

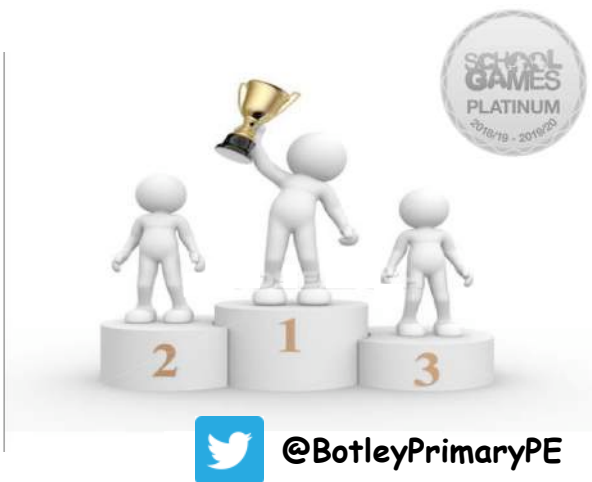
PE NEWSLETTER

SPRING EDITION

Newsletter 27

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Dear parents,



The close of the Spring term brings to end a term blighted by persistent rain and worldwide uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus pandemic. Before school closures and lockdown commenced, we participated in 14 events/fixtures and saw our Level 2 competition participation figures continue to grow as sporting popularity and club uptake enabled us to offer opportunities for multiple squads to attend events.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT

SPRING TERM HAPPENINGS ...

YouTube

A school YouTube channel (Botley C of E Primary School) was set up upon the Government advice to close and currently hosts a wealth of content encompassing our curriculum. This includes challenges around physical activity/physical education and is something we will continue to update weekly.



Sports Clubs

Since September, various extra-curricular sports clubs have been on offer to children in Key Stage 2. The lunchtime clubs, open to all and free of charge, have been a massive success both in terms of participation and preparation for competition. Please note below the new clubs on offer next half term, should school return. If your child is interested in one of the clubs, please have them speak to me.

Club	Day	Location	Minimum requirements
Year 5/6 QuadKids Athletics	Monday	Field	School kit, suitable footwear
Year 5/6 Cricket	Tuesday	Field	School kit, suitable footwear
Key Stage 2 Tri Golf	Thursday	Field	School kit, suitable footwear
Year 3/4 Mini Tennis Red	Friday	Playground	School kit, suitable footwear



Chance 2 Shine

With the winter weather ebbing away, we once again engaged with Hampshire Cricket and invited the Chance 2 Shine project back into our school for classes in Key Stage 1. Shaun Harris from Hampshire Cricket/Chance 2 Shine visited us weekly throughout the second Spring term and gave the children a fantastic insight into cricket, many of whom were expressing an interest in the AllStars programme operating

nationally by the ECB.

Wall bars

During the February half term and as a result of the PE premium coupled with the generosity of FOBS, a new custom-built set of wall bars were installed in the hall. As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing our PE provision, these bars have already been put to great effect with every class receiving an induction ahead of the gymnastics unit planned for the summer terms.



Sport Relief

A major focus of the Spring term was Sport Relief! As one of the UK's largest fundraising events, and an opportunity to cause a little mischief, we got behind Sport Relief 2020 and the results were once again unbelievable! With financial incentives in place, the children took fundraising to the next level and managed to raise an incredible **£2467.37**.

A video of the day has been produced and is currently live on our YouTube channel.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their support in respect of Sport Relief. This is the fifth time I have headed Sport Relief and beyond the enormous amount of money raised, the obvious effort that went into the day was quite touching! A sea of red and a marvel of Superheroes invaded the school on Thursday 12th March, with the enthusiasm put into 'Going the Extra mile' creating an electric atmosphere throughout the day.



The money raised will make a huge difference to those who need it most in the UK and abroad (watching the Sport Relief coverage only went to further develop the sense of pride that we can all share in affecting the lives of those suffering). As a school, we have raised a phenomenal **£13682.38** for Sport Relief since 2012. To all again, a massive thank you!

