

June 2019

1 June U11 and 12 Sheffield Boys football trials

5 Y5 boys made it through to this second round. Unfortunately, only Will from 5WL made it through to round 3, plus Noah and Killian who weren't able to attend as this was during the holiday. 3 boys from Y6 also made it through to the next round - Oli and James who have been in the U11 team, plus Alfie who has done well to make it further than last year.

4 June Y5 and 6 Athletics first round

33 athletes from Y5 and 6 participated in this event, traveling to the track by coach. It was a miserable day but we managed to complete half the programme before the organisers had to make the decision to stop. Up until then the Dobcroft runners, walkers, jumpers and throwers had performed brilliantly, and been very composed considering the conditions, with a highlight being a one-two by Ruben and Lucas in the 600 walk and Luella has qualified for the finals in both long jump and the walk, well done. Anyone who didn't get to participate was automatically put through to the finals on the 20th. By then our new long jump run up and pit will be in place - fingers crossed! Thank you to Mrs Wilson for her able assistance on the boys' long jump and Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Gibbon for helping to put numbers on and numerous other jobs. Thank you.

5 June Y4 Cricket

8 children from Y4 competed in this competition at Hollinsend Cricket Club. Thankfully, there was no rain, and whilst it wasn't particularly hot it certainly wasn't freezing either. As always, we never quite know what to expect but after winning our first match spirits were high and we went on to win the second as well to emerge as group winners! After lunch we played 2 more matches in the winners pool winning our first but unfortunately coming up second best to a strong (and big!) team from Mundella. Particular well done to our captain, Cyrus, for some great batting and bowling, to Alfie for a spectacular diving one handed catch in our last match and to Felix for 2 brilliant run outs hitting the stumps side on with his throw both times! Thank you to all the parents for assisting with transport.

6 June Y6 Girls Friendly Football

I was hoping to take two teams to play against Westbourne but with a couple of injuries and some unavailability, it ended up with 8 players traveling to Goodwin Sports Club. Westbourne asked us some time ago for a match but we haven't managed to do much in the way of practice, as the girls (and me) are busy doing other sports plus the season finished a little

while ago. No excuses, we came up against a decent team with a couple of very good players. Poppy, Suzanna and Sophie did a great job in goal, all of them making some saves and special mention to Eleanor F who put in some crucial tackles in defence. Well done everyone and thanks to the parents for watching and supporting the team.

8 June U11 3rd football trial, 2nd round for U12's

3 Y5's and 3 Y6's went to this 3rd/2nd trial - it's a long stressful process! Still waiting to hear the outcome of their efforts. I'm delighted to say that Will F (U11) and James M (U12) have made into their respective teams for 2019/20. This is James' second season and I know he's a key player in the team. Oliver Y6 was also selected but, unfortunately, due to a change of school outside of Sheffield for Y7, won't be able to take up his place. We hope he gets a chance to try out for Derbyshire.

19 June Y4 Tag rugby tournament

10 children, two from Y3, plus 3 girls and 5 boys from Y4, represented Dobcroft in this year's tournament over at Forge Valley. There were 14 schools divided up into 4 pools. Dobcroft had a nervous start but topped their group and so headed into the winners pool. In both their semi-final and subsequent final, it went to extra time and a golden try - and we won the tournament! Nerve wracking for both players, parents and myself! The players kept calm and really helped each other out so that there were no gaps in defence. Everyone had a role to play and worked hard for their team, very well done to them all.

20 June Y5/6 Athletics City finals

31 students went to the finals. I had high hopes for them all and no one disappointed, plus the weather was ideal unlike the first round. Their performances were exceptional in all disciplines. We had first places (and therefore City Champions) for Joe T, Ruben, Oliver O, Luella, Martha E and the Y5 relay - here we retained our crown from last year ☺ - the team comprised Joe T, Killian, Callie and Jasmine.

2nd places went to Oliver E - therefore Dobcroft had a 1-2 finish for the boys Y5 600m - and to Sophia who beat the 3rd placed thrower by only 4cm!

Leo P was 3rd in the walk and we also had top 6 placings for Emily M, Emily H, Audrey, Joe D and Jack W.

It was a truly incredible afternoon of athletics and my primary aim was to make sure we qualified in the top 4 to go to the South Yorkshire Games. So lo and behold when it came to the final placings Dobcroft were first by a margin of 65 points to 43 in second spot -

amazing! Dobcroft last won this trophy in 2007, so it's been a long time coming. We can go ahead to the Games on 5 July with some confidence and a spring in our step. Once again thank you to various parents who helped out and lot came to watch at various points in the afternoon/early evening as it didn't finish until after 7pm. Most of all, well done to our athletes 😊

24 June Y5/6 Speedway

8 boys from Y5 and 6 went to Graves Leisure Centre to race madly on bikes around a cinder track! Much fun was had by all, some very determined rides and a few thrills and spills too. Joe H had a pretty spectacular fall resulting in his having to retire, but he was very brave about it despite some really painful grazes on his knee. There is a club that operates at the Centre and they race on a Saturday morning if anyone else would like to take part.

24 June Y4 Netball

Mrs Wilson has been diligently running Y3/4 netball for 2 years and this was a last match for the Y4's. They travelled to SGHS to play against their Sparks netball club. They had a mixture of Y4 and 5 against our Y4's. The girls remembered all they'd been taught and won comfortably 10-1. Well done to the players and a big thank you to Mrs Wilson for her time and expertise.

25 June Y6 League Netball Finals

Thank you to our fabulous Y6 girls and their incredibly supportive parents. June is always a busy time of year and this tournament clashed with a Silverdale new Y7 evening. Undaunted, the girls persuaded their parents they could do both things - and they did! This has been a successful and stable team over the last 2 seasons so I'm really happy they had a last opportunity to play Primary netball. As league winners we automatically went into the top pool. We played SGHS first and were a little rusty, having not played matches for a while, so we lost that one but easily won the next 2 matches against Norton Free and St Theresa's. So we ended up in the final, once again playing SGHS. We had a few scoring opportunities we couldn't capitalise on but they are a very good team, so congratulations to them, but Dobcroft were runners up and, therefore, the second best school in the whole city 😊 brilliant.

Derbyshire Epee Academy

If anyone has any older brothers or sisters: They are running a beginners course in July 2019 at Dronfield, for boys & girls in the 13 - 14 years age group. They intend to take you from complete beginner to GB cadet squad by the age of 17. Your commitment combined with their determination and training will make it happen.

E mail: epedea@gmail.com if you are interested.

SUGCOE football trials

This is the Sheffield United Girls Centre of Excellence, Carys 5F and Martha 6F both had trials. Unfortunately, on this occasion the girls didn't make it through but I know how determined they are to improve so I'm confident they'll get another chance one day. Keep working at it girls and well done.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 July Y5/6 Cricket playing in the Raynor Trophy

5 July Y4-6 in the South Yorkshire Games for Orienteering and Athletics

9 July Y5 Girls Cricket against Norton Free (home fixture)

Y3 and 4 are also doing some tennis and cricket sessions at school and at Grove tennis club.