



## **P.E. Newsletter – Autumn Term**

Welcome to the Autumn term PE and Sport newsletter where we will update you on any key events over the past half term and upcoming events to be aware of.

### **Years 5/6 Boys Football – 15/09/23**

This was the first tournament of the school year, and our boys were raring to go! The team prepared well together, and captain Charlie did a great job planning drills for training sessions, formations for play and motivating everyone. We had some fantastic parental support at the tournament, and all the players worked well together. Davey and Leo were outstanding both in goal and out. We were unbeaten and got to the semi-finals where we faced local rivals Birdwell. We beat them comfortably and then faced The Ellis in a close final, winning 1-0. A fantastic achievement.



### **Years 5/6 Girls Football – 22/09/23**

The following week, the girls' team were determined to follow in the boys' footsteps and win the tournament. The team had a mixture of experience and new players, and Bella captained them well, really encouraging everyone. They made a brilliant start beating Springwood 4-0, with Imy scoring all four goals. They continued the winning streak beating West Meadows and Jump, to qualify for the final against Hoyland Common, last years' winning team. It was a very close and nail-biting final, which went to penalties. After 4 penalties it was all even, then Hoyland Common made a mistake, and Bella took the final penalty and scored to win the tournament.



### **Years 3/4 Mixed Football – 29/09/23**

After an eventful journey by bus and car (thank you again to the parents who helped and offered to help). We luckily still got to Jump School in time to play all our matches. The team were thrown straight onto the pitch to play, though, so not ideal preparation. They coped well and tried hard to play together. Tommy was a strong captain, and Elijah and Freddie played well in defence. We won one match, drew one, and lost one, which meant we didn't qualify for the finals. The boys were superb sportsmen though, and really supported each other, and the other teams too. We are hoping for some more game practice, as they really enjoyed it.

A special mention of recognition to our Year 6, Charlie, who volunteered to referee the games, and ended up solely refereeing all games, including the semi-finals, and final which went to penalties. He did amazing and gained praise from several of the PE staff present.



### **Years 1/2 Mixed Football – 6/10/23**

We started off all working so hard and all chasing the ball at once. We lost the first two games 1-0 and 2-0. When we started to spread out more and pass to one another, we started to play as a team and improve. We then began to enjoy ourselves and won our third game 4-0 against Springwood with Arthur scoring all four goals. Our goalkeepers, Sonny and Alexander had very little to do in the later games. We didn't qualify for the finals, but we are hoping to get some more practice and matches in the future. They were all so positive and tried so hard.



### **Years 5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby – 13/10/23**



The tag rugby was on a wet drizzly day, so it was moved from the grass onto the huge Astro pitches at Kirk Balk. This was an extra challenge for us, and there were no spectators allowed to cheer us on! It took the team the first couple of games to get used to all the rules, and the size of the pitches, as well as playing together. We were used to training on our smaller school pitch in lots of mud. After a couple of games, we began to play to our strengths, and get the ball out wide and run with it! We lost the first game, then drew 1-1 with Springwood. We started to work together and realised that if we passed quickly and got the ball out to Charlie, Davey or Bradley, they would run fast into space and score tries, and we began to win matches. After playing all of the teams we finished in a very credible third place, with bronze medals to take back to school.

### **Years 5/6 Mixed Netball – 20/10/23**

Sadly, the Netball tournament was postponed due to heavy rain. Hopefully it will be rescheduled soon.

### **Upcoming events**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 & 4 mixed Hockey tournament at Springwood School.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Years 1 & 2 Cross Country at Birdwell School.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Years 3 & 4 Cross Country at Birdwell School.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Pokemon Cup Football Finals at Barnsley College (girls and boys)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Years 3 & 4 Mixed Benchball at The Ellis School.