

# PE NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER EDITION

### Newsletter 22

18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents,

As the glorious sunshine continues, the summer holidays are rapidly approaching and the end of another fantastic year of school sport is almost upon us. Throughout this year, we have continued to make huge strides in developing PE in our school. The length and breadth of this newsletter evidences the quality of sporting provision we have established over the past few years.

## DANCE

### Summer Dance Showcase

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 15 children from Key Stage 1 attended the Berry Theatre to perform in Wildern's Summer dance showcase (an evening of dance performed by Gifted and Talented dancers). This was the culmination of the Senior Choreographic Team dance project. Having opened the show, the children were a delight and the dance itself was simply sensational. To the children involved - thank you for your efforts and well done, you were incredible!



## SPORT DEVELOPMENT



### Personal Best Challenge

The start of the summer term saw the introduction of a Level 0 virtual competition based around the concept of personal challenge. Children began this work by firstly completing 6 different challenges and recording the data. The information for these challenges was subsequently sent home to enable children to practice these activities outside of school. Having repeated these towards the end of the summer term, the improvement shown in all areas was astounding! This will now be compared with others schools in our partnership.



## Sports photos

In mid May, we held our annual Sports photos afternoon. With school sport popularity higher than ever, and 74% of the entire Key Stage 2 in attendance, the afternoon was frantic.



## Sports Clubs

A multitude of extra-curricular sports clubs have been running throughout the year, with more opportunities than ever to represent the school on offer, these clubs have been fantastically attended. At time of writing, 79% of the entire Key Stage 2 pupil body has attended some form of club this year.

## Kit appeal

I would like to make an appeal for any PE kit and trainers that children are no longer using (**especially House tops from our Year 6 leavers**). We now have a shortage of spare PE kit within school and would gratefully receive any kit or trainers that children have grown out of.

**\*\* Could any kit currently borrowed please be returned, washed, as soon as possible. Despite previous requests, multiple items of school sport kit remain outstanding - as a school, we simply cannot function with such losses, as we do not have the funds to replace them. \*\***

## SCHOOL GAMES UPDATE



Off the back of an ever-growing sporting calendar (which now features opportunities for Key Stage 1 as well as A, B, C, D and even E teams), PE participation data for this academic year is once again through the roof. To this extent, we are eligible for a new level of sporting mark (introduced this year) - Platinum. Having submitted a strong application, we received confirmation that Platinum has been awarded! We have also once again applied for Gold for Key Stage 1 provision and feel very confident in being awarded this.

Our data for sport participation at Level 2 is as follows:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2	Whole school
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## SPORT STARS



**Name:** Olivia Wilson

**Class:** Fox

**Sporting Achievement:** Olivia is a keen swimmer who has been working hard to achieve her distance awards. She has just completed her 800m award and is aiming for the 1000m next!

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**Name:** Anna Quaggin-Mitchell

**Class:** Badger

**Facts:** Anna attends swimming lessons regularly and has been making great progress. She has just achieved her 25m Rainbow distance badge - fantastic work Anna, well done!

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**Name:** Erin and Isabella Newing

**Class:** Rabbit and Robin

**Facts:** Erin and Isabella regularly attend swimming lessons and are pictured proudly showing off their STAnley Awards - Erin having just completed Stage 1 with Isabella being awarded Stage 7. Great work girls!

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**Name:** Olivia Robson

**Class:** Woodpeckers

**Facts:** Olivia is a superb athlete who turns her hand to most things. Along with excelling in athletics and swimming, she has also conquered Windsurfing and is pictured with an award medal.

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**Name:** Sadie Doye

**Class:** Eagle

**Facts:** Sadie has continued to dominate in her chosen field of gymnastics and has recently won a Gold and 2 x Silver medals in a gymnastics event at Southampton.

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**Name:** Reece Oliver

**Class:** Badger

**Facts:** Reece recently took part in a Taekwondo competition and finished with a Silver medal. Amazing work Reece - well done!

