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The lunchtime Sports Clubs for next half term are:

Monday: Any age Hockey

Tuesday: Y5/6 Girls Football

Wednesday: Y5 Football

Thursday: Y6 Football

Friday: Y6 Netball at 12 and Y4/5 Netball at 1230

All children are welcome and should meet Ms Powell at 12:30pm

Y4 Boys Friendly Football v Ecclesall 2 November

16 boys divided into 2 teams, played against 2 teams from Ecclesall. For most of the boys this was their first match this year, but 4 boys were invited back from the previous tournament as we needed some extra support in defence to have 2 complete teams. We weren't very lucky with the weather and everyone was very wet by the end! This did not dampen the skills however, there was some excellent team play on show and the boys did very well to try and stick to a position when playing. The matches were pretty tight but Dobcroft triumphed overall. I was also very pleased with their sportsmanship: well done to all the boys.

U11 Sportshall Athletics Round 1 10 November at EIS

We had a last minute invitation to take 2 teams rather than one – sounds easy but that's 40 children and not 20! Considering the practice we had, both teams were phenomenal and we came 1st and 2nd! I am so glad I accepted the extra invitation and thanks you very much to all the parents who were on board and let their children participate. Thank you to my 3 super parent Mums as my helpers. The A team are now through to the next round.

U11 Schools Table Tennis Championships at EIS 12 November

4 boys in Y6 took part in this event for the first time. They ended up playing Totley. It was a round robin so every player played against every other player. It started off very evenly at 2-2 after the first round, then Dobcroft crept in front to lead 5-3 at the halfway point but then they streaked ahead and ended up as 12-4 winners. They will now go to the next round in Bradford on the weekend of 3 and 4 February 2024. Good luck! Thank you very much to Mrs Field for alerting me to the competition and to Mr Mark for doing all the transporting and supervising.



Y3-6 Dragonball 15 November at EIS

8 children ranging from Y3-6 took part. Last year we went for the first time on the outdoor pitches at Goals/All Saints, this year it was indoors at the EIS. There were many more teams which is really encouraging. The teams were put into groups of 4 and we played each team twice. We didn't win every match, but everyone scored at least one goal and we won our group overall. Well done to all the players and thanks so much for the parents/carers who made sure their child attended and stayed to support. It was a lovely morning of sport.

Y5/6 Tag Rugby 15 November at Mylnhurst

16 boys, divided into 2 teams walked up to Mylnhurst to play against their 2 teams. The matches were pretty long and with the ground being very wet and slow it was definitely energy sapping but the boys didn't mind. No one was really keeping the overall score, and with one small adjustment to the way they played, they were really fast and very entertaining games with lots of tries scored by all teams. I'd say it was very even in both cases and well done to our Captains Finn D, Ben W and James B.



Y4/5 Skipping Celebration at EIS 16 November

45 children from Y4 and 5 travelled by coach to the EIS for a Skipping Celebration event to mark the end of School Skipping Week. This is the first time we've attended this event and it was absolutely brilliant. There were around 270 children in our session and about 13,000 children across Sheffield attended at least one of the sessions! That's pretty amazing! The children had to do some individual skipping activities, then a couple of pairs challenges and finally group skipping. Everyone approached all the activities very positively and worked so hard. Well done to everyone and thank you very much to Mrs Beasley and Mrs Topliss for helping me and the children.



Y4 Girls Friendly Football v Ecclesall 16 November

Another dark and damp evening! Like me, some of the girls came straight off the coach from skipping and onto the football pitch! Thank you very much to Mr Huckstepp and Mr Wassell for getting the matches started. Ourselves and Ecclesall both had 3 teams and everybody rotated around and played lots of great football. One of the best things was seeing how happy they all were just to be playing. Once again, the scores were not that important but in this instance Dobcroft were marginally ahead. Well done to all the players and thank you spectators.

British School Orienteering Championships at Temple Newsam 19 November

We just had 3 competitors this year – one from Y4 and 2 from Y6. They all participated last year and have done many of the South Yorkshire Orienteers events inbetween, so are pretty experienced. Thank you to Mrs Rothman and Mrs Scrimshaw for making sure it all happened. Well done to Otis who came 14th, Alice unfortunately missed a couple of checkpoints this time – but she'll be back for the schools competition next year I'm sure and congratulations to Mattie who came 5th even though he's in Y4 and had to compete against Y5's as that is the youngest age group.



Y4 Girls Football Tournament at St Georges, Graves 21 November

Here is a report from Mr Bryan:

The rain was pouring all morning but luckily stopped just in time for the tournament to start. There were 16 teams entered from schools all around Sheffield. We had 2 teams entered and they played 6 games each. Both teams won a few games, drew and lost a couple of games but gave so much effort and commitment and played brilliantly. It was a great experience for the girls to play some competitive football. They all worked together as a team and really showed our Dobcroft Values. A huge 'well done' to all the girls who played.

