

## February Newsletter

### Girls Gymnastics at Ponds Forge 1 February 2019

15 girls represented Dobcroft in this annual Points event. The competition is divided into 4 categories of Y3/4 foundation and advanced and Y5/6 foundation and advanced. Overall 88 teams competed over the whole day, with only 2 from each category going on to represent Sheffield! I was amazed at how composed and calm the girls were as it is very daunting to go and do your floor exercise in front of judges scrutinising your every move and only one opportunity. In the vault, the girls were allowed a practice before they were judged. The girls should all be proud of themselves, and their coach Chloe Crookes, told them they had all performed even better than she had hoped. Well done to everyone, and a big thank you to Chloe, plus all the many parents who stayed to watch.

UPDATE: The 3/4 team came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 24 teams and have advanced to the finals to be held at the EIS on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March! Massive congratulations girls!

### Y5 Football League at UMix 4 February

2 teams went to play the final league match against Topley All Saints at UMix. Blues played first, and showed fantastic passing, teamwork, running off the ball and making of space, plus some great finishing. The boys ran out 9-1 winners. Goal scorers were Charlie and Joe with a hat trick each, James 2 and Lucas. The Stripes also showed some excellent passing and taking on (and beating) players, they also comfortably won 7-1. Goals scorers were Ethan 2, Daniyal 2, Will D and an unfortunate OG. That concludes the Y5 league with our Blues team unbeaten. Well done to all the players.

### SEND Futsal tournament at EIS 7 February

Most unfortunately, due to the gas leak at school we were not able to attend ☹

### Y5 Netball tournament at SGHS 9 February

There were 16 teams altogether divided into 2 divisions. Dobcroft had a great showing with 2 x Y5 teams and even a Y4 team! Every team played 7 games as a round robin in their division. Dobcroft Green ended up 4<sup>th</sup> in their group whilst the Y4's did a great job to come 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both teams then played a further 2 matches against teams from the other group. Dobcroft Blue finished with 6 wins and 1 loss, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group and headed into the semi-finals. Here they played Mylnhurst, and whilst it was close in the beginning, Dobcroft ran out as 5-0 winners and qualified for the final. The final against Sheffield Girls Green was an excellent match, with both teams playing their best. I was so impressed throughout the day with how few mistakes any of our players made, it was a pleasure to watch them.

Unfortunately, we just could not seem to score in this final match and the game ended as a 0-1 loss. All players from all teams can be very proud of themselves. Many thanks to Ms Wilson and Mrs Wilson, for their coaching and assistance with Y5 green and the Y4 team, and to all the many parents who supported their children. There was a lovely atmosphere during the afternoon and we were very lucky it didn't rain during the tournament! We were given 2 extra medals and decided to have an MVP for Dobcroft Green - Lottie - and for the Y4's - Sophie. Well done girls.

## **Y6 Boys Football League tournament at Tipton 12 February**

Both teams played 3 matches v Totley, Totley All Saints and then they had to play each other! Stripes had a very tough time the first 2 matches against strong opposition and unfortunately lost them both. Some spectacular saves once again from Cameron, well done to Adam who has improved so much as a player this season, to Kieran for his non-stop running and to Ewan who was complimented on his honesty and sportsmanship by the All Saints teacher. Blues won their first game against Totley 4-0, with Dominic unlucky not to get a hat trick but had a close encounter with All Saints which ended in a 2-2 draw. In the derby game well done to Jack S and W for their spectacular saves. As always, James and Alfie showed great control with their passing and accurate distribution. Joshua had been hankering to play up front and even scored a goal! It took a while, but Blues eventually worked out how to beat Jack W and they won 2-0 to end the season unbeaten. Thank you to all the various parents for their support over 2 seasons with lots of hours spent watching on cold and wet touchlines and positive encouragement of the boys. Much appreciated.

## **Y4 Netball at Ponds Forge 12 February**

Mrs Wilson took 2 teams to a tournament organised by Westbourne. Dobcroft Blue were unbeaten in their matches and came first, with Dobcroft Pink coming 3<sup>rd</sup> on goal difference. A great display of netball, well done girls. Jessica S and Liliana were voted as MVP's in their respective teams.