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**Name:** Lexi Rolls

**Class:** Woodpeckers

**Facts:** Lexi has continued to excel at swimming and recently won 2 x Bronze and 3 x Gold medals at a Hampshire County meet - posting County times in the process. She won her Bronze medals in 200m Freestyle and 50 Breaststroke and Gold for 50m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle

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## FIXTURES AND EVENTS



### Key Stage 2 Golf

For 10 consecutive Mondays, 14 children from across Key Stage 2 have attended golf lessons at Hedge End Golf Centre, courtesy of the King Olaf's Golf society. These weekly sessions have been a massive hit and a great introduction to golf for those selected.

### Year 1/2 Gymnastics

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 9 children from Years 1 and 2 participated in a gymnastics festival at Fair Oak Infant School. Having performed the Key Steps Level 1 Body Management Routine, they spent time completing various balancing, jumping and rolling activities.





### **Year 1/2 Cricket Master Class**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 10 children in Key Stage 1 visited the Ageas Bowl in glorious sunshine for a morning of cricket provided by Hampshire. Throwing, catching, batting and bowling were all on the agenda. Our children were superb and received glowing feedback from the Hampshire coaches.

### **Year 5/6 Tri Golf**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April saw 10 Year 5/6 children travel to Wildern for the partnership Tri Golf. In mixed conditions, our children did their very best and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in a very tough group - narrowly missing out on victory by only 4 points.



### **Year 3/4 Tri Golf**

Slightly better weather greeted our Year 3/4 Golf team on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May as they went head to head with 10 other schools in the Partnership event. Some great putting and chipping saw us once again finish 2<sup>nd</sup>. For many of the children attending, this was their first experience of school sport.

### **Year 3/4 Mini Tennis Red**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 4 children travelled to Woodhouse Lane Tennis Courts to compete in the first Year 3/4 Mini Tennis Red event of the year. Following some superb tennis, our squad beat off the 9 other school teams to be crowned Champions. They now progress to the next stage of the event in the hope of claiming a place at the Hampshire Games for a second consecutive year.



### **Year 3/4 Gymnastics**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May saw us host the partnership Year 3/4 Key Steps Gymnastics event. Some fantastic individual performances on both the floor and vault helped our squad finish 1<sup>st</sup> and progress to the Hampshire Games on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June in Aldershot.

### **Year 3/4 Tennis (event 2)**

Having been restricted to only 1 team in the Woodhouse Lane event, we managed to secure 4 places in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 3/4 Tennis event of the year - this time, at Swanmore Tennis Club. With the standard high, our teams played fantastically and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, with our Green team missing out on victory by only 1 point.





### **Key Stage 1 Tennis**

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 8 children from Year 1/2 went to Bishops Waltham to play Mini Tennis. Despite having never attended a tennis event before, and rain falling for most of the event, our teams were superb and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### **QuadKids**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May also saw us enter 2 squads into the Partnership QuadKids event. In terribly wet conditions, our A team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the overall standings. Well done to all involved, you were terrific.



### **Year 5/6 Boys' Cricket**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June was the date of the partnership Cricket event for boys in Year 5/6. Held at Lapstone Park in Fair Oak, our squad competed fiercely and made it as far as the semi-finals, missing out on a spot in the final by 5 runs to the eventual winners, Droxford.

### **Year 3/4 Tennis finals**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June saw our Mini Tennis Red team travel to Woodhouse Lane, once again, for the Partnership finals. The three-school event featuring us, Swanmore and Wellstead was fiercely contested. After some fantastic matches, we were crowned champions for a second successive year and progress to the Hampshire Games.



### **Year 5/6 Gymnastics**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 6 girls travelled to Berrywood for a cluster gymnastics event. The children had worked hard to prepare with Mrs Wallace and were superb throughout. Having performed a floor sequence and various vaults, our squad was crowned champions.

### **Year 5/6 Girls' Cricket**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June saw our girls' cricket team compete at Botley Rec in the annual partnership event. Despite having never played a competitive game of cricket before, our team were fantastic and demonstrated great commitment to their batting, fielding and bowling. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall!



### **Key Stage 1 Cross Country**

Key Stage 1 picked up the sporting mantle on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June as they participated in a cross-country event at Botley Rec. The children ran superbly and posted some amazing finishing positions - special mention must go to Amelia in Year 1 and Jayden in Year 2, who both won their individual events.

