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### **The lunchtime Sports Clubs for next half term are:**

Monday: All ages Handball  
Tuesday: Y4 Network Games  
Wednesday: Y5 Football  
Thursday: Y6 Football  
Friday: Y6 Netball at 12  
Y4/5 Netball at 1230

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

### **Sportshall Athletics City Finals 16 January**

This was the third outing for the team and this time there were 7 other schools present. The boys were on the track first. They had a very tough time with some extremely quick runners from a variety of schools. The girls all seemed very happy with their field event scores, which is important. After a break the teams reversed. The girls were once again very dominant in their running with mostly 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places. The boys also seemed really happy with their field event scores so we just had to wait and see how the scores developed. A big shout out to Henry D and G who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the target throw! Before the very last event, which is the mixed relay, the organiser said that scores were really tight and this race could make a difference to overall standings. Mimi, Rowan, Luke and Essie just did as they have been doing in all our practices and competitions and came a close but magnificent 1<sup>st</sup>.

As we have no idea of scores until the end it is really important that everyone is happy with their performance so that was a great note to finish on, regardless of the result. As the scores were read out, myself and Mrs Dawe, who was helping me, got increasingly nervous. We got to the last 2 places and we still hadn't been called out so when he said we had won by 1 point we were so happy! This means that Dobcroft will go to the South Yorkshire Games on 14 March and attempt to defend the title we won for the 1<sup>st</sup> time last year. So proud of all our athletes.



### U10 Netball Tournament at SGHS 20 January

We had a few team problems with injury and unavailability at the last minute, so instead of 18 players we had 16 and 2 of them had to leave early! Luckily everyone is superfit and we didn't have any other injuries during the afternoon. As each team had to play 8 matches, this was very lucky! Both teams played a round robin of 6 matches in their respective groups. Dobcroft Purple had some frustrating times with shooting and 4 of their matches were 0-0. They lost their other 2 matches, but then won their last 2 matches with lots of goals thanks to Poppy and Annie. Dobcroft Blue played some great quality netball and won all their 6 pool matches without conceding a single goal! They played Westways in the semi final and still did not concede a goal. They had to play one of the SGHS teams in the final and SGHS scored first. Instead of unsettling the girls they came straight back to level the score, SGHS went 2-1 up, Dobcroft came back to 2-2. With one minute to go Dobcroft scored and so we won by 3-2. It was so exciting and really fabulous play from all the players. We had 2 Y4 girls in each team and they all made such a big contribution. Thank you to the many family members who stayed to support the girls, they really appreciate it.



### U11 Netball Tournament at the EIS on 30 January

8 girls from Y6 attended this event, where the emphasis is on fun, learning and participation leading hopefully, to the girls playing more netball at school and/or taking it further to clubs outside school. We had 7 teams in our group so played 6 matches. The girls won all their matches 5-0 or 6-0 except for one match against Carfield, where they struggled to get the ball out of our defensive end. They had some very good players and deservedly won 4-0. Overall this meant that the girls were runners up and they were also runners up in the shooting competition, scoring 13 goals in 2 minutes, as a team. Well done to them all for their good play, excellent shooting and being willing to play different positions. Thank you to Mrs Field for assisting me and to Mr Hill, Mr Nash and Sadie's Grandmother for their help with transport.



### U11 Netball Tournament at Mylnhurst on 31 January

This was a triangular tournament between Dobcroft, Mylnhurst and Birkdale. We played on their lovely newly resurfaced outdoor area. All 3 schools had 2 teams, with one team on each of the 2 courts. This meant that all teams played 2 matches. It was very cold but the standard of play was hot! There was a great competitive but fair and sporting atmosphere, which was lovely. Dobcroft won all their games which is a great confidence boost ready for the 'big' tournament at SGHS on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Well done to all the players, to Mrs Godsall for helping me and to Connie in 6W for her fab umpiring!





### Y6 Boys Table Tennis in Bradford 3 February

This was a progression from when the boys won a previous tournament and earned the right to represent South Yorkshire at the North East Finals. This was held in Bradford on 3 February. It was quite full on and the boys played for over 3 hours! There were teams from Hull, Darlington and Leeds. The boys played some brilliant table tennis to show how much they have improved and

everyone won at least one match. They came up against a very strong Primary team from Hull and ended up as runners up, which is absolutely amazing! Thanks must go to Mr Bradley and Mrs Field for photos and a report and both said what a credit the boys were in their conduct and behaviour. This is a fantastic result: congratulations boys!



### Y4/5 Aqua Fest at Ponds Forge on 6 February

12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls, from Y4 and 5 attended this year's Aqua Fest held at Ponds Forge. Each member of the team took part in 2 races and then some games/aquatic activities. The girls went first and came up against some strong swimmers from other schools, especially Parsons Cross. The boys went 2<sup>nd</sup> and were amazing – coming 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in all their races. Overall the team won by 4 points and will now progress to the South Yorkshire Games in May! Well done to all the swimmers for their enthusiasm and excellent swimming and kicking. Thank you to the many parents who stayed to support the swimmers and especially Mrs Poynton who was assisting me.



### Dates for the Diary

- **20 February** Y6 Girls friendly football v Hunters Bar at UMix
- **21 February** Y3-6 Panathlon at Concord
- **24 February**
  - Morning – Primary Cross Country at Graves Park
  - Afternoon – U11 Netball Tournament at SGHS
- **27 February** Y4 Boys friendly football v Hunters Bar at UMix
- **29 February** South Yorkshire Schools Table Tennis Tournament at the EIS
- **5 March** U11 Girls Football Tournament at St Georges, Graves
- **12 March** Y4/5 Basketball Tournament at the EIS
- **14 March** South Yorkshire Games Y6 Sports Hall Athletics finals
- **19 March** Y4 Netball Tournament organised by Westbourne School at Ponds Forge
- **22 March** Y5/6 Netball Tournament organised by Westbourne School at Ponds Forge
- **23 March** Primary Cross Country Relays at Castle Dyke – last event of the season
- **26 March** Y3/4 Key Steps Gymnastics competition at St Georges Park, Graves
- **19 April** Y5 Cycle Speedway at Graves Leisure Centre
- **22 April** Y4 Network Games at the EIS