



Sports News- October 2018

We had a quiet September preparing for a few things in October and beyond and getting all the lunchtime activities up and running.

4th October

It fell to a Y5/6 Girls football team to kick off the Dobcroft sporting year. Bradway Primary hosted our division of the girls ESFA Cup. It was a lovely afternoon, with our goalkeeper complaining about sun in her eyes! It was a nervous start, probably the same as most teams, as we had not played much together. Captain, Martha and newcomer to the team Y5 Carys, alternately controlled midfield and created scoring chances up front. It went right down to the last few seconds before Sophia squeezed in a shot off the post. We deserved to win on possession and run of play, but it was tough on the opposition. We approached the second match more confidently and ran out 4 - 0 winners! In our 3rd game we were 1 - 0 up for most of the match but conceded a goal very close to the end to finish 1- 1 and so into the last match - the decider between us and Bradway. We tried to play an attacking game as we had all afternoon, with our players being very supportive of each other and disciplined in our positions. Unfortunately, Bradway knew they only had to draw so played very defensively and despite having most of the possession we just couldn't score. We ended up with another draw and therefore had an unbeaten afternoon, finishing second overall. Well done to all and thank you to our parents.

12 October:

9 Y6 boys represented Dobcroft in the ESFA Cup first round, held at Hallam Primary. Given the lovely weather we have been experiencing, this afternoon was the opposite and rained throughout the afternoon. Thank you to the hardy parents who stayed to support the team. The 2 pitches looked quite different to each other and the goals were different sizes too! It was decided that should there be a tie then the organiser would look at the head-to-head between the tying teams rather than goal difference. Luckily that proved unnecessary! The first half of our first game was frustrating with our boys peppering the goal with shots but nothing going in. The second half was a different story entirely and we ended up as 4-0 winners, including a hat trick from our captain of the day James. The second match was on the better pitch with the bigger goals. We dominated once again and showed some excellent passing and team work with Alfie controlling midfield. We ended up as 2 - 0 winners including a typical brilliant opportunistic goal from Sam. We came to our final game quite confident but this team proved to be the most difficult with some quick players on the counter attack. We were 1 - 0 up at half time but they scored immediately after the break followed by a brilliant goal by Ollie to take us back into the lead. We conceded another goal and went into the last couple of minutes tied at 2- 2. Unluckily for the opposition, another great cross by Sam was rebounded into the goal off a defender which gave us 3 wins out of 3. This means the boys are into the finals on 22 October at Concord Sports Centre.

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16 October: -Y6 Girls netball festival at Sheffield Girls High.

This was a lovely way to start the netball season, once again, after only a few practices, and also played in lovely weather. There were 3 courts and all teams were in action all the time. Our shooters Poppy , Lucy and Hana had a great afternoon scoring lots of goals between them. Captain, Sophia kept the team well marshalled during the matches and was always very positive, especially in the last half of our last match where she was calling advice and encouragement from the side-lines. Too many goals to mention, but we won 4 matches and drew one to be crowned as overall winners. Well done everyone! It would be an understatement to say the girls really enjoyed the sandwiches and cake afterwards!!

18 October: Y5/6 Girls football festival at Concord Sports Centre.

11 Y5 girls represented Dobcroft at this beginning of season friendly 5-a-side festival. Bearing in mind most of the other teams were completely Y6 girls and some of our girls were experiencing their first ever tournament, the girls did extremely well and should be really encouraged by their standard of play. We played 6 matches altogether, winning 3 and losing 3. Our joint captains Carys and Martha E, certainly led by example and worked tirelessly all over the pitch. A special mention also to Evie, who sustained a bloody nose within the first few seconds of the very first match (spectacular save by the way!) from a bullet of a shot at point blank range. Thankfully between her mum and Mr Liley, she was well looked after so the team could carry on, and, unselfishly, Sadie offered to be goalkeeper. Evie did make it back on to the pitch later on in the morning which was really brave. Well done to both 'keepers. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who stayed to watch and helped with transport. It is appreciated as always.

