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Spring 2**

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The lunchtime Sports Clubs for next half term are:

Monday: Y3/4 Cricket (field)

Tuesday: Y5/6 Cricket (field)

Wednesday: Y5/6 Athletics

Thursday: Y5 /6 Football

Friday: Y4/5 Netball at 12, Y6 Netball at 1230

All children are welcome and should meet Ms Powell at 12:30pm

7 February Y5/6 Bouldering

Mr Huckstepp took 12 children to Mini Climbing Works on the day it snowed! Luckily, they did get there and back safely. Mr Huckstepp was very impressed at how well the children did. This year unfortunately we did not get through to the finals but a great time was had. Thank you to Mr Huckstepp and all the parents who helped or stayed to watch and support.

20 February Y6 Girls Football v Hunters Bar at UMLx

This was very close and competitive although Dobcroft made a slow start and went 0-2 down in the first period. After a pep talk, we scored 2 great goals to be level 2-2. Dobcroft won 3-2 and the girls were very pleased when I told them!

21 February Y3-6 Panathlon at Concord

13 children from Y3-6 travelled to Concord Sports Centre for an afternoon of 8 amazing activities like Boccia Blast, Parachute Popcorn and Flight Path! They all came away tired but happy with their bronze and silver medals! Fantastic work from them all and thank you to Mrs Kirk and all the staff who accompanied the children to make sure it happened. Photos can be seen on the Cornerstone section of ClassDojo ☺



24 February City Cross Country Championships

As always, a huge number of our children arrived to take part in this event – over 50 – and other schools had a similarly good turnout with as many as 194 children in each race! Dobcroft won each category and in the Y3 and 4 Boys they came 1st and 2nd but with the new ruling of one team per top 3, our B team was awarded first in that category. Similarly, the Y3 and 4 girls came 1st and 3rd with the B team awarded 1st, the 5 and 6 girls were 1st and the 5 and 6 boys came 1st and 4th so the B team were



awarded 1st in that category.

Well done to our top team runners:

Imogen 1, Elsa 4, Emily 6, Josie, 7, Ada 11, Matilda 27, Florrie 35 and Jessica W 36

Hrishi 2, Rory 3, Jack 7, Toby 9, Cory 15, James H 16, Teddy 18, Henry H 24

Essie 7, Saihaj 10, Eleanor 11, Mimi 14

Oliver D 2, Thomas P 8, Rowan 12, Ben 14, Rafi 14, James B 19, James M 20 and Oscar 21

Fantastic team running from all.



24 February U11 Netball tournament at SGHS

We had 2 teams in this event and each team played 6 matches in the pool stages. A massive thank you to Sadie, who once again came to help and took control of Dobcroft Purple, and also to Martha from Y5 who played. Purple team won 3, drew 2 and lost 2 to end up as joint 5th. Some great shooting from Sophie and Sadie. Blue team won 5 and drew 1 to progress to the semi-finals where they beat Westways 4-1 - that was the first goal conceded the whole afternoon and so we played SGHS A team in the final. They made a good fight back from 0-2 down to draw level, with some fabulous centre court and defensive play from Mimi, Helen and Cleo in particular, but the SGHS shooters were just too good for us on the day and we lost 2-6 winning silver medals as runners up. I'm really proud of all the players for their

excellent play and sportsmanship. Many thanks to all the parents and other relatives for supporting the girls.



27 February Y4 Boys football v Hunters Bar at UMix

12 boys divided into 2 teams played against Hunters Bar with Douglas and Henry playing outfield for one team and in goal for the other! There were some very skilful players on display and we noted that Hunters Bar managed to play brilliantly as a team unit. Although we had our fair share of chances saved or just wide, HB took their opportunities well so ended up as overall winners. Congratulations boys for your effort and enthusiasm. Thank you spectators for enduring the cold, rainy conditions.



5 March Y6 Girls Football Tournament at St Georges, Graves

7 girls attended this event where they played 8 unbeaten matches – winning 4 and drawing 4! That's a great record and unsurprisingly they were winners! Ms McClelland was very complimentary about their skill, teamwork and general sporting behaviour, which we love to hear, so really well done girls.



13 March Y5/6 Girls League Football Tournament

Well done to the girls who played in a Y5 and 6 Girls Football Tournament on Wednesday. It was drizzly and cold plus there was some tough opposition. I'm very proud of the Blue team's determination, particularly after the 1st match. It was great to see them still enjoying their football and improving with every game. The Purple team

won their first 2 matches 4-0 and 3-0 but narrowly lost their last game vs Bradway 0-1 to be runners up on the day. Thank you parents for assisting with transport and staying to support. Special mention to Mimi who had a stamp to the foot late in the final match, to Annabelle who had 2 incidents during the afternoon, including a hard shot to the face and poor Roza who sustained a bruised hand trying to save an incredibly hard shot. The girls were definitely resilient! Well done to all the players.



14 March South Yorkshire Games Sportshall Athletics Finals

Huge congratulations to the 20 children in the Sportshall Athletics team who represented Sheffield against Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham at the South Yorkshire Games. This was their 4th competition together and they were still able to improve on their previous scores. As always, they performed brilliantly and the boys had their best set of track results. The whole team are so enthusiastic and supportive of each other. I am thrilled for them as runners up and silver medallists! They have ended the season as City Champions and runners up in South Yorkshire which is really amazing and well deserved. Thanks so much to all the parents who have cheered, transported and taken time off work to support them in their journey.



