

CURRICULUM NEWS

The children have been really enjoying the range of sports on our PE curriculum this half term. We have had everything from 'Bangra' dancing to golf in the snow. In Nursery and Reception the children have been developing different ways of travelling and balancing. The lessons have been linked to the short stories of Jack and the Beanstalk and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. As well as this, they have really enjoyed climbing and travelling on the apparatus. Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed their gymnastics lessons. The children have been improving their pencil and forward rolls and then using them and other movements and balances to create their own group performances. In outdoor PE they been sending and receiving and striking and fielding. In key stage 2, three of our classes have been learning different types of dances, each with a different theme. 3S have been dancing like machines, 4C have had a carnival theme and Year 6 'Bangra'. The children have loved being creative and coming up with new ideas. Alongside this, in outdoor PE, Year 3 have been playing netball, Year 4 tennis, Year 5 golf and Year 6 volleyball.

We are keen to provide the children with as many sporting opportunities during school time as we can. Over the next few weeks, we are developing our programme of sporting activities for breaktimes and lunchtimes. The whole school has been involved through pupil voice questionnaires. Sports leaders and lunchtime supervisors will have training to ensure that children are engaged, active and involved in the fun filled sporting activities. More information about this in the next newsletter.

COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

This term has been our busiest term of the year and it has been fantastic to see so many different children taking part and representing our school. Alongside this we are planning some intra school events.

GYMNASTICS- In the lead up to the competition the children had spent several weeks learning and rehearsing a floor and vault routine. They all had to perform their routine in front of the other children. All of the hard work paid off as the children did amazing finishing in 2nd place. Well done Scarlett, Isla, Liberty, Aidan and Blake.

ATHLETICS- A team of children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Sports Hall Athletics competition at Greenbank High School. We had running, throwing, jumping and lots of excitement! We had some amazing individual and team performances and the team were thrilled to finish in 3rd position.

BASKETBALL- Our basketball team took part in their second tournament of the year and they continue to improve every game they play. We narrowly missed out on the 3rd/4th play off.

FOOTBALL- This year we have two football teams competing in the Southport Schools league and Duddy shield. We have had lots of success. Having played 7 matches, we have only lost once. One of our teams were awarded silver medals for finishing 2nd place in the Dempster league and the other team recorded a 4-1 victory and have progressed into the quarter final of the Duddy Shield. A superb hat trick from Archie S. A group of children from Year 4 placed second in their group in a 6 a side competition, finishing unbeaten in 3 games and narrowly losing in 1 of them. On 'International Women's Day' at lunchtime the Year 3-6 girls were delighted to take over the yard and play girls only football. They played series of small matches with lots of very enthusiastic boys cheering them on.

SWIMMING GALA- Last week we arrived back at school from the Southport Schools Swimming Gala with silverware. 2 trophies and lots of medals. Our girls team took the trophy for 1st place and we were combined overall winners (boys and girls). The children who finished in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in their races also received additional medals. Well done to our swimming superstars. They all did fantastic.

NETBALL- Well done to our netball team. They braved the rain in a friendly against Ainsdale St Johns and last week took part their first league games of the season. Then a week later took part in their first competitive matches. They were delighted to win one and draw a game. Then narrowly lost the last two games.

TENNIS- The children were given an extra PE lesson. A coach from 'WE DO TENNIS' came into school and delivered 4 taster sessions to Years 3 & 4. The children learnt individual racket skills, then progressed to sending and receiving with a partner.

SPORTS CLUBS

Monday: Football Wednesday: Netball Tuesday:Y5/6 Multi skills (Cross country starting next term)Thursday:DanceFriday:Y5/6 Archery

OUR SPORTING STARS THIS TERM ARE ...

<u>Nursery</u>		
Daniel- stage 3 swimming award	Lily- stage 2 swimming award	Emmie- swimming award duckling level 1
Reception		
Joshua-football trophy	Henry -football certificate	Paul- swimming certificate
Sapphire- dance award	Oliver-swimming level 3	Arty-stage 2 swimming
Alice-swimming stage 1,2,3	Molly- Stage 4 swimming	Cerys-gymnastics medal
Alanah-ballet medal	Payton-swimming	
<u>Year 1</u>		
Georgia- ballet medal	Harry- stage 1 swimming awar	d Thomas- taekwondo 3 stripes
Ella- gymnastics medal	Hattie- 10m swimming certificate and ballet medal	
Maia- level 1 swimming award	Harvey- football medal	Lillie-Anna- tennis
Jacob- medal for football	Isabelle- ballet medal	Oliver-Unite martial arts
Jude- level 2 and 3 swimming	Lionel- 2k fun run medal	Matilda- gymnastics medal
Lily-level 4 and 5 swimming	Sienna K- gymnastics medal	Isaac- level 2 swimming
Maisie- gymnastics badges	Isaac- tag Rugby	Holly- gold gymnastics medal
Lucas-silver medal gymnastics an	d level 2 swimming	Ella-silver ballet and level 1 swimming
<u>Year 2</u>		
Paton- martial arts medal	Max-level 3 swimming	Toby- swimming 25m
Zayna- swimming certificate	Caleb- taekwondo trophy, yello	ow belt
<u>Year 3</u>		
Harry F- football trophy	Rosie- stage 6 swimming	Bunny- swimming stage 1 and 2
Ava- gymnastics level 1	Thomas- swimming stage 3	Ethan- Man of the match football
Elliott-football award	Harry D- football trophy	
<u>Year 4</u>		
Jacob- 100m rainbow distance		
Aidan- swimming gala (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)		
Isla raised over £500 for Cancer skips. WELL DONE!!!	r Research. She completed 100	skips every day in February. Isla completed 3605
<u>Year 5</u>		
Vanessa- level 1 gymnastics	Mason- stage 5 swimming	Vincent- taekwondo
Ruby-dance/cheer	Football awards- Leon, Max, J	ames H, Skyler, Ryan, Alfie, Thomas, Lewis, Oliver
<u>Year 6</u>		
Isabelle B- Gymnastics bronze medal, 3rd place competing against 120 other children		
India has qualified to swim in the North West regional gala in 200m medley, freestyle and breaststroke		
Mrs Szabo and her family- they completed a 5k Glow walk in the wind and rain at night and raised £281 for Alzheimer's Society.		

Well done to all of our sporting stars this half term. If you would like your child's name on the SPORTING STARS list next half term, then we must see sporting achievement evidence for example a certificate, medal or trophy. Don't forget to bring them into school to show Mr Gallagher, Mrs Eden or Mr Murphy.

SOME OF THE SPORT THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE AT OUR SCHOOL THIS HALF TERM ...

