

## Whytemead Sports Round-up: Spring Term 2018

It has been another busy term of competitions, events and clubs attended by pupils of Whytemead Primary School.

Our **Y4 Football** team (some of whom are only Y3!) did a great job in all of their league fixtures in January and February, working brilliantly as a team and never losing heart in the face of strong opposition. Well done Aston Z, Charlie O, Charlie L, Leo G, Dylan R, Harry G, Luke W, & Matthew S for your determination and excellent sportsmanship.

### **WHYTEMEAD WINNERS!**

Next up was the **Y3 Gymnastics**, when our dedicated teams competed against 5 other local schools. Despite the boys' team only coming together at the last minute, the whole squad worked hard to support each other in learning the routine and this hard work really paid off - they came 1<sup>st</sup>!



Huge congratulations to Danny, Aaram, Dante, Quinn, Luke W, Lillie F, Isabella, Esme, Josie, & Ava B your success is well-deserved!

Our next event invited Y1 and Y2 children to take part in the **Small Schools Indoor Athletics Competition** at St. Andrew's High School for boys. Sadly, we did not have enough athletes to be placed in terms of points for this event. However, it was a great opportunity for the children to practise their running, jumping and throwing skills in a fun yet competitive environment. I hope that Maddie G, Ofelia, Ella M, Leo M, Luna, Dylan G, Stanley, Orin, George B, Ollie, Yuvan, Gracie-May, Kathryn, & Dexter all enjoyed the experience and will be keen to participate again next year!

Teams from Y5 and Y6 were invited to play in **Netball and Football Tournaments**, held at West Park on consecutive days earlier this month. Sadly, due to a lack of participation in Netball club, we had to withdraw from Netball on both days as we did not have teams to compete. Both of our boys' teams tried hard, but unfortunately were up against extremely strong opposition on the day and could not secure enough points to reach the play-offs. Well done to Harry E, Haydn, Ethan, Cameron, Michael, Justin, Shia, Hashim. Keep practising Alex G, Jaydan G, Charlie O, Dylan R, George C, Lucas, Leo G, Thomas G & Rafael, there's always next year to look forward to!

Next came the turn of our Y4s to present their skills in the **Y4 Gymnastics** competition alongside 8 other local schools. All those involved had to practise hard to master the skills involved in this really tricky routine. They worked extremely hard and all made great progress. It was an enormous challenge, and sadly we did not have a full boys' team to take to the competition on the day. A massive WELL DONE to Amalie, Evie W, Lily E, Chloe W, Caitlyn K, Leo G, Daniel, & Buster for really embodying all the values of our Whytemead Bees!



A truly exciting event in the sporting calendar is always **Time to Dance**, held at Worthing's Pavillion Theatre, and this year was no exception. Lucy, Gracie-May, Elsie, Freya D, Kathryn, Luna, Ronnie, Ava M, Poppy L & Genie worked hard for weeks under the expert guidance of Mrs De Cristofaro and Miss Fogerty to perfect their dance routine. It was a long day of rehearsals for our KS1 children, followed by an exciting (but really late!) night of showcasing their hard work and enjoying the whole on-stage experience. The children were all amazing and a real credit to Whytemead. Well done Superstars!

The final event in our busy calendar for this term was the **Y3/4 Small Schools Indoor Athletics Competition** held at Durrington High School. Once again, we sadly had too few athletes to score points in every event, but it was an energising and enjoyable experience for those children who did participate. Well done to all who came along, and I hope that Charlie O, Dante, Anna-Rose, Aston Z, Shay, Dipti, Aimee, Lillie F, Luke W, Aaram, Ava B, Marnie, Oliwia, Harry G, Leo G, Luke L, Matthew, Wisam, Rayyan, Dylan R, Maia, Lily E, Amalie & Evie will encourage their peers to take part in next year's events so that we have full teams of competing athletes in KS2!

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### House Competitions

Mr Richards ran this term's inter-house competition for KS1. Over the course of the term, they have learned different skills involving running, jumping and throwing, culminating in a "Mini Olympics" contest during PE lessons. The results are in:

4<sup>th</sup> place - Goldfinches - 3550 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Woodpeckers - 3820 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Kingfishers - 4100 points

**And the winners are... Robins - 4230 points**

Well done to everyone for your enthusiasm and team spirit!