Y5/6 Girls Friendly Football v Ecclesall 23 November

This was the last of the friendly football fixtures we've been having with Ecclesall. It's been a successful experiment as it requires less organisation and no transport! We each had 3 teams and the girls rotated around to play every other team. I wanted to make sure that everyone that had been coming to lunchtime football had had a competitive opportunity. It was all very quick as we tried to make sure we used what daylight there was so once again, I'm not sure of the actual scores but I would say that Ecclesall won this one overall. There were some great skills on show and everyone gave 100% which is all we can ask.



U11 Sportshall Athletics 2nd round at EIS 24 November

The A team set off back to the EIS for round 2 of the Indoor Athletics. We needed to focus more on our field events as we are pretty strong with the track events. Most seemed happy with their performance and thought they'd improved, so that's really pleasing. Once again the girls dominated by only scoring 10 points from all their races (it's like golf where the lowest score wins). The final race which was the mixed relay – 2 boys and 2 girls – was a great one to win and again, Dobcroft emerged as overall winners and will be back for the 3rd round in January.

Y5/6 Friendly Netball v Ecclesall 30 November

Netball instead of football this time! Luckily on the back yard we have a bit of lighting but it's still pretty tricky making sure the players don't go offside. Our problem during this set of matches was not being able to score! We had so many opportunities in the first match but could not convert into actual goals. For both schools, the vast majority of the players were new to netball, or had little experience, so it was a fantastic learning opportunity. Ecclesall won overall as they managed to score more, even though we had more shots – something for us to work on!



U11 Boys ESFA Cup Final Tournament at Springs Academy 7 December

We had a squad of 8 boys for this 7 a side event. We had won the preliminary round v St Wilfrids and Carter Knowle to qualify for the finals. The weather was really terrible and of course there was absolutely no shelter. One of the teams in our group didn't arrive so we ended up playing the other 2 teams twice – like 1st and 2nd halves. We narrowly lost the first game 0-1, but rallied and won the next two 1-0 and then finished with a 0-0 draw. This put us on 7 points and level with Oughtibridge but unfortunately they had scored one more goal so we missed the semi finals on goal difference. For the first time ever the boys were happy not to progress as

we were all drenched and very very cold. The boys played so well and I was really proud of their performances, well done. Thank you to Mrs Hathaway who was the only sensible one of us to bring an umbrella! Thanks also to Mr Turner and Mr Mark for supporting and encouraging the boys.

U10 Boys Friendly Football v Hunters Bar at UMix Centre 19 December

15 boys spread across 2 teams played against Hunters Bar. Mr Adebola brought along a squad of 10 players. As expected the standard of play was high and we were trying a slightly new team formation, so our focus was trying to play to a position and work better as a team with more and better passing. The blues played first and started very brightly, scoring first – much to the delight of our green team! Hunters Bar were very good at intercepting and getting in front of our boys and so enjoyed more and more possession. We couldn't keep hold of the lead and also let in a couple more goals towards the end. The greens then played and once again, started very well, working as a team, backing each other up and trying to pass. There was not much in it but we did concede late in the game so lost overall 0-1. James F ended up playing in goal for both teams, as our other keeper was ill that day. He played magnificently and made some huge saves from what looked like certain goals. Really well done James. Thanks so much to all the parents and other relatives who stayed to watch and support – it was quite a crowd by the end!

Next term dates for the diary

16 January 3rd Round of Sportshall Athletics at the EIS morning
16 January Y4 Netball at Mylnhurst afternoon
20 January Cross Country at Brunswick morning
30 January U11 Netball Tournament at EIS morning
31 January Y6 Netball at Mylnhurst afternoon
3/4 February Regional Table Tennis Championships in Bradford details tbc
3 February Cross Country at Longley Park morning
6 February Y4/5 AquaFest at Ponds Forge afternoon
24 February Primary Cross Country Championships and Presentations at Graves Park morning
24 February Y6 Netball Tournament at SGHS afternoon
5 March U11 Girls Football tournament at St Georges, Graves morning
19 March Y4 Westbourne Netball at Ponds Forge afternoon
22 March Y6 Westbourne Netball at Ponds Forge afternoon
23 March Primary Cross Country Relays and Presentations at Castle Dyke morning
22 April Y4 Network Games at EIS afternoon

Also possible competitions - dates and venues tbc:

City Finals Sportshall Athletics – if we qualify

Y3/4 Hockey

Y4/5 Basketball

Y3-6 Orienteering.

Thank you and Goodbye to Mr Bryan

I'd like to say a big thank you to Andy Bryan for all the work he does behind the scenes helping me and enabling your children to become better sportsmen and women. I don't know what we're going to do without him taking our various Y4 and Y6 football teams to competitions at St Georges Park! He's always willing to lend a hand and often helps to put my equipment away, as well as his own after our different after school sports clubs. Me and the children are going to miss his calm and friendly presence around school. Good luck Mr Bryan for your next adventure and thank you very much.