

July 2019

3 July 2019 Year 5 and 6 Raynor Trophy Cricket Trophy.

Luckily this year, we had the opportunity to send 2 teams which at least eased selection problems! It was a perfect day for cricket, sunny, but not too hot. Our teams were in separate groups for the pool games. Dobcroft A lost by 4 runs in their first match, but they won their 2nd match comfortably. Dobcroft B also won a match and lost a match before lunch. After lunch both teams played a last match of the tournament and both won! Then it was the 'needle' match - Dobcroft A vs Dobcroft B! Once again it was very close, with the A team emerging as winners. Well done to all the players as they all had their moment to shine, be it batting, bowling or fielding. Thank you in particular to Mr Glendenning who was invaluable with his help umpiring and generally assisting.

5 July 2019 South Yorkshire Games Finals Day

This is a highlight of my year, and with qualifying competitions in the build-up, we never quite know which teams are going to get there. This year, unfortunately, tag rugby was taken out of the day (we won our round and would have qualified), we came 2nd in the Cricket, with only the top team going and tennis has disappeared altogether. Anyway, we had a strong contingent for Orienteering with 4 teams across 3 categories and of course, our City Champion Athletics team. Due to the specialised nature of these 2 sports, the venues were different to the location of the Opening Ceremony, which is a bit of a shame as it is always a good event and lots of thought and practice goes into it. The Orienteers were at Clifton Park in Rotherham with Mrs Rosson. This was the biggest team for a number of years and included her son, so I was really happy for her as it was her last opportunity before leaving Dobcroft, and how well they all did! The boys team just missed out on the medals in 4th place, one of our Y5/6 girls team won bronze medals and the other Y5/6 girls team and the Y4 girls team were crowned as South Yorkshire Champions! The Athletics team was back at Woodbourn Road, where they'd competed in the previous 2 rounds. Spirits were high, but as with all these events, we don't know how things are going to play out until we get going. As a group the athletes were very supportive of each other and we had a large contingent of parents to cheer them along. We don't know the times or all the distances, but Martha Y5 and Sophia Y6 both won their throwing events, Oliver Y6 was 2nd; Joe Y5, Joe Y6 and Grace W Y6 all won their respective 600m races and Suzanna won the long jump. Overall it was a strong performance and we were all excited to hear the results. They went from 10th all the way to 1st and there was much joy and jubilation when we heard that we had won and were therefore South Yorkshire Champions! Definitely a day to remember for all concerned 😊 😊

9 July 2019 Y5 Girls Cricket friendly v Norton Free

We had a late offer of a game and because cricket has proved so popular amongst the Y5's, I jumped at the chance. The girls were a little worried when the opposition arrived as they were all Y6 and seemed quite tall! Thankfully they settled down and, fielding first, made some great catches and showed good bowling skills. With 231 to beat, our girls were unfazed, ending up winners, scoring 244. Thank you to Miss Field for helping me during this term, so that both girls and boys could play and practice during lunchtime.

Sheffield Boys U11 and U12 Football teams

During June there were Sheffield Boys teams football trials and I am happy to say that James Y6CT has continued from the U11 to the U12 team - not all the players made it and it's not an automatic right - and after many trials, Will Y5WH has been included as a goalkeeper in one of the 2 U11 teams. Oliver 6CT would have also made it, but is going to a school outside Sheffield for Y7. Well done boys!

Y3 at Grove Tennis Club

3SC and 3RW walked down to Grove Tennis Club on Tuesday 2 July for a fun session of basic tennis games and skills. The sessions were planned to coincide with Wimbledon - unfortunately the session for 3MW and 3J was rained off and could not be re-scheduled. Thank you to the parents who walked with us to make sure everyone was safe.

If anyone is thinking about some (more) tennis for their child during the summer holiday you can contact Alex Smith on steelersmith88@icolud.com or call 07958598477. He is running tennis camps from July 22- 26 and August 19 - 23, 10am -1pm, open to ages 4-15, at £15 per day, or £12.50 if you book in advance.

Y3 and 4 Chance to Shine Cricket

To coincide with the Cricket World Cup, hosted by England and Wales, Y3 and 4 had some specialised coaching from Chance to Shine cricket coach, Martin. The weather was kind and all the children seem to have enjoyed their sessions. Do contact your local cricket clubs for information about dedicated age group sessions. It is pleasing to see that quite a few Y4's have been playing since their introductory sessions with the same company last year ☺

Sports Personality of the Year

This was a new initiative this academic year. I kept a spreadsheet of how many practices or lunchtime clubs the Y6's attended, how many times they represented the school and then we looked at behaviour, sportsmanship, being good role models and so on. We had a Sportsman and Woman of the Year for each House and then an overall winner, boy and girl. For Don the winners were Poppy M and Mal; Porter was Martha 6F and Zack; Rivelin was Amber and James 6CT and Sheaf was Hana and Sam. Overall Sportsman of the Year having been in the Indoor and Outdoor Athletics teams, football 1st team and a Sports Leader was Alfie and the Sportswoman was Sophia, with all the same teams plus Netball and Futsal. Very well done to all our inaugural winners.

Orienteering Leagues

Quietly, over weekends, quite a few of our children have been competing in various Schools Orienteering competitions at different locations around the city.

Overall Dobcroft came 3rd out of 51 schools in the Primary league. It is then broken up into Year groups: Girls Y3/4 came 1st out of 28 schools, Boys Y3/4 came 7th out of 38, Girls Y5 came 17th out of 20 (because they only did one event out of 9), Boys Y5 came 3rd out of 20, Girls Y6 came 1st out of 15 and Boys Y6 came 10th out of 19. Well done to all the participants ☺

Individual winners were Amisha and Rafferty, with Anna 6CT being crowned the overall winner of the Y6 girls League.

The new League starts at Endcliffe Park on Saturday 21 September. If you check on southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk you will find the whole list of dates and venues for the 2019/20 season.

SIV Passport to Leisure

This sounds an amazing offer: for £50, a family of 3 (2 adults, 1 child OR 1 adult 2 children OR 3 children) can have unlimited swimming for 6 weeks PLUS 6 visits to either Inflatable Planet, Altitude High Ropes or Ice Skating. Passes are valid for 6 weeks from date of purchase and are available to buy from 15 July until 26 August. Skating includes skate hire, Inflatable Planet does not include socks and the High Ropes must be booked in advance. Check on www.siv.org.uk/summer for further details.

SCHOOL SPORTS KIT

PLEASE have a good look through cupboards and kit bags to check if you still have any football kit, netball kit, purple t shirts or red white and blue striped athletics vests.

THANK YOU

FINALLY thank you very much parents for supporting your children, and our teams, at many different sporting events, at locations throughout the city, during this school year. Your assistance is very much appreciated. Have a great break and stay safe.