run the After-School Clubs as the experiences they provide the children really do enrich their school experience.

Football and Sporting Competitions

So far this year the children have attended a variety of different sporting events and without doubt, every child that has represented our school has done so with kindness, respect, and great teamwork; we are immensely proud of them.

Firstly, we took part in a basketball tournament where we won all of the games in our group and only narrowly missed the semi-finals by one goal- which even the umpire said was close! Throughout all of the games our children played with enthusiasm, patience, and genuine support for each other and were a pleasure to spend time with.

We have also participated in two transition events, one for both year 5 classes and one for a group of year 6 children. These events were held at HBHS and the Sports Hub and gave our children an opportunity to develop new friendships, experience a larger-scale setting, and also spend time with children from years 7 to 11 whilst completing fun, low-stakes sporting competitions and games.

Lastly, our football league games are fully underway and we are immensely proud of both our boy's and girl's teams, who have given up their time after school to practice and work so well as a team, showing great skill and resilience. So far the girls have played against Ospringe and Davington and the boys have played against Davington and Herne Juniors. Each game showed our children to have determination and great teamwork. The Headteacher of Herne Juniors emailed to say: *'I thought your children were superb this evening. It was a great match and they played in a fantastic spirit. All the best with your remaining games.'*



We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Emptage and Mrs Reed for all of their time and support in training these teams; I know that it has made a huge difference in the children's confidence and ability to play as a team.

Please check the weekly newsletter for updates on the dates and times of next term's matches.

Bikeability



Year 6 also took part in Bikeability last term. It was the first year that we were able to offer the Level 1 and 2 Bikeability courses for free to any year 6 child and also provide bikes and helmets. We are very proud to say that 100% of those children who took part in the course passed their Level 1 course and 95% passed their Level 2 course, which means they are now able to ride on the roads; providing them with independence and knowledge to be safe whilst riding to school.



In Terms 3 and 4, we are looking forward to competing in the Athletics and Dodgeball Competitions, whilst continuing with the Football matches with our local schools. We also hope to organise further friendly games with The Endowed School. We look forward to the start of our Netball League games which I know the Netball team and Mrs Reed are very much looking forward to.

Thank you for taking the time to read our Sports Newsletter for Terms 1 and 2. We hope you all have a wonderful break and enjoy Christmas.

Kate Roy PE Lead 2024