



Holywell P.E. and Sport

Newsletter 4



Welcome to the latest edition of our Sporting newsletter.

We have had an active and exciting Autumn term and we welcome Mrs. Fear to supporting our PE and Sports team at Holywell. She teaches in Ash Class on a Wednesday.

The Rugby Tournament

Our Year 6 pupils all participated in the annual tag rugby tournament held at Hinchingsbrooke School which was run by the Hunts School Sports Partnership. Unfortunately the coach arrived late to transport us to the venue and we missed some of our matches. However this didn't deter our teams from winning some of the matches that they played in and it didn't stop the determination of the pupils or their enjoyment of competing. Sadly none of our teams failed made it into the top 3, as we have done in previous years, but your sportsmanship and resilience was a credit to Holywell School.

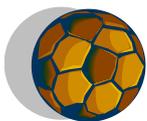


The Football Tournament



Our Year 6 B Team, competed at Westfield Junior School in a football tournament organised by the Hunts FA. Holywell played against teams from Westfield, Priory, Hemingford Grey and Bury. Holywell won one match, drew one, and lost the other two games. The children worked together as a team and were extremely unlucky in the games that they lost. We were very fortunate to have the help of two of our Dads, Mr McCann and Mr Lawrence, who refereed the matches and managed the teams on our behalf.

We are so lucky to have our parents help us in our sporting events and we send a big thank you to both our Dads involved.



Our A & B football teams will be participating in football tournaments in the Spring term. Details will be sent out when we have more information.

Sports Team Kits

We have used some of our PE and Sports Premium Fund to buy a new school sports team kit and it has arrived! Our football team were the first team to wear it to represent the School; see the above photo. They looked smart and we have had so many comments from parents saying how great they all looked.

Mrs Eva Kadar has kindly volunteered to sort out the kits for which we are extremely grateful for. Mrs Kadar would like parents to be prompt in returning the washed kits so they are readily available for the next matches.

Netball Club

Our Netball Club is run by a generous parent volunteer, Mrs Karen Tyers. It is proving to be so popular again this year and as a result we have had so many disappointed pupils (and parents). The clubs are usually run on a first come-first served basis but some parents have asked that names be drawn out of a hat. All we can do at present is to apologise and to inform you that all children on the reserve list have been numbered and as soon as places become available the children will be notified accordingly. We have spoken in great depth regarding the fairness of the allocation of places and we have come to a decision to take effect from September



2019. Netball Club will only be offered to Year 5 and 6 children. The children already participating in the club will automatically be offered a place and the remaining places will only be offered to Years 5 and 6. The children on the reserve list will have priority, if they haven't been offered a place beforehand. We hope that this clarifies the situation and to reassure you that we try our hardest to organise it on a fair basis.

Premier Sports



Premier Sports are an outside agency who offer football coaching on a Wednesday for KS2 children, and Multi-skills on a Thursday for KS1 children. Both clubs are very popular, and will be continuing after the Christmas holidays. Any children wishing to join either of these clubs, forms will be available in the School Office and will be sent out via Parent mail. Booking can be completed directly online through the Premier Sports website or a completed form with payment can be sent to school.



Rugby

This term 'Oak Activities' has started a Tag Rugby Club after school on a Friday. The club will be continuing to run after Christmas. Tom, the coach, has asked parents of children attending the club to talk to their children about the expected behaviour during the sessions. Tom stresses that he wants all children involved to learn new skills and enjoy the sporting sessions but constantly stopping to give behaviour reminders hinders their learning and enjoyment.

RAW

RAW Club is proving as popular as ever. Mrs Purell had the pleasure of helping the KS2 children in the Charity Gala at Hinchingsbrooke School recently. 18 children were actively involved and performed with great enthusiasm and showing amazing commitment to their club and school.



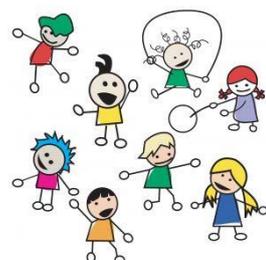
RAW runs on a Monday after school for KS1 children, and on a Friday for KS2 children. For more information please look out for the regular fliers sent out via email, or contact the school office for more information.

Sporting Competitions

There are lots of competitions coming up in the Spring and Summer Term, including Cross Country, Football, Hockey, Orienteering etc. Letters will be sent out once we are in receipt of all the information.

Playground Equipment

Our sports funding budget has recently funded the new gym equipment which was installed over the summer on the school playing field. It is proving to be very popular with the children, so definitely a worthwhile investment.



Playtimes & Lunchtimes

Our Year 6 pupils are trained as Play Leaders. They are fully in charge of distributing the playground equipment and are playing interactive games with any children that want to join in. They are doing a great job and it is great to see all children joining in regardless of their age group.

Golden Mile and Just Dance

Pupils are participating in the Daily Mile during the school day with their classes. This is an excellent way of ensuring the children receive regular exercise with their class. This will continue after Christmas, weather permitting. Please

ensure children have their trainers in school to participate in the Golden Mile. Just Dance is continuing to be as popular as always with the children and will continue every Friday in the school hall from 8.40.

Bikeability

Bikeability has proven to be a great success this year. Year 1 and 2 have had the opportunity to learn how to ride a bicycle. Year 3 and 4 have had the chance to achieve their Level 1 standard, learning how to ride a bicycle safely and how to look after their bikes. Year 5/6 took part in their Level 2 course over 4 days. This level taught the children to ride safely on the local roads, use hand signals, ensure their bicycles and helmets are roadworthy. And finally our Year 6 pupils who passed their Level 2 were given the opportunity to further their skills with the Level 3 course. The higher course was teaching the children to ride safely on the main roads and to handle roundabouts correctly and safely. The Bikeability team were extremely impressed with all the children that took part, and commented on their excellent behaviour, manners and knowledge. Well done to everyone involved. Holywell School is very proud of you all.



Bikeability has always been funded by the Local Authority. Unfortunately the funding has been withdrawn from 2019, which is completely beyond the School's control and a very big disappointment as learning to cycle safely should be paramount to all children. We have been informed by the Local Authority Bikeability team, that the Level 2 course, over the 4 days can continue but families will be asked to contribute approximately £40 per child to be able to participate – this will then allow the children to gain their Level 2 Bikeability qualification which ensures the children can negotiate the roads in a safe manner. As a school we have not yet committed to this course but will send out a questionnaire to the current Year 4 parents/carers next year to find out how many would be willing to pay for their child to complete this cycling course.

We have been extremely fortunate that so many pupils past and present have been given the opportunity to ride their bicycles safely.

Sporting Achievements



We will be continuing to report any sporting achievements of our children and celebrating them through our sporting newsletters. Please contact us if your child has recently celebrated a sporting achievement and we would love to share these details with our School community. Any photos can be emailed to the School office, with details of their achievements.



Are there any parents or carers that would be willing to help out at school sporting events, particularly for refereeing? Do let us know, via the school office, as we really do need as much help and support in these events.



We are extremely grateful to you all for your continued support with after school clubs and competitions.



Finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



Mrs Butler, Mrs Purell & Mrs Fear.