## Hampshire School Games



On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Botley attended the Hampshire School Games to represent the South Eastleigh and Winchester partnership in Gymnastics, Tri Golf and Tennis. A tough day of competition followed with the children performing brilliantly. Our Gymnastics team finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall with our Tri Golf team in 5<sup>th</sup>. Our tennis team, who finished 4<sup>th</sup> last year when they attended as Year 3's, went even further and won the event - making us Hampshire and IOW champions in Year 3/4 Mini Tennis Red 2018.

Well done to all involved - it was an amazing achievement to get to this level and you did yourselves and your partnership proud.

To finish 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> is phenomenal for a school of our scale - bearing in mind there are 427 Primary Schools in Hampshire eligible for the games. We have now attended the Hampshire Games for the past 6 years (2013 - Tag Rugby and Netball, 2014 - Quicksticks, 2015 - Tag Rugby, Basketball (3<sup>rd</sup>), Mini Tennis Red, 2016 - Basketball (1<sup>st</sup>) and Year 3/4 Gymnastics (2<sup>nd</sup>), 2017 - Basketball (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Mini Red Tennis, 2018 - Gymnastics, Tri-Golf and Tennis). I hope we will continue to excel in future years.



### Year 3/4 Handball

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 8 Year 3/4 children took part in a Handball festival at Wildern. Having spent time practicing various skills, they played a few matches and left unbeaten. Everyone enjoyed the experience and we can look forward to refining our skills in preparation of next year's event.

### Year 5/6 B team Boys' Football

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June saw a B team football event at Berrywood. Our squad of 7 players competed in fantastic spirit and posted a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. The teamwork and passion on show was superb to see.



### Year 3/4 Cricket

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July saw 6 children from Year 3/4 attend the final competition of the year - a cricket event at Lapstone Park. In the blistering heat, our team played some lovely cricket and finished 1<sup>st</sup>! A perfect end to a great year.

### Hampshire T20 Blast

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July, a large group from Botley descended on the Ageas Bowl to watch Vitality T20 Blast action - Hampshire vs. Glamorgan. Having an area allocated to us, the children met players prior to the game, who signed autographs and posed for photos. A wonderful game followed with Glamorgan claiming victory by 63 runs.





### Celebration Sports Day

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July was the date of the Celebration Sports Day, run by Royal Victoria Country Park to launch their new exhibition, The Chapel. 8 children from Years 2 and 3 travelled to Royal Victoria Park and had a wonderful day taking part in various sporting activities.

### House Sports

The House Sports programme for this year has now come to an end! Every child in Key Stage 2 has competed in our House Sports programme throughout the year. I hope they have enjoyed it and I would like to congratulate everyone for their fantastic efforts.



Throughout the Summer term, children represented their Houses in Basketball and Cricket. With Sycamore having claimed the title early in the summer term, the fight for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was on. The final standings are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Air	61 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Earth	55 points
	Fire	55 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Water	39 points

Congratulations to Air who win the House Sports cup for a third time! They have had a tremendous year.

### SWIMMING

We have had a wonderful summer this year and made full use of it within swimming. With pool temperatures maintained at 32°C (and the sun often increasing this to 33°C / 34°C), the children have enjoyed a full term of school swimming and made substantial progress. We have even made extra use of the pool by running a swim club for Pupil Premium children.



A huge thank you to all those who worked tirelessly to raise the funds that enabled school swimming to happen once again!

## Summer Fair Football

43 children from across the school (Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2) took part in the FOBS football tournament this year at the summer fair. The tournament was a great success with all children enjoying the day and receiving certificates of participation.

Congratulations to England who were the winners in the Key Stage 1 competition and Spain who triumphed for Key Stage 2.

## SPORTS DAYS

### Reception

This year, the decision was made to split the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Days and hold them all on the same day. Reception held theirs at 9am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. The format saw children rotate around various stations where balance, throwing, jumping and running were challenged. As a non-competitive sports day, there is no official winner but the children competed superbly and enjoyed their first ever sports day experience at Botley Primary School.



### Year 1

The Year 1 sports day introduced a scoring system to the model reception had done. The sports day operated from 11am and saw a rotation of activities, followed by some traditional races. Children were grouped to make things more competitive and the event ran seamlessly. Air came out as eventual winners!

### Year 2

Year 2 sports day began at 1:30 and saw a mixture of track and field event, the idea being to prepare the children for the format of Key Stage 2 next year. Competition was fierce as the children went head to head in all manner of events. Once again, Air came out on top!