KS2 competitions will take place next term - watch this space!

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### Sporting Clubs News

Unfortunately, Mrs Randall and Mrs Baguley were not able to continue with Netball club this term due to a lack of participation. This is a real shame, as they are both passionate about the game and have had professional training on how best to teach it to our children. It would be lovely to have enough interested players to form teams for the next academic year. We need a minimum of 7 players in each year group to enter competitions, so if you are currently in Y2-Y5, and would like to play netball against other local schools next year, please let Mrs Andrew know as soon as possible so that she can plan ahead for next year's events and training needs.

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Thanks to Mr Richards for his expertise in coaching **Football** for KS1 and KS2 this year. These are set to continue in to the Summer Term, and we are looking forward to the onset of good weather to enable these clubs to take place at the *Manor Ground* each week. In addition, **Multi Skills** has been a successful to after school clubs on offer and this is also run by Mr Richards. As Monday morning **Running Club** has not been a popular choice for children who wish to increase their fitness and stamina, it has been decided to trial a Friday lunchtime slot for this club after Easter. Children will receive a letter with further details if they have expressed an interest.

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### Energy Club - Playmakers Award

21 children from Y5 signed up to take part in a 6-week course to teach them the knowledge and skills required to become young leaders in the playground and within PE lessons. They have given up their Monday lunch playtimes to participate in this scheme, and have been required to complete additional tasks and fill in their workbooks in their own time. Lewis D, Lily-Jasmin, Sky, Charlie S, Thomas P, Mia & Alfie N, Lara, Angel, Jessica M, Courtney, Thomas G, Jada, Sofia C, Bradley B, Jessica F, Alex G, Lucas, Cami, Cate & Finley V have one final week of their course after Easter. Please support them at home by ensuring that they have completed the requirements of the course so that they can all receive their certificates and enjoy success in school as recognised experts in leading positive play. This opportunity will be extended to Y4 children after Easter, and your child will receive a letter with further details if they have expressed an interest.



#### Got an idea for a club?

If you'd like to try a new sport and can show that a group of other children share your interest, it may be possible to run an extra club at lunchtimes or after school starting from September. Please speak to Mrs Andrew about your ideas so that we can begin planning next year's sporting clubs.

\*\*\*\*\*Keep Calm and Enjoy Swimming!\*\*\*\*\*

Y5 have enjoyed their **swimming lessons** at Splash Point this term and we look forward to hearing about the progress they have made, and how many children can swim the required distance of 25m confidently by the end of their course. Y3 swimming lessons begin next term.

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KS1 enjoyed lots of extra physical activity last week, taking turns to try out different activities on the playground as well as learning the official dance moves for the Sport Relief song! In KS2, children and teachers completed their own challenges and felt the benefit of rigorous exercise on their bodies! Many thanks to everyone who bought a wristband or made a donation to this worthwhile cause - you raised £281.37 Well done!

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**Homework Challenge! - "How do you get yours?"**

Chief Medical Officer guidelines recommend that all children engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day in order to maintain a healthy body and mind. We would like to hear about the things that you enjoy doing which keep you physically active. Can you produce a piece of writing, such as an account of a sporting event you have taken part in, a memorable PE lesson, a competition report, a playtime poster, a diary or an interview (just to give some examples) which shows how you try to achieve this goal? It can be presented in any way you choose and be about **any form of exercise** you do - whether in school or not. Your contributions will help to form a new display in school for everyone to read and enjoy. Please hand your work into the office in an envelope **marked with your name, class and "60 minutes"** before **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. We look forward to reading your contributions!



***And finally...***our unsung hero award must surely go to Mrs Carter; without whom none of the above would be possible! Tirelessly distributing letters, collating reply slips, organising competition kit and even helping to arrange lifts for those whom transport to and from events is difficult - and all this on top of her daily office duties - Mrs Carter deserves a gold medal and our very sincere thanks! You are a real superstar!