## **U11 Girls Futsal Tournament at EIS 14 February**

6 teams arrived to play in this tournament so everyone played 5 matches. The standard was very high and as it was only 5-a-side, it was fast and furious for every match. 7 girls - 5 from Y6 and two from Y5- represented Dobcroft in this event. 4 girls took turns to be goalkeeper. We only let in one goal the whole tournament and scored at least 3 in every game, to win all our matches. Therefore, as you've probably worked out - we won! Well done to all the players - Martha H (captain), Sophia, Amber, Anna, Alex, Martha E and Carys. It was very much a team effort with everyone making an important contribution.

## **Netball**

I know quite a few girls now play netball for Tigers or Dronfield, but we have had notification from Sheffield Concord Netball Club who are based at EIS. They are looking for girls from Y4-6. The sessions are on a Thursday 5-6pm and cost £3.50. Please contact Caroline Graham on [lomasred@yahoo.com](mailto:lomasred@yahoo.com) or call 07731650875 if you are interested.

## **Cross Country**

Our Cross country teams have gone from strength to strength and have dominated in all categories this season. On 5 February 32 children went to Cannon Hall for the South Yorkshire Finals, where for the first time, we qualified in each of the 4 divisions. Amazingly we won every category! Fabulous running and well done to them all. On 9 February our runners were in action again at Concord for the last regular meet. From these results the overall positions in the league are finalised. Dobcroft had over 50 children taking part which just shows how popular cross country running has become. All runners need to be congratulated as without their performances at all the meets we would have not have qualified for the finals or be crowned as winners of the league in all divisions! A huge thank you to Matt Sanderson and Andy Thake for their passion and commitment to running and their dedication to our children.

## **Bouldering**

Miss Field took 12 children down to Sheffield Mini Climbing Works the preliminary round of this schools competition. It's always an entertaining event seeing children hanging from walls - sometimes nearly upside down! The children did very well and 6 of them will be going again on 8 March for the finals. Thank you to parents for taking the time to help walk with them and for staying to support. There will be an update in the next newsletter ☺

## **Inter House events**

The Y6 boys 5 a side football was a tight affair with not many goals - well done anyone who played as a 'keeper. 4<sup>th</sup> was Porter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Don, Sheaf 2<sup>nd</sup> (won 1 drew 2) and 1<sup>st</sup> Rivelin (won 2 drew 1 - against Sheaf!)

Y5 girls netball - Everyone played in a great spirit, especially when helping other teams who didn't quite manage to get 7 players on court. Thank you girls. Thanks also to Martha and Poppy M, both 6F, who helped with umpiring ☺

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Y5 football was played on the field due to the large numbers who play regularly and we were really lucky with the weather. The players all showed a high degree of commitment to their teams and showed some great skills. All matches were very low scoring so well done to anyone who played in defence or in goal, particularly Will F who showed incredible acrobatic skills defending his net. Porter had the largest group of players with 11 but didn't have much luck with scoring so they came 4<sup>th</sup>, Don had a great second day but unfortunately lost their first match to come 3<sup>rd</sup>. The top 2 teams scored the same number of points, drew against each other and had the same goal difference so Rivelin and Sheaf were declared joint winners! This was a popular decision 😊

Mr White and Ms Powell are in contact with UMix to make a booking for a Y5 5-a-side tournament on one evening before the end of this term. Information to follow!

### Dates for your diary

Saturday 2 March	Y6 and below boys badminton competition at Abbeydale SC
Monday 4 March	Y3/4 Basketball at Goals, All Saints
Saturday 9 March	Y6 and below girls badminton competition at Abbeydale SC
Wednesday 13 March	Y3-6 girls swimming gala at Heeley
Saturday 16 March	Y6 netball tournament at SGHS
Friday 22 March	Y3/4 Gymnastics team in SYG Finals at EIS

**AquaFest** - STOP PRESS - I have had word to say the final will be on 22 May! I will be in touch with the relevant parties.