



## School News from Copley Junior School



### P.E. at Copley Junior School

At Copley Junior, we are keen to promote pupils' engagement and participation in P.E. and games. During our P.E. lessons we focus on developing skills in games, athletics, dance and gymnastics. Year 5 pupils also have swimming lessons.

In Year 5 children take part in a residential visit to Robinwood. During their stay children take part in many outdoor and adventurous activities including canoeing, Knights' Challenge, the giant swing, obstacle course, the pirhana pool challenge, raft building, crate challenge, team building exercises, nightline, archery, zip wire, caving and climbing! The visit has also been superb for children's personal development. We have seen qualities of team work, independence, resilience, decision making and risk taking all flourish.



This school year our pupils have achieved success in many local and county level competitions. Our gymnastics team came 2<sup>nd</sup> for the whole of Yorkshire and our Year 3/ 4 boys' cross country team came 3<sup>rd</sup> at county level!



We host our own intra-school competitions also. Year 3 took part in a mini-Olympics as part of their project on Ancient Greece and developed their skills in throwing the shot put, discus and javelin (using foam javelins!) Our annual indoor multi-skills competition proved to be very successful again with children practising their skills and recording their scores over a period of time before scores were totalled and the winning House determined.

Our Sporty Week provided additional opportunities for external specialists to lead a range of sporty activities including basketball, street dance, playground games (including French skipping and plate spinning) and military exercises. Our Sports Council organised a sponsored P.E. event and every child gave 100% effort as they completed as many circuits of the playground as



they could in five minutes. We raised an amazing £640, with 50% donated to the Eve Merton Trust, which supports Doncaster families living with cancer and 50% funding additional playtime equipment. We promote active play at break times and provide soft rugby balls, footballs, skipping ropes, bats and balls, hula hoops, scoops and balls etc. on both playgrounds so that the children have plenty of equipment to play with.



We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities and we offer many sporty clubs including football, cross country, archery, orienteering, military exercises, yoga, basketball, gymnastics, street dance and cheerleading. Every day is very busy and active at Copley Junior!



We look forward to sharing more of our school news soon.

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