



Balcombe CE Primary School Sports Newsletter

Dear Parents

Last half term saw a number of sporting activities take place despite the inclement weather which led to a couple of cancellations.

Mid Sussex Cross Country Finals

In January we took part in the Mid Sussex Cross Country finals in East Grinstead. You may remember that the whole cross country team had run extremely well in the NEARS races before Christmas meaning that we won the event. The best placed children then went forward to the finals. Ebony, Anna C, Eva, Bella, Tom B and Joe C went to East Grinstead to compete against the best sixty girls and fifty four boys from other Mid Sussex schools. The course was demanding and competition hard but all the runners competed strongly. Anna ran particularly well coming 21st in the girls' race. Well done to all the team who proved their running strength. I know that they all prepared thoroughly for the event and some have been inspired to continue running regularly outside school at the Park Run held in Haywards Heath.



NEARS Basketball Tournament

During our INSET day in January a team from Y5 & 6 went to Worth School to compete in the NEARS Basketball tournament. The team was made up from children who had been attending the after school club. We were delighted that Toby was able to attend the tournament with the children that he had coached on Friday afternoons. After some coaching exercises, the team took part in a number of games against other local schools. They played very well and reached the final where they were narrowly beaten by Handcross Primary. Well done to: Joe C, Anna C, Olivia N, Daniel R, Sam C, Harvey BH, Tom B and Ben H on such a great result.

NEARS Gymnastics Festival

During February we prepared for the NEARS Gymnastics Festival. We held an after school session for Junior aged children who were interested in taking part. There was a wonderful selection of gymnastic ability on show and some super group work sequences, which the children had been busy practising at home. It was extremely difficult to only take six children from such a great pool of talent. In the end James B, Zara B, Alice, Anna G, Lucy and Bella performed. The festival was a super selection of gymnastic sequences from different schools. Our performances which contained some individual, paired and whole group sequences were much admired.



Netball league

Just before half term we competed in the second round of our netball league matches. Rachel, Daniel R, Nathan, Harry H, Bella, Anna C, Olivia and Lucy played extremely well against St Augustine's from Scaynes Hill. The team turned on the style and won 14-0, a fantastic result. Last week the squad including Emily W played Twineham in a closely fought match. We just managed to hold on to win meaning that the squad plays in the NEARS netball final this week. I am sure you wish them lots of luck.

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this year. The vouchers are slightly different this year as they are printed off at the till – from my personal experience this means they are easier to lose! The Active Kids program enable us to improve our resources for playtimes and PE lessons so please remember to place them in the box at the front of the school office. Thank you.

The half term ahead may be short but it is packed with more sporting activities - football, netball, tag rugby and Sports Relief to name just a few. I look forward to telling you more about them soon.

Best wishes

Lucy Dunsby