

## **October Newsletter 2019**

### **30 September Y6 boys football friendly v St Wilfrids**

2 teams walked to St Wilfrids with Ms Powell and Mr Bryan. Everyone was a bit nervous as it was the first match of the season. The ground was quite slow but both teams coped well and managed to keep their footing (most of the time!). The teams were fairly equal but in both matches Finlay and Ismael - the goalkeepers - were kept very busy! Dobcroft won the first match and lost the second, which was a fair result overall. Well done to Ruben, Will T and Toby for showing great determination and effort for their team.

### **30 September Y5 Girls Netball**

Mrs Wilson kindly organised a mini netball tournament for her after school Monday netball club. She had enough girls for 3 teams and they travelled with the help of parents and the Tapton minibus over to Tapton School. Each team played a number of matches with Purple team unbeaten 😊 well done everyone and many thanks to Mrs Wilson.

### **3 October Y4 Boys and Girls football tournament at Concord**

10 boys and 6 girls travelled over to Concord Sports Centre for both a girls and boys tournament. The boys made a super start scoring early in their first match, but were really unlucky to concede late goals in both of their first games, which were very tight. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the morning they played another 3 matches and won them all! The girls won their first 2 matches to go to the winners pool where they only lost one game, which put them into 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall and earned them a place in the next round to be played later in the month. With several different girls taking turns to be goalkeeper, the girls only conceded one goal the whole morning! Well done to everyone, but a special mention to Emily A and Jack K for their great play and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Avgousti - I could not have managed without her.

### **4 October Y6 friendly netball v St Wilfrids**

2 teams of Y6 girls played a netball match v St Wilfrids during a Friday lunchtime. For most of the girls this was their first experience of an Inter School match and they acquitted themselves very well with some excellent marking and interceptions. This time around Dobcroft did not win but we are hoping to arrange a return fixture, and with that extra practice I'm sure we can turn things around. It was great to see so many of our students watching the match and cheering us on 😊

### **7 October Y6 Boys ESFA Cup at Bradway**

A wet afternoon and a slow, muddy pitch didn't deter our boys who started off with an emphatic 5-0 victory, followed by a 2-0 victory. Some of their play was great to watch, with flowing moves and slick passing, despite the conditions. The team work was awesome with everyone supporting each other and moving into spaces. In our other 2 matches we just couldn't seem to score as easily and both games were 0-0 draws. We played 4 matches and were unbeaten, but this was unfortunately only good enough for 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the day. Well done to Will F for 4 clean sheets in goal, but player of the day was Lucas - he was really competitive, nothing got past him and he passed the ball really well to start off attacking moves. Thank you to Mr Bryan for refereeing.

### **8 October Y6 Netball Festival at SGHS**

2 teams went to Sheffield Girls High for the annual netball festival. Both our Blue and Green teams played some amazing netball and scored loads of goals. Both teams won all their games and then it came to the crunch match - Blue v Green - the Greens were victorious by 1-0 in a tight game where both teams had lots of chances, but whether due to nerves or sun in the eyes, one goal was enough. This meant that the Green team were overall winners with Blue team second - a Dobcroft 1-2! Green team also won the shooting competition - what an afternoon for them! This bodes well for future games and tournaments. Thank you to parents who transported their children and the many who stayed to watch and support.

### **9 October Y6 Girls Football Tournament at Woodbourn Road**

To cap off a busy week, 6 Y6 girls went to Woodbourn Road for a 5 a side tournament. We started off tentatively and lost our first match 0-1 to Lydgate. After that we got stronger and more confident and won our other games to put ourselves into the winners' pool. Here we came across Lydgate again but this time we beat them, we won and drew our other matches to end up as overall winners ☺ Well done everyone and a special mention to our captain, Martha, who led by example, working really hard and scoring some cracking goals. Thank you to Mrs Tomlinson for her help and support during the morning.

### **14 October Y5/6 Girls ESFA Cup at Bradway**

The girls were in action again the following week - another soggy Monday! This time we had Matilda from Y5 in the team as our goalkeeper and what a great job she did. We only had to play 2 matches but we won and drew to ensure we were the winners overall and qualified for

the Cup Finals! No one cared it was wet and the girls really wanted to go diving in the mud - thankfully the potential wrath of their parents prevailed! Thank you once again to Mr Bryan for refereeing.

### **17 October Y6 Netball League v Abbey Lane**

This was a home fixture and the first netball league game of this season. Understandably, we were all a bit nervous. The game was played in 4 quarters so everyone had a good amount of game time. After the first quarter it became clear that we were just too strong and our shooters definitely had their mojo back as we ran out 28-0 winners. A great start to this year's league! Well done everyone.

### **19 October U11 Northern Cross Country Championships**

Joe and Tom, from Y6 and 5 respectively, together with a team mate from another school won the above event beating off considerable competition from Sale and Gateshead. Excellent and very well done boys!

### **23 October Y3/4 Girls Football Tournament at All Saints**

Following their success earlier in the month and with 3 new recruits the girls headed off to what was now a 7-a-side tournament at All Saints. Thank you to all the parents who stayed to support as it is a very difficult venue for parking. There were 6 teams overall in 2 pools. Each team played each other twice in their pool. We lost twice to Ecclesall by a single goal, and we beat Hunters Bar twice, 1-0 and 2-0. This put us 2<sup>nd</sup> so we had to play the winners of the other group, who were Mundella. The girls were not a bit over awed and our captain, Emily, took her turn in goal making a couple of fabulous saves. Up front goals from Ruby and Kemi ensured that the girls are now through to the next round which we think is the Winter South Yorkshire Games.....watch this space! Thanks again to Mrs Avgousti for assisting.

### **25 October Y6 Girls ESFA Cup Finals**

Fingers crossed for the weather! 8 girls are off to the SUFC Academy training ground to play in the Girls Cup Finals. Results and report in the next exciting edition of the Dobcroft sports newsletter ☺

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 November	Y6 girls and boys League Football v Portercroft at Tapton (girls also playing Westbourne)
7 November	Y6 Girls League Netball v Ecclesall (H) Y6 Boys League Football v Netheredge at UMix
11 November	Y6 Indoor Athletics at Mercia School
12 November	Y5 friendly football v St Wilfrids at St Wilfrids
28 November	Y5 Boys League Football Tournament at Tapton
14 January	Y5 Netball Festival at SGHS
17 January	Points Gymnastics Competition at Ponds Forge
24 January	Y5/6 1 <sup>st</sup> round of Bouldering competition at Climbing Works
8 February	Y5 Netball Tournament at SGHS
29 February	Y6 Netball Tournament at SGHS
4/5 March	Y5/6 AquaFest
18 March	Y3-6 Girls Gala invited by SGHS at Heeley

**FREE** Cycle Speedway sessions during half term: Cookson Park at Shirecliffe on Monday 10-12 and Graves Tennis Centre on Wednesday 10-12. These sessions are for boys or girls in Y5 or 6.

**PLEA:** please make sure kit comes back into school in a timely manner so that we have enough for the next teams in their competitions. THANK YOU very much.