

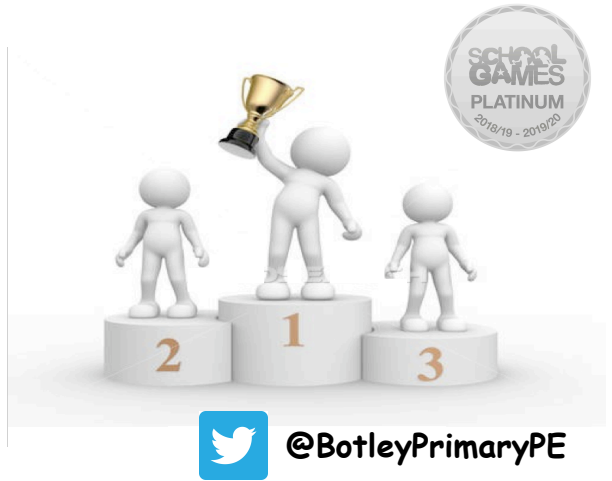
PE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN / CHRISTMAS EDITION

Newsletter 29

18th December 2020

Dear parents,



With Christmas just around the corner, I write to update you on the recent activity at Botley C of E Primary School and our plans for the coming months. As the global pandemic continues, our new approach to PESSPA (Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity) is becoming more routine and children are continuing to embrace the opportunities on offer. So far this year, 57% of all Key Stage 2 have taken part in Level 1 sporting competitions at school, with all children participating in virtual Level 2 School Games events. Extra-curricular activity, at count today, currently sits at 91% for Key Stage 1 and 73% for Key Stage 2.

Before I divulge our recent activities, just a quick note on PE requirements -

PE Kit

A large majority of the year's PE will be taught outside. In order to facilitate this effectively, may I ask that children have the following items additional to their normal PE kit:

- Warm clothing (including woolly hats and gloves). Hooded tops may be worn but the hoods will need to be tucked in should the topic be an Invasion game. No scarves are permitted as these present potential safety issues, such as strangulation.
- Waterproof tops - A plastic mac or rain jacket would be ideal.
- Trainers - these provide much better grip and support than plimsolls, ideally laced but velcro if children would prefer or struggle with laces. Spare socks are also advisable.
- Plastic bag - the field does get very muddy in the winter months and, assuming it is still safe, we will endeavour to use it. Muddy trainers can be put in the bag to prevent other clothes from getting dirty and avoid trainers being left outside where the elements can get to them.
** More applicable to children in Key Stage 2*
- Water bottle - most children have these in school. I would encourage children to bring these out as physical activity is very tiring and hydration levels need to be kept up to avoid fatigue-related problems such as headaches.

May I remind everyone that ALL jewellery needs to be removed or taped over for PE.



PE Absences

In order to keep a record of activity levels within school, and a requirement for sporting marks, I will be noting down each week all the children that are absent or excused from PE. If your child is unable to participate in PE, they will need to bring with them a signed and dated letter detailing the reason. This is to ensure all children are participating in as much Physical Education as possible. If your child does not have a letter, they will be expected to take part in the lesson.

Autumn Term happenings ...

House Sports (*Key Stage 2 only*)

At the start of this term and off the back of the success of our long established programme, House Sports was launched in Key Stage 2. For those unfamiliar with this, House Sports is an ongoing sports competition in which every Key Stage 2 child will compete in at least once. House Sports has become a virtual event this year with teams completing skills based challenges during PE to win points for their house. There are six sports in our programme, which will run for half a term each, these are:

Autumn Term 1	-	Football
Autumn Term 2	-	Tag Rugby
Spring Term 1	-	Netball
Spring Term 2	-	Quick Sticks (Hockey)
Summer Term 1	-	Basketball
Summer Term 2	-	Kwik Cricket

The children have already chosen three of the sports they would prefer to compete in and are guaranteed to get at least one of these. Unfortunately, no guarantee can be made about which and how many of their choices they are successful in. This is largely dependent on the number of children in each House and how many of them choose the sport in question - every effort will be made to ensure children receive a fair and equal opportunity.

Outside the ICT suite, our House Sports board will show the progress of each House.

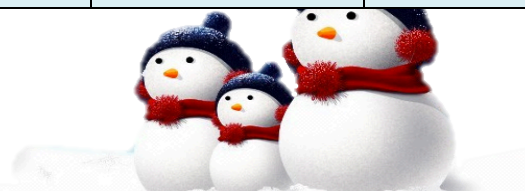
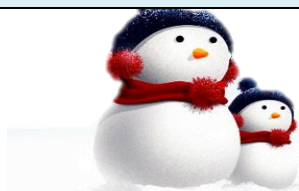


Sports Clubs

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.

We are currently working with our external providers to agree COVID secure procedures, with the aim of phasing back all provision by the end of the Spring term.

