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Welcome to our **Spring 2** newsletter. We hope you enjoyed reading our Spring 1 edition! With the weather finally changing to warmer, dryer climates we can now begin to get outside. We have enjoyed our Thursday lunch time's Tag Rugby club, which has been well attended. Here is the round up of the sports action for this half term.



The Spring 2 Term PE Curriculum: This half-term, **Owls** class have been learning the new sport of Handball. This is a combination of Football, Basketball and Netball which is fast paced and very energetic! They have rocketed through the basic skills and are looking closely at the technical rules as well as how to travel with the ball.



They have also been working on the May Day dances, with the day rapidly approaching, we will be ramping up our practices in the coming weeks.

Starlings have also been introduced to Handball and have done very well at mastering the basic skills. We have also been working on the May Day dances with all preparation currently going well. Starlings have also been continuing with their swimming with a more in-depth look at stroke technique.

Robins have been learning the basic Tennis skills, how to control the ball with the racket and have even learned a few tricks with the racket and ball. During Basketball they have developed control when dribbling and learned how to play co-operatively as part of a team to win competitions against opponents.

Performers of the Month

February 2025



Henry — for a fantastic month of sport and competition!

Lucy — for persevering when improve her badminton serve.

Rowan — for great effort and energy in PE.

March 2025



Libby - for her help organising the May Day dances

Rupert—for his excellent attitude towards May Day preparations.

Dilys—For fantastic effort during basketball.

Sporting competitions:



With a quieter half term of sports competitions we finally reached the **North Craven Tag Rugby competition at North Ribb Rugby Club**. A lovely afternoon was spent at North Ribb with Y3/Y4 and Y5/Y6 pupils playing against the Cluster of Schools. They played six games in total, resulting in three draws and three closely contested losses. With not a lot of rugby experience between them, the children soon stepped up and every member of the team gave 100%. Through a combination of persistence, enthusiasm and bravery, as well as listening to and employing the attacking strategies the teams soon started punching through the opposition defence and many tries were scored. Even when the score went against them, they kept their heads up and played with positivity and determination.



Area Cross Country Finals: Last month we wrote about Clover who ran in the Craven Cross Country Finals at Giggleswick School. Clover ran in tough, boggy conditions where several runners came back shoeless! She ran with determination and finished in 14th place overall which is a fantastic achievement! Well done to Clover, the Long Preston family are very proud of you!

Thursday lunch time Tag Rugby club has been fantastic this half term. The children attending the club have been learning how to use tactics, whilst both attacking and defending, to win a game. They have worked on their ball handling and agility to beat an opponent and have improved enormously since February. We have enjoyed competitive games and play to the rules with sportsmanship and respect.

Curriculum PE in pictures:



Reminders: Please can we remind you that hair which is long enough to fall in front of the face/ cover the eyes is to be tied up for PE. All jewellery **must** be removed and PE kit is to be brought into school on a Monday and left in school all week. A separate jumper is needed for PE and school cardigans/jumpers should not be worn.

The next Inter-School competition will be the Johnny Walker Tag Rugby on 25th April.

Inter-House Competitions:

Robins, Starlings and Owls — Inter House Golf During the warm and sunny afternoon of parents' meetings we were able to run this half term's inter house competition. Golf is a sport that is easily accessible to all and also great fun! Children were put into groups and led by one of the Owls sports leaders. Their role was to take part and also record scores and tell the group what to do at each station. With a variety of fun and challenging chipping and putting stations, all the children worked through each activity to gain points towards their house total. Thank you to the Leaders who had to work hard all afternoon, organising their group and keeping accurate records of the scores.



Robins, Starlings and Owls Inter-House Golf



1st: Dahl 2nd: Walliams 3rd: Rowling 4th: Donaldson

May Day practice: We are fully immersed in rehearsals for May Day and the children are working very hard to prepare for the day. We look forward to seeing you on the green at 12:30 on **Saturday 3rd May**.



External Achievements

★ We would love to display any sporting achievements the children have received out of school at their clubs in this section. Whether it is achieving an award or completing a stage, representing your Area or County or winning player of the tournament!

If you have any, please let Mrs Mercer or admin know and we can get you into the next half term's newsletter!



In depth look at a local club: Settle Cricket Club— Juniors

Name of Child: Alexander

What age you can start at the club: You can start from age 6 (year 2)

What do you do? (a summary of the training/competitions you are involved in): We train every Friday night at Settle Cricket club from 17:30-18:30 and winter training inside at Giggleswick School Sports Hall (year 4 onwards). Games take place mostly on a Sunday morning or Friday evening with some Saturdays. Just come down to the Cricket club on a Friday night to sign up.

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