19 March Y3/4 Girls Netball Workshop at Ponds Forge

15 girls from Y3 and 4 participated in this workshop comprising 6 different skill based activities and organised by Westbourne School. We are really grateful to be invited to such events. There were Secondary students running



each station and selecting girls who did particularly well at each skill. The girls really enjoyed the activities and I could see improvement with their shooting and passing skills in particular. Thank you parents for organising transport and staying to support the girls.



22 March Y6 Girls Netball Tournament at Ponds Forge

16 girls across 2 teams played in this invitation event. The 2 teams were in different pools with Purple team winning their matches to be pool winners and progress to the final. Blue won their first 2 matches comfortably but had a battle against Dore and were perhaps, fortunate to draw that game 2-2 which also sent them to the final on goal difference. This meant the 2 Dobcroft teams played each other! Unfortunately for the Purples, the Blues beat them but to be first and second is quite something in their last Primary netball tournament. It was a great afternoon of skillful and high paced netball: well done to all the players and I hope they continue their netball journey in their respective Secondary schools.

23 March Cross Country Relays at Castle Dyke

There were a couple of last minute problems and changes with the teams so it was just as well we didn't give out numbers until the day! The weather was as foul as the year before! It's always windy, but with squalls of rain and nasty hail (ask Thomas P who had a painful run with it coming into his face ☹️) the conditions were sometimes really difficult. At least it was the same for everybody. We managed to field 14 full teams and 1 mixed team overall which is absolutely fantastic.

The 3/4 girls came 1st, 3rd, 7th and 19th out of 28 teams

3/4 Boys were 1st, 4th, 12th and 13th out of 32 teams

5/6 Girls were 3rd and 6th out of 17 teams

5 /6 Boys were 2nd, 7th, 11th and 14th out of 21 teams

It's been another amazingly successful season and I know that with the current Y3, 4 and 5 runners that it will continue next year as well! Thank you to everyone involved.





26 March Y3/4 Key Steps Gymnastics at Graves Tennis Centre

8 girls from Y3 and 4 participated in this event at the very impressive set up at Graves Leisure Centre. The format this year was different to previous years and definitely an improvement. The girls had a 20 minute session on both trampoline and asymmetric bars before practising and completing their floor routine and vault. They had a great time and the

improvement from practice to competition was remarkable, particularly in vault where 5 girls achieved maximum scores and Dobcroft was 1st overall in that discipline. Well done to Nancy, Isabella, Jessica, Jemima and Isabel. The floor was tough, tight on points, and overall the team came 6th out of 8. Thanks so much to all the parents and other relatives who stayed to watch, I know the girls appreciated it and thank you to Chloe the coach, who prepared and selected the girls.



26 March Y6 Boys League Football Tournament

2 football teams, 17 players in total, competed in a Y6 League Tournament on 26 March back at King Edwards Lower School. Both teams played 5 matches, including having to play each other which the Blues narrowly lost 0-1. In their other matches the Blues lost 2, drew 1 and finished with a magnificent 3-0 win with goals from Uzair, Finn and Benjamin. The Greens won 4 and drew 1 to become the tournament winners and they will go on to play in the League Finals sometime in June. The last (and deciding) match was really tense and the deadlock was only broken by a great goal from Leo on his debut for the school! Both teams played some excellent football and really showed some great

spirit and teamwork. Thanks to James from Y5 who stepped up as the Blues goalkeeper and made some excellent saves. Thank you very much to all the spectators, particularly to Mr Thomas, for helping with warm ups and Mr Turner who refereed the Greens' matches. It was a good tournament played in an excellent sporting atmosphere by all the teams.



Dates for the Diary

- 19 April Y5 Cycle Speedway at Graves 1230-230pm
- 20 April Orienteering at Parkwood Springs
- 21 April British Schools Orienteering Championships
- 22 April Y4 Network Games at the EIS 12-3.30pm
- 26 April U10 Football League Tournament at Bradway
- 30 April Y3-6 Orienteering at Birley Secondary School 1 – 3pm
- 2 May Y5 Aqua Fest Finals at Ponds Forge 9am to 12 noon
- 7 May Y3/4 Hockey v Ecclesall 3.45 – 5.30pm
- 9 May Y6 Basketball v Ecclesall 3.45 – 5pm
- 14 May Y5 and 6 Football boys and girls v Ecclesall 3.45 – 5.30pm
- 17 May Y5 Boys and Girls Cricket tournament at Millhouses
- 19 May Orienteering at Graves Park
- 21 May Y3-6 Gala at Ponds Forge 7-9pm
- 6 June Y5/6 Athletics qualifying round at Woodbourn Road 1 – 4pm +
- 7 June Sports Day
- 8 June Orienteering at Meersbrook Park
- 11 June Y3/4 Cricket v Ecclesall tbc
- 13 or 14 June Colour Run at Don Valley Bowl - TBC
- 18 June Y5/6 Mixed Hockey v Ecclesall 3.45 – 5.30pm
- 23 June U9 and 12 Boys, U9 and 13 Girls football tournament at the Billy Sharp Academy
- 1 July Y5 Speedway Finals at Graves – 2 boys and 2 girls
- 2 July Y6 re-scheduled Pentathlon v Ecclesall 3.45 – 5pm
- 5 July Billy Sharp 5 a side Football, U9 9am – 12 noon, U11 12 – 3.30pm

- 9 July Y6 Mixed Cricket v Ecclesall tbc

Not listed but possible other dates:

- Brownlee Triathlon
- Y3/4 Cricket tournament
- Rounders Festival
- League Football Finals
- City Athletics Finals