

November Newsletter 2019

25 October Y5/6 Girls ESFA Football Finals

6 teams arrived to play at the Sheffield United Academy. All were winners of their various group tournaments around the city. It rained from start to finish! To ensure all teams played lots of football it was decided that everyone would play everyone else. Our girls were understandably nervous but set off at a cracking pace to win their first game 4-0 and then the second game 2-0. We played the strongest team in our third match and lost 0-2 in a very competitive match. In our fourth game we were still a bit deflated after losing the previous game and managed a 2-2 draw, but we really should have won. Into the last match and spirits and energy levels were high again and we won comfortably 4-0. We had no real idea how the other teams had been doing in their games, we were just very happy to have done so well during the afternoon. Imagine our delight to hear we were runners up and have qualified for the South Yorkshire Tournament! Well done to all the girls and a big thank you to Mr Liley who transported 75% of the team and stayed throughout the afternoon ☺

5 November Y6 Boys and 5/6 Girls Football League Matches v Portercroft (and girls also played Westbourne)

4 teams travelled to Tapton School to play league football. Sincere thanks to Mr Glendenning and Mr Liley for helping with the boys teams so that I could stay with the girls. We have 2 boys and 2 girls teams entered into the league so both teams needed to play the opposition. The boys comfortably won both of their matches against Portercroft, and I was really pleased that the Stripes got their first outing of the season. With the weather we have had and everyone being busy, it is proving very difficult to organise fixtures. The girls were missing 4 players for various reasons which made it difficult to play all the required matches. In hindsight, I could have just played one team, but I really wanted them all to play in their 2 teams. We comfortably beat Portercroft in our first game and then it was 1-1 against Westbourne. Thanks as always to our parents for their transport and support, well done to all the players and to our Captains Martha, Evie, Charlie and Dipo.

7 November Y6 Girls Netball League v Abbey Lane

Abbey Lane came to play at Dobcroft on a Thursday after school. We were a bit nervous as this was our first league game. After a slightly scrappy start we found our distance and started scoring - a lot! Well done to all 10 players but particularly our shooters Tilly, Annabel and Emily as we ran out 28-0 winners.

7 November Y6 Boys League Football v Netheredge

Unfortunately postponed until sometime in 2020 due to weather conditions.

11 November Y6 Indoor Athletics

10 girls and 10 boys went to Mercia School for the first round of this year's athletics. In this competition, every child does 1 field event and 2 running events. Both the girls and boys were dominant in the running events, but in the field it was more even. Well done to Martha who threw the ball further than anyone else, including all the boys! It was quite close but we managed to beat Ecclesall by 4 points to head to the next round.

12 November Y5 Boys Football v St Wilfrids

Unfortunately postponed until sometime in 2020 due to weather conditions.

22 November Y6 Indoor Athletics Group Finals

This time the competition was at Concord Sports Centre, which allowed our parents to come and watch. There were 8 schools overall. This is a bigger venue so the running events were a little longer but that did not worry our athletes! Some of the races were really close but we still managed to come 1st or 2nd in nearly every race, which is amazing. As previously, in the field events, it was closer and we have to find time to practice. It was positive though as they did actually improve on their previous scores. Well done to Will F who once again, did more than 50 speed bounces in his 20 seconds! Although the top 2 teams both qualified for the City Finals, we did manage to win - by 1 point!! The next round is 22 January back at Concord, in the morning from 10-12.

28 November Y5 Boys Football League

Given the weather we've been having, including rain during the day, we were so lucky to have a dry evening for this tournament. 6 teams were playing so we managed to play everyone over 3 pitches to keep them all busy. Each team, therefore, played 5 matches of 10 minutes, one way, with rolling subs. We started a little late, waiting for the last team to arrive, but I knew we had plenty of time. Once we got going it all ran smoothly. It was really lovely to see how much our boys just love to play. They didn't worry too much about conceding a goal or losing a match, or getting subbed, they just enjoyed playing and showed great sportsmanship throughout. Stripes had a tough evening in terms of results, but there was some great play from Finlay, Isaac and Henry S plus fab goalkeeping from Isaaq. They drew 1 and lost 4 but

