

February Newsletter 2020

31 January Y3/4 Girls Football South Yorkshire Tournament

8 girls represented Dobcroft in this inaugural tournament. The girls had already played 2 previous tournaments in order to qualify. We were very lucky with the weather (unlike the 5/6 girls). 8 schools were present including us: 2 from each of the Sheffield, Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham areas. There were 2 groups of 4. In our first match, the girls were a bit nervous and shy and before we knew it we were down 0-2. Then they got into action and started competing for the ball and passing into space. Kemi scored to make it 1-2 and that gave the whole team more confidence. We pressed forward more to pressure their defence and Kemi scored again to make the final score 2-2! This positive thinking continued in the next 2 matches and we found ourselves in the semi-final! We played against a new team from the other group and at full time it was a draw. The organisers decided to have a sudden death penalty shoot-out: harsh! Our captain, Emily, won the toss and stepped up to take the first penalty, and scored. She then donned the gloves, went into goal and saved their penalty! Single handedly, she'd put us into the final 😊 The final was between the 2 Sheffield teams. We had played Ecclesall before and they are a good team, with a few good players, one in particular. I'm sure we will come across them again in the future, but on this occasion they were too strong for us but all the girls should be super proud of themselves as runners up in the whole of South Yorkshire! They will only get better, so well done to them all. Thank you to Mrs Avgousti for her assistance and, indeed, to all the parents. It was a great afternoon.

3-7 February Schools Football Week

This is an initiative from the English Schools Football Association. All the class teachers were on board with taking their children out for various different formats of football and the feedback I had from them was all very positive. Classes also did some football during their afternoon PPA lessons. It was a really enjoyable week and was great to see the children playing football with different groups of children and getting involved 😊

4 February Y5 Football friendly v Netheredge

2 teams of boys travelled to UMix after school to play against Netheredge. They just had the one team so our Stripes played against them, then our Blues and Stripes played each other to give Netheredge a breather, and Blues played Netheredge after that. It was a really enjoyable hour of football, with our goalkeepers kept very busy. Isaaq, Marcus and Harry all made some excellent saves. The pitch at UMix is quite small so we struggled a bit to adjust and keep possession of the ball successfully. Alfie scored a well deserved goal in his match and Henry B scored a sensational equaliser literally on the final whistle. Well done everyone.

8 February Y5 Netball Tournament

We took 2 teams to this annual tournament at Sheffield Girls High. As has been the pattern this year, there was a worry about the weather! Thankfully, whilst chilly, it was fine and the tournament went ahead. Dobcroft Purples played 7 pool matches winning 4, and losing 3. One of those was against the eventual winners, and another was only by one goal, so the girls played really well throughout. Matilda alternated between goalkeeper and goal shooter, making an excellent contribution at both ends of the court! Harriet also scored goals in some games and was key as a player in others. Dobcroft Blues won all their pool matches to set up a semi final against St Theresa's. This was their toughest match so far but they pulled through by 5-2 to get into the final against Sheffield Girls High A team. This was the same pair of teams as the previous year and, unfortunately for us, the result was the same. It was a great exhibition of netball from both teams, with neutral umpires being very strict on footwork especially. The fact it was low scoring shows the level of defence from both teams, so well done to Jess S, Milena and Heidi for their efforts. The final score was 2-1 to SGHS, but very well played everyone. Thank you to Miss Wilson for her coaching, and Mr White for his great support for both of our teams.

11 February Y6 Boys and Girls Football League matches

4 teams made their way to the UMix Centre on Aisline road, 2 for boys and 2 for girls. Both boys and girls were playing League matches against Netheredge and Lowedges. The girls A team won both their matches, with some more great goals from our captain, Martha. The B team won 1 - 0, with a goal from Halima, and drew the other game 0-0. Well done to Emily and Ruby from Y4 for making their 'senior debut'!

Our boys A team just couldn't find the net on this occasion and drew both of their matches 0 - 0, although Dipo was very unlucky not score. Finlay, and Ismael as the 2 goalkeepers made many fantastic saves during the afternoon. The B team unfortunately were pipped in both of their matches, but well done to all players, especially the defenders as they were very busy!

11 February Relays Cross Country

Unfortunately, this event was postponed due to poor weather conditions. We will inform everyone once we hear the new details.

29 February Y6 Netball Tournament

Unfortunately this has been cancelled due to the weather ☹️

Bouldering Finals

We heard recently that we have made the final which is going to be on 20 March at the same venue of Mini Climbing Works. The team will comprise our top 6 scorers from the qualifying round and we were the top scoring school so far, across the whole of Sheffield!

HEADING AND THE FA

Just for your information: new guidance has come out from the Football Association that **NO PRIMARY AGE** children should be taught heading in football. It has been a rule at our school for some time that no one should head the ball as a deliberate action - it is sometimes unavoidable - but this is now

official across the board, and any of your children at outside football clubs will be aware of this new guidance and should be following it.

EASTER HOLIDAY SPORT SHEFFIELD ACTIVE KIDS

There are Easter Holiday Camps run by Sport Sheffield with multi sports and activities for 5-14 year olds from 30 March to 17 April, and 0830 - 1715. More information can be found at info@sport-sheffield.com or by calling 0114 222 6999

DATES FOR THE DIARY

5 March	Y5/6 Aqua Fest at Ponds Forge
10 March	Y4 Girls Netball Festival at EIS
17 March	Y4 Boys Football Festival at Goodwin SC
18 March	Y3-6 Girls Gala at Heeley Pool
20 March	Y5/6 Football at Goodwin and Netball at Ponds Forge
20 March	South Yorkshire Games Winter Finals - Y6 Indoor Athletics
20 March	South Yorkshire Bouldering Finals at Mini Climbing Works
22 April	Y4 Network Games at EIS
14 May	Y3-6 Orienteering at Westfield
20 May	Y6 girls Netball Finals at EIS
21 May	Y3/4 Football venue tbc
21 May	Y3-6 Swimming Gala at Ponds Forge (evening)

