

PE NEWSLETTER

SPRING EDITION

Newsletter 30

1st April 2021

Dear parents,



@BotleyPrimaryPE



The close of the Spring term brings to end a term blighted by school closure as the global pandemic continues; with lockdown measures set to gradually ease as part of the roadmap to recovery, we can all look forward to the coming months.

SPRING TERM HAPPENINGS ...

HSG Daily challenges

Throughout the lockdowns at the start of 2021, we engaged children both in school and those accessing remote learning in the Hampshire School Games daily challenges - an opportunity for everyone to participate in physical activity tasks. During a period of increasing inactivity, these resources (provided by the Hampshire network of School Games Organisers - SGOs) proved an invaluable resource.

Virtual events

With competitions, fixtures and events unable to take place, a large emphasis has been placed on virtual participation. Having participated in a variety of virtual events throughout the Autumn term (sportshall athletics, cross country, multi-skills, table tennis, basketball), we later discovered some of our classes had finished in the top few entries in Hampshire. The standings were as follows -

Year 1s - 3rd - Sportshall athletics

Year 4s - 3rd - Tennis

We are currently collating data for the Spring/Summer terms which will see children engage in gymnastics, dodgeball, skipping, leadership and netball.

Leadership training

Children in Year 5 who remained in school throughout the closures were fortunate enough to access some virtual Leadership training with our partnership School Games Organiser - Nick Hutton. The sessions gave them an insight into the qualities of good leadership and provided a platform for them to refine these skills. We hope to be able to call on them to support our existing leaders as restrictions ease.

Chance 2 Shine

Following on from the success of previous years, we once again engaged with Hampshire Cricket to offer classes the Chance 2 Shine programme; a nationwide initiative designed to introduce primary aged children to cricket. We were incredibly lucky to not only have Charlie Cook deliver a string of virtual sessions to children in Year 2 and 3 during lockdown but also come into school to teach Year 3/4 for a day.

Sports Clubs

Please note below the list of Sports Clubs on offer next term. Clubs marked with an asterisk (*) are provided by external providers and carry with them course fees.

Club	Open to							Teacher / Company	Day	Time	Location
	R	1	2	3	4	5	6				
Key Stage 1 bubble activity clubs (activities defined by rota)								Mr Rowles	Monday	Lunchtime	Varied
Year 1 - 2 Football after school club *								Sports Excel	"	3:30 - 4:30pm	Field
Year 4 - 6 Hockey after school club *								Mr Hutton	"	3:30 - 4:30pm	Playground
Badger/Hedgehog bubble activity clubs (activities defined by rota)								Mr Rowles	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Varied
Year 3 - 4 Football after school club *								Sports Excel	"	3:25 - 4:25pm	Field
Year 2 - 6 Tennis *								JEM Tennis	"	3:30 - 4:20pm	Playground
Year 5 bubble activity clubs (activities defined by rota)								Mr Rowles	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Varied
Street dance *								Street Beatz	"	3:15 - 4:15	Indoors
Squirrel/Robin bubble activity clubs (activities defined by rota)								Mr Rowles	Thursday	Lunchtime	Varied
Year 1 - 6 Performing Arts *								TPA	"	3:20 - 4:45	Varied
Year 6 bubble activity clubs (activities defined by rota)								Mr Rowles	Friday	Lunchtime	Varied
Year 5 - 6 Football *								Sports Excel	"	3:20 - 4:20pm	Field

**Botley C of E Primary School
Lunchtime activity club rota 2020 - 2021
Spring/Summer term**

	Week commencing	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Year	1/2	3 / 4 Badger / Hedgehog	5	3 / 4 Squirrel / Robin	6
		Times	12:20 – 12:40	11:55 – 12:20	12:40 – 1:10	11:55 – 12:20	12:40 – 1.10
Activities Rotation 2	25 th January 2021		Rabbit / Deer Netball	Netball	Tennis	Basketball	Hockey
	1 st February 2021		Bumblebee / Ladybird Netball				
	8 th February 2021		Rabbit / Deer Hockey	Hockey	Netball	Tennis	Basketball
	22 nd February 2021						
	1 st March 2021		Rabbit / Deer Basketball	Basketball	Hockey	Netball	Tennis
	8 th March 2021	Spring					
	15 th March 2021		Rabbit / Deer Tennis	Tennis	Basketball	Hockey	Netball
	22 nd March 2021						
	29 th March 2021						
	19 th April 2021						
	26 th April 2021						
	3 rd May 2021						
	10 th May 2021	Summer					
	17 th May 2021						
24 th May 2021							
7 th June 2021							

* Rotation 3 – Cricket / Golf / Athletics / Rounders

House Sports

The House Sports programme has continued to run virtually throughout the Spring terms. With Netball and Quicksticks challenges taking place, 161 children have now represented their House in at least one sport.

The league standings are as follows:

1 st place	Earth	23 points
2 nd place	Water	19 points
3 rd place	Air	18 points
4 th place	Fire	15 points

SUMMER TERM SCHEDULE

House Sports

Summer term 1 - Basketball

Summer term 2 - Cricket

PE / Themes

Reception	Exploring movement	Gymnastic activities - Early rolling techniques and climbing
Year 1/2	Athletic activities	Gymnastic activities - Jump, Land and Travel
Year 3/4	Athletics	Gymnastic activities - Building boxes and bridges
Year 5/6	Athletics	Gymnastic activities - Rock, roll and invert

Fixtures and Events

*** All events currently postponed, classes will participate in various Level 2 virtual events throughout the Summer term ***

The Summer terms are traditionally the busiest time for PE and school sport, but in the midst of a global pandemic with no return to school date yet announced, much uncertainty surrounds the coming months. Rest assured, we will do everything in our power to establish normality upon our return to school.

In the meantime - stay safe, stay well and stay active!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Rowles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'A'.

Andrew Rowles
Primary PE Specialist

Heavenly Father,

We pray that you keep your hand over our children during their sporting activities. Shield them from injury and support them throughout their development. Their abilities are a blessing from you, God. We pray that they play fair and strong, and remember to thank you when victory is theirs.

- Amen