in two of the games it was a single goal, and Alfie really deserved a goal in the last game, but he saw 2 efforts saved and one went just wide. Unlucky, Alfie. The Blues started off confidently but a bit scruffy with their passing and spacing. They spread out and got into their rhythm winning 4-0. They then continued to dominate and won their other 4 matches to win the tournament without conceding a goal! Every player had their moments, but a couple of great goals in the last game from Sam B, important defence and saves from Oliver in goal and Ben was the architect behind many of our attacking moves. Thank you to Miss Wilson for coming to help and to our Y5 parent Mrs Wilson, who works at Tapton, for allowing us to use their facilities.

29 November Y6 Girls Netball League v St Wilfrids

8 girls walked over to St Wilfrids during the afternoon to play their 2nd league match. They were feeling quite confident after their last match but from the first quarter we could see this was going to be a very different game. Our passing could have been better, and we did mark well but St Wilfrids dodged really well, were accurate with their passes and took their chances. We went 4-2 up in the 3rd quarter but St Wilfrids came back at us to level the scores. We could see a single goal could make the difference and unfortunately for us it did - it was a really high quality game but we lost 5-6. We didn't play badly - great work from Sadie, Isla and Callie - but they played better. Well done to St Wilfrids.

29 November Y5 Girls friendly netball v St Wilfrids

No sooner had the Y6's come back to school than the Y5's headed back to St Wilfrids to play some of their Y6 and Y5 girls. Some of the girls may have played for more than one team due to numbers, but overall our yellows won 2-1, purples 2-0 and the greens drew 1-1. Very well done to all players and once again, thank you to Mrs Wilson for taking the time to help our children improve their netball and get competitive opportunities.

Water Polo and Diving

If your child is a good swimmer but doesn't want to swim competitively (or maybe they can do both!) then do check out the information on one of the attached photos.

Meeting the Lionesses! - written by Mr Bryan

On the 5th of November I had the honour of meeting the England Woman's football team having won a competition through the England supporters club. Myself and 3 guests, from a

local girls' team I run, headed down to the training camp at St Georges Park where the England team were preparing for their big match at Wembley against Germany.

On arrival we were treated to a fantastic welcome with an afternoon buffet and had a look round the world class facilities. We then made their way over to the training pitches where we observed the team being put through their paces for an hour and a half by England head coach Phil Neville and his coaching team. The team worked on fitness, possession, attacking and game related scenarios and it was brilliant to see the training session in progress and how focussed they were.

After the session the entire team made their way over to us and we managed to meet every single one of players including Captain Steph Houghton, UEFA player of the year Lucy Bronze and local Sheffielder's Millie Bright and Ellie Roebuck. Every player signed a football which I have donated to the school and we wished them all good luck for the big match.

Finally I was asked and honoured to present Lucy Bronze with England supporter's player of the year award for 2019.

Overall it was an incredible experience meeting the England Lionesses. I have been involved in junior football for 6 years and 3 years ago I set up a girl's junior team so to watch the England team training was a great insight for me and I can take my experience back to my team and to the children at school.

Girl's football is the fastest growing sport in the county with more teams and more girls playing competitive football than ever before and it's great to see how many girls at school are playing and how fantastically well the school teams have done this Autumn term!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

2 December Cross Country and Athletics SFSS Awards Evening at City Hall

5 December Y6 Netball v Ecclesall

12 December Y6 Boys Football at UMix tbc

14 January Y5 Netball Festival at SGHS

17 January Y3-6 Gymnastics preliminaries at Ponds Forge

22 January Y6 Indoor Athletics City Finals

24 January Y5/6 Bouldering preliminaries at Climbing Works

8 February Y5 Netball Tournament at SGHS

29 February Y6 Netball Tournament at SGHS

4/5 March Y5/6 Aquafest

10 March Y3/4 Girls Netball at EIS tbc

17 March Y3/4 Boys Football at Goodwin Sports Centre tbc

18 March Y3-6 Girls Gala at Heeley Swimmng Pool

20 March Y5/6 Girls Netball at Ponds Forge tbc

Y5/6 Boys Football at Goodwin Sports Centre tbc