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
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 5 bubble activity clubs (activities defined by rota)								Mr Rowles	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Varied
Year 1/2 Multi-sports after school club *								GT Coaching	"	3:30 - 4:30	Varied
Squirrel/Robin bubble activity clubs (activities defined by rota)								Mr Rowles	Thursday	Lunchtime	Varied
Year 3/4 Multi-sports after school club *								GT Coaching	"	3:30 - 4:30	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
Autumn/Spring 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 1	14 th September 2020		Rabbit / Deer Football				
	21 st September 2020			Football	Tag Rugby	Cross Country / Boot camp	Table tennis
	28 th September 2020		Bumblebee / Ladybird Football				
	5 th October 2020						
	12 th October 2020		Rabbit / Deer Cross Country / Boot camp				
	19 th October 2020			Table tennis	Football	Tag Rugby	Cross Country / Boot camp
	2 nd November 2020	Autumn	Bumblebee / Ladybird Cross Country / Boot camp				
	9 th November 2020						
	16 th November 2020		Rabbit / Deer Tag Rugby				
	23 rd November 2020			Cross Country / Boot camp	Table tennis	Football	Tag Rugby
	30 th November 2020		Bumblebee / Ladybird Tag Rugby				
	7 th December 2020						
	14 th December 2020		Rabbit / Deer Cup and ball games				
	4 th January 2021			Tag Rugby	Cross Country / Boot camp	Table tennis	Football
11 th January 2021	Spring	Bumblebee / Ladybird Cup and ball games					
18 th January 2021							

* Rotation 2 – Netball / Hockey / Basketball / Tennis

Rotation 3 – Cricket / Golf / Athletics / Rounders

**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				
	1 st February 2021			Netball	Tennis	Basketball	Hockey
	8 th February 2021		Bumblebee / Ladybird Netball				
	22 nd February 2021						
	1 st March 2021		Rabbit / Deer Hockey				
	8 th March 2021			Hockey	Netball	Tennis	Basketball
	15 th March 2021	Spring	Bumblebee / Ladybird Hockey				
	22 nd March 2021						
	29 th March 2021		Rabbit / Deer Basketball				
	19 th April 2021			Basketball	Hockey	Netball	Tennis
	26 th April 2021		Bumblebee / Ladybird Basketball				
	3 rd May 2021						
	10 th May 2021	Summer	Rabbit / Deer Tennis				
	17 th May 2021			Tennis	Basketball	Hockey	Netball
24 th May 2021		Bumblebee / Ladybird Tennis					
7 th June 2021							

* Rotation 3 – Cricket / Golf / Athletics / Rounders



SCHOOL GAMES UPDATE

As detailed previously, Botley C of E Primary School had achieved the Platinum mark for school sport from the School Games (www.yourschoolgames.com). In the current climate, this award process has been frozen. Whilst we continue to retain the pinnacle award, 2 new awards were launched to represent school's commitment throughout the COVID-19 pandemic - Botley C of E Primary has been awarded both.

Certificate of recognition for ongoing commitment and achievement in the School Games



This acknowledges a school's support during the Autumn term 2019 and Spring term 2020 and engagement in the School Games programme. A range of opportunities in PE, Sport and Physical Activity offered for all children in school and strides made towards the Mission and Vision of the School Games. It is also awarded on the grounds that it most likely that a school would

have achieved Games Mark Platinum if they had continued with the same level of engagement for the rest of the year.

School Games Virtual Certificate



This is to acknowledge the work done during the Summer term 2020. During very hard times, the school continued to engage children in Physical Education, Sport and Physical Activity and provided virtual opportunities for them to be active and develop physically. This was through creating own materials and signposting to other programmes (for us, our YouTube channel).

This year, we have established a School Games Organising Crew (SGOCrew), which along with our House Captains is 25 strong. We are currently actioning plans to work socially distanced with selected groups of children.

School Games Crew	Crew A	Oliver, Cordelia, Jayden, Jake, Bert
	Crew B	Ramona, Sam, Jack, Isabella, Sophie, Anna, Bella, Lilia, Zac, Luke, Imogen, Rhys
House Captains	Air	Cian and Poppy
	Earth	Marcus and Olivia
	Fire	Joe and Cordelia
	Water	Archie and Scarlet



House Sports

The House Sports for this term have been Football and Tag Rugby. Throughout these, 115 children from across Key Stage 2 have represented their Houses, competing in fantastic spirit.

As it stands, the leaderboard currently looks like:

1 st place	Earth	17 points
2 nd place	Water	15 points
3 rd place	Air	12 points
4 th place	Fire	9 points

Netball and Quick Sticks are the House Sports for the Spring terms. How will these fast, fun and inclusive sports change the leaderboard? ... only time will tell!

Spring Term schedule

PE / Themes

Reception	Games - Ball skills (Pushing, patting and rolling)	Gymnastic activities - Encouraging safe dismounts
Year 1/2	Invasion Games (Unit 2)	Gymnastic activities - Basic shapes, additional rolling techniques and climbing
Year 3/4	Invasion Games - Balls	Gymnastic activities - Building boxes and bridges
Year 5/6	Invasion Games - Building towards Netball	Gymnastic activities - Pull, push and skip

House Sports

Spring Term 1 - Netball

Spring Term 2 - Quick Sticks

Fixtures and Events

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



I am very much looking forward to another successful year at Botley Primary School. The children have adapted fantastically so far and continue to model the school values through their PESSPA - I have no doubt this will continue in the months to come.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Rowles
Primary PE Specialist

Heavenly Father,

We pray that you keep your hand over our children during their physical 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 successes are theirs.

- Amen