Fixtures and Events



Year 5/6 Basketball - A team

Tuesday 14th January saw the 'A' team Basketball event at Wildern. With 7 * Year 5/6 children in attendance, we played some fantastic basketball and cruised through to the finals with ease. Having faced Fair Oak in a fierce encounter, the game went to sudden death. After an eternity of game play, we scored the all-important basket and claimed the partnership title. Our children were amazing throughout and left in the knowledge that they had given their all and reserved their place in the Hampshire Games - which

has since been postponed!

Year 5/6 Basketball - B/C team

Tuesday 21st January was the date for the partnership B and C team Basketball event at Wildern. With 19 children in attendance, our 2 teams of 9/10 played superbly, demonstrating the strength of the skill base they have developed over the Invasion games Basketball unit we taught throughout the winter.



Year 5/6 - Hockey A team

On Tuesday 28th January, we took our Hockey 'A' team to Swanmore for the partnership qualifier. In terribly cold conditions, our squad was superb and cruised to the final where they faced Freegrounds. A tense game followed but our strength and depth saw us emerge victorious and once again qualify for the Hampshire Games.

Year 5/6 Swim gala

Thursday 30th January saw us competing in the partnership swim gala at Bishops Waltham. Competing with a squad of 8, our children swam beautifully and finished 4th in the overall standings.



Year 5/6 Hockey - B/C team

On Tuesday 4th February, we took 2 squads to Swanmore to compete in the partnership emerging teams hockey event. Our children relished the opportunity to represent the school and a combination of wins, draws and losses followed.

Year 3/4 AquaSplash

Friday 14th February saw 12 children in Year 3/4 attend an AquaSplash at Bishops Waltham. Participating in a mixed array of strokes, our children competed superbly and finished 3rd overall.





Year 2 Dodgeball

On Thursday 27th February, we played host to a Year 1/2 Dodgeball event. With Wellstead, Upham and Durley in attendance, the event was a huge success with children competing in fantastic spirit.

Year 5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby

Tuesday 3rd March saw 10 girls in Year 5/6 travel to Fair Oak for a Tag Rugby event. Facing 2 hours of back to back games, our girls gave their all and finished 4th place. The experience will hopefully be used to great effect in the partnership events later this term.



District Cross Country

Tuesday 10th March saw 2 x Year 5/6 pupils attend the District Cross Country Finals in Basingstoke. Having qualified previously at the partnership event in Swanmore, Archie and Rowan made the long journey and competed superbly in very windy and muddy conditions.



Year 5/6 Girls' Football

Tuesday 10th March saw our Girls' football team compete in the cluster qualifier for the partnership finals. With a last minute change of venue, several schools were unable attend. Having lost 3 games and drawn 1, our girls unfortunately missed out on a qualifying place.

Year 5/6 Netball

Thursday 12th March was the date for the cluster netball competition. Having hosted weekly sessions since October, our 'A' team squad went to work - growing in confidence with each game. Following several victories, we won the event and also qualified for the partnership finals.



Year 3/4 Hockey - A/B team

Friday 13th March saw another Botley hosted event - this time Year 3/4 A and B team Hockey at Botley Rec. With 2 teams from Botley and 2 from Fair Oak in attendance, the small-sided festival provided a perfect platform for our children to apply the skills taught in Invasion games Hockey last term.



Year 3/4 Hockey C/D team

Tuesday 17th March saw us build on the success of the Hockey hosted the week before, with a C/D team event at Botley Rec. The event, once again encompassing 2 teams from Botley and 2 from Fair Oak, saw the children compete in fantastic spirit and demonstrated their ever-growing skill base.



House Sports

The House Sports programme has continued to run, with great success, throughout the Spring terms.

With Netball and Quicksticks having been played, 161 children have now represented their House in at least one sport.



The league standings are as follows:



1 st place	Earth	58 points
2 nd place	Water	36 points
3 rd place	Air	32 points
4 th place	Fire	25 points

SUMMER TERM SCHEDULE

House Sports

Summer term 1 - Basketball

Summer term 2 - Cricket

Fixtures and Events

All fixtures and events are currently postponed until further notice.

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!

Andy 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