The overriding feedback from the Key Stage 1 sports days was amazingly positive so we can be confident of maintaining the new structure that was introduced this year.

## Key Stage 2

Following parental feedback from our PE questionnaire, the Key Stage 2 Sports Day was overhauled - due to this; we started the sports day earlier than usual.

The event (on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June) saw children compete in all manner of track and field events with activity levels higher than ever. In glorious sunshine, our new model ran without hiccup and Fire were crowned eventual winners.

The feedback for our Key Stage 2 Sports Day was amazing and came as a huge relief given the enormity of the task undertaken in changing the entire event.



As a fantastic year of school sport comes to an end, we can look back upon it with fond memories. To have once again represented our partnership at the Hampshire Games is a fantastic achievement, one I hope the children involved will remember forever. To have done so in 3 different disciplines, and left as champions of Hampshire and IOW in Tennis is simply phenomenal! As our infrastructure for sport continues to develop, I hope such successes can be replicated in the coming years.

To those in Year 6 who are leaving us, I wish you every success in your future lives, both sporting and academic. To everyone else, I look forward to kicking off another year of school sport in September.

Yours sincerely,  
Andy Rowles (Sports Activity Coach)

*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*

## Summary of findings and actionable points

Across the board, the general consensus appears to be that of positivity by the majority towards sport and PE at Botley Primary School. As a result of this questionnaire, the following actionable points have been put into place:

	Action	Completion target
1	Ensure parents and children are kept up to date with forthcoming trials and events for sports teams	✓
2	Make enquiries as to sport specific professionals to support delivery alongside Mr Rowles	✓
3	Make parents aware of community club links, giving children a pathway into sport from school experiences	✓
4	Investigate alternative options to allow older children more privacy when changing	✓
5	Set up direct school sport email enabling parents to communicate children's achievements outside of school	•
6	Clarify selection process to both children and parents relating to sports teams	✓
7	Investigate costs and financial viability of enhancing gymnastics apparatus - frames, wall bars etc	✓
8	Review sports clubs on offer with the aim of increasing options to both Reception, girls and additional sports	✓
9	Review timetable of sports clubs to enable contingency plans to be put into place to avoid cancellations	✓
10	Look into viability of a sport specific noticeboard at the front of the school	✓
11	Review curriculum maps and PE coverage to see if alternative sports can be introduced into the curriculum	✓
12	Review peer and self assessment models to enable children to identify progress made in PE	✓
13	Investigate ways of integrating Personal Best challenge activities (such as HIIT) into the curriculum	✓
14	Review level of appropriate challenge to extend those with club experience in PE lessons	✓
15	Review Key Stage 2 Sports Day	✓
16	Look into National School Sport Week and whether club numbers can be increased	✓
17	Look into introducing Mini Wimbledon competition	✓

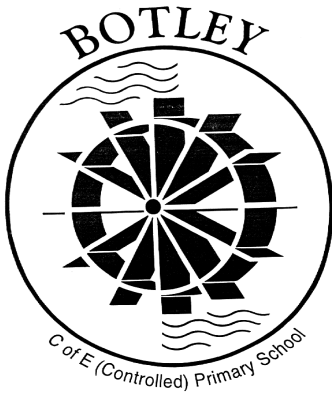
### Spring term 2 target update

1	To ensure parents and children are kept up to date with forthcoming trials and events for sports teams, we have started to add this information to the Week Ahead email that is sent out directly via ParentMail.
2	Sport specific professionals have been contacted with the aim of bringing in specialists on occasions to support the delivery of PE. Key Stage 1 have already spent a day working with the ECB's Chance2Shine programme – with many children continuing this introduction outside of school.
3	A list of Community Club contacts has been included at the back of the PE newsletter.
4	Alternative options have been looked into with the aim of allowing older children more privacy when changing for PE. Unfortunately, there is no additional available space readily available to allow this – although the spare classroom has been identified as an option when not in use by other classes.

