

Term 4 Sporting Events

It's been such a busy month for sporting events that they warranted their own newsletter! A huge thank you to Mrs Bennett for her hard work and dedication in preparing and supporting the children at these events, and for sharing such positive reviews of their performance (see below). More photos are available on ClassDojo.

Year 3/4 Gymnastics Festival



The event brought together several local primary schools and provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience gymnastics in a different environment. Throughout the morning, the girls had a chance to try a wide range of equipment and activities, many of which we do not have access to in school. This included the balance beam, parallel bars, vaulting horse and trampoline. It was fantastic to see them stepping out of their comfort zones and building confidence.

This was a non-competitive event, focusing on participation, enjoyment and personal challenge. All the girls represented the school brilliantly, they

listened carefully, behaved impeccably and showed great enthusiasm. Organisers commented on their positive attitude and willingness to try everything!



Biggest Ever Girls Football Festival

12 girls from Years 3,4,5 attended a girls only event at Abbeyfield School in Chippenham. The girls took part in a range of drills and skills sessions, kinball activities and played some mini matches on the AstroTurf. They also had the exciting opportunity to meet Libby, a first team professional player for Swindon Town, who joined in with some of the activities and spoke to the pupils.

Despite the bitterly cold weather, the girls showed fantastic resilience and enthusiasm throughout the event. Their behaviour was impeccable and they represented the school extremely well. It was a wonderful morning of sport and a fantastic way to celebrate girls football and mark International Women's Day.

A big thank you to Mrs Cockram for her help and support at this event.



Netball Introduction Event

A group of eight children from Years 3 & 4 took part in an Introduction to Netball event run in partnership with England Netball and Westonbirt School. The morning began with the children



rotating through a range of skill based sessions, where they practiced netball skills and worked together as a group. To finish the morning, they took part in a series of mini matches against local primary schools, giving them a chance to put their new skills into practice in a fun and non-competitive environment.

All of the children represented the school wonderfully and seemed to

really enjoy their morning of netball. Well done to everyone involved!

Thanks to Mrs Cockram for giving up her time to support this event which was greatly appreciated by us all.



Year 3 and 4 Girls and Boys Football Tournaments



Our year 3 & 4 pupils took part in a football tournament at MYFC, entering one girls and one boys team. Both teams played five matches each, experiencing a real mix of results and some very close matches! As newly formed teams, many are still developing their confidence and experience in a competitive environment. However, what stood out was their incredible teamwork, resilience and genuine joy for the game. It was great to see the encouragement they gave each other and the willingness to keep going after setbacks. Their behaviour, both on and off the pitch, were exemplary and they were a credit to the school.



I could not be prouder of all the children who took part. Edie and Arlo were recognised by the organisers and referees for their outstanding efforts and sportsmanship - values that we aim to promote at every sporting event. Many thanks to all who came and cheered us on. Much appreciated as always.

Year 5 and 6 Girls and Boys Football Tournaments

Our Y 5 & 6 footballers competed the same local football tournament the following day. Our girls team entered the competition as an inexperienced and newly formed team, but what they lacked in experience, they more than made up for in determination and spirit. Despite facing a series of challenging matches and tough results, they showed incredible resilience and continued throughout with smiles on their faces. The whole team got a special shout-out at the end, for their commitment and willingness to keep going.

The boys team, entered the tournament with high expectations and demonstrated strong teamwork and skills across a series of closely contested matches. They all played with great effort and determination throughout. Naturally, there was some disappointment, but the way they handled this showed maturity and character.

All of the pupils who took part were a credit to the school, themselves and their families. I'm incredibly proud of each and everyone of them.

Harriet and Marcos received recognition from the organisers for their attitude and efforts. Well done!

Thank you so much to all the families who came to support our teams, it's very much appreciated, especially on such a bitterly cold afternoon!