22 October: Boys ESFA Football finals at Concord Sports Centre.

What a great evening of football. The standard was very high but our boys raised their game. The matches were all 10 minutes one way with rolling subs and we played the first 5 on the bounce (in common with other teams) so fitness was definitely a factor. It is very much a team effort, but between (Captain of the Day) Alfie's good ball distribution, Sam and Dominic's crosses, Dylan's sound defence, and Ollie dancing his way around defenders with searing pace, certainly everyone had their role. Special mentions must be made, however, to Ewan who helped us get to the final but was unfortunately ill and could not participate on the day, James for his flexibility (sometimes centre forward sometimes left back) and undoubted goal saving tackles – he was everywhere - , Joshua had his best ever day at right back with great tackles and passes up the wing and Jack S in goal – wow. He was quite busy but didn't put a foot wrong, making great saves including pulling a ball back off the goal line. As a team we only conceded 2 goals all afternoon finishing unbeaten after 6 matches. Even the eventual winners could only manage a 1-1 draw with us! Overall we were 2nd. Everyone should be extremely pleased and proud of their performance.

13th October -Cross Country at Norfolk Park

This was the 3rd run of the season and our school didn't fail to impress with the numbers! Again there were many dedicated and experienced runners in our team but some new children to the

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sport too- just great! It was a windy morning but bright and crisp and as soon as the whistle went the nerves subsided and they were off.

Our Y3 & 4 girls have been outstanding! At the last race, which was Norfolk Park, so many of them turned up and we had 4 girls in the top 20. Well done girls.

Our Y3 & 4 boys have been running really well this season. At the last race we had 4 boys in the top 50 with 1 boy winning! Well done boys.

Our Y5 & 6 girls are amazing. At the last race we had 3 in the top 10 finishing 4th, 5th and 6th. How brilliant!

Our Y5 & 6 boys have been amazing. At the last race 4 finished in the top 12. That's a full team! Well Done.

Unfortunately our flag snapped in the wind but we are ordering a replacement! Great warm ups from our top coaches Matt and Andy- a big thank you as always.

Sporting Excellence beyond School:

Sophia in Y6– played in a Sheffield and District outdoor green ball tennis competition during the summer holiday. Despite lots of opposition she was crowned the U10 and under girls champion.

Anna in Y6 – Just before school re-opened in September Anna travelled to Bath for the British Orienteering Championships. On the 2nd September she came 2nd in the W10 category in a strong field, whilst the day before in the sprint section she won her heat to progress to the final and then proceeded to overtake everyone and win overall! We have a British Champion in our midst!

Well done to both girls, Dobcroft is proud of you.

Please let Ms Powell know if you would like to share any sporting excellence you and your child are proud of.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

8 November Y5/6 Girls Football v Westbourne at Gym Plus

13 November Y6 Indoor Athletics first round at Silverdale

14 November Y5 and Y6 netball at Sheffield Girls High

23 November Y5/6 boys and girls football v Netheredge at UMix

4 December next round of Y6 Indoor Athletics at EIS (depending on 13/11)

12 December Y5/6 Aqua Fest at Ponds Forge

****There will also be Y5 boys, Y5/6 girls and Y6 boys football league matches.**

For Information

Half term – if you're looking for something fun to do why not check out the Inflatable Planet at Concord Sports Centre! Look it up on <https://www.siv.org.uk/page/inflatable-planet>

Skiing - last year 26 of our children took part in the Indoor Schools competition at Castleton. Due to staffing, we won't be able to do it again this academic year but if you are interested and would like to enter your children then register your child and see what's on offer with training/practice by contacting the National Schools Snowsports Association on office@schoolssnowsports.co.uk or call 01279444621

PLEA: to friends of last year's Y6, or anyone who has younger siblings still at school - please could you have a look at home to see if there are any pairs of white football shorts, blue or white football socks or any blue/white stripe or the new two tone blue football shirts (with matching shorts and socks). We do seem to be short, which makes it difficult when we have 10/11+ players needing kit. THANK YOU very much.