### Summer term 1 target update

5	This is currently being looked at by the school and should be in place for September.
6	A letter clarifying the selection process is attached to the back of the PE newsletter.
7	Wall bars and frames have been looked into with means of raising sufficient funds now to be explored.
8	The sports clubs on offer have been reviewed with additional lunchtime clubs scheduled for September.
9	The protocol for sports clubs has been reviewed and alternative plans have been put into place to minimise cancellations.
10	The question was asked regarding a sport specific noticeboard at the front of the school. Due to the use of Twitter, PE newsletters, emails and sport boards in the corridor, the decision was that this was not an essential addition to the school site.
11	Curriculum maps have been reviewed and an alternative sports scheme has been added into the summer terms for Key Stage 2.

Summer term 2 target update	
12	A new peer and self-assessment model has been designed and will be introduced in September.
13	Personal Best Challenges were launched in the summer term and will continue into the next Academic year.
14	The extent to which more able pupils with club experience are challenged has been reviewed with greater depth planned for future schemes.
15	The Key Stage 2 Sports Day was re-designed and delivered to great success this year.
16	National School Sport Week was unfortunately postponed this year due to the sports days, productions and theme outcomes conflicting with timetables. Plans for next year are already underway with clubs numbers increased to enable more children to participate.
17	A mini Wimbledon competition was trialled to great success with Year 3/4 in the summer term and will be rolled out across the school next summer.



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**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Selection Process for School Sports**

The PE questionnaire circulated at the start of 2018 brought about many actionable points. One of the most commonly occurring queries was relating to the selection process for school sports teams - a process we would like to take a moment to clarify. At Botley, we strive to provide ample opportunities for children to experience school sport. This year alone, we have managed to engage 64% of our entire Key Stage 1 and 2 population in some form of external event (74% in Key Stage 2).

There are many platforms to which school sport is offered to children, which are categorised nationally by levels -

*Level 0 - this is a virtual event conducted within school clusters, in which data is collected in school and compared remotely,*

*Level 1 - this is any form of intra class/house competition.*

*Level 2 - these are commonly referred to as partnership events and see multiple schools attend a venue to compete in a given sport.*

*Level 3 - this is a County level competition, where participation is direct entry from a Level 2.*

All children within our school regularly participate in Level 0 and Level 1 school sport. Within Key Stage 2, this is delivered through Personal Best Challenges (Level 0) and House Sports (Level 1) - every child engages in this at some point throughout the Academic year.

Additional to this (and the subject of most controversy) are the Level 2 events. These events are sub-categorised into 'competitions' and 'festivals'. Festivals are an introductory platform for children to experience sport, whereas 'competitions' are focused on a higher skill base. For every competition, we hold trial sessions through which teams are selected. As a result of the PE questionnaire, information relating to trials is now sent direct to parents/guardians via ParentMail. Traditionally, this was shared with the children as an open invite to attend should they be interested.

To support children in their preparations, video links and PDF documents are sent as attachments with trial information, and an array of sports clubs are offered at lunchtimes. Children are expected to demonstrate some form of commitment to these clubs in order to

develop their skills and enable a team to be built.

Selection for events is based on a number of factors - children's past experience of a sport, current skill base, desire to participate and compete at a higher level, commitment to club attendance etc. As a school, we often enter more than one team into an event (something we are incredibly fortunate to be allowed to do). This year, we saw A teams through to E teams for events! We actively seek to enter as many teams into each event as possible but are often limited by available space.



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Whilst every effort is made to afford opportunities to as many children as possible, careful consideration needs to be given as to the appropriateness of this. Our intention is to create a platform for positive sporting experiences, through which children's love and desire to further explore the sport is embedded.

Taking children with less developed skills and experience to an event to face opponents who possess greater depth of knowledge and a stronger skill set will have the opposite affect. This is the driver behind the festival and competition segregation.

It is often commented upon that 'the same children go to every event' but this is fundamentally not the case. Our data (see below) clearly evidences that a large percentage of children across the school attend events. It is fair to say that there are some children who attend more events, or are regularly selected for the A team as opposed to the C or D, but this is a resultant factor of the skill base some children possess and is directly attributed to the hours upon hours of sport these children engage in at club level, developing themselves outside of school.

Our intention is to enable children to develop their skills and afford them opportunities where possible and appropriate - with approximately 48 children in each year, this is easier said than done. Year on year, we strive to enhance our provision and engage more children. Having just achieved the Platinum school mark for PE and sport provision, we are assured that our provision is at the top end of national expectations.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Rowles (Sports Activity Coach)

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