

# HOO ST WERBURGH PRIMARY SCHOOL AND MARLBOROUGH CENTRE

# SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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Another exciting two terms full of sporting events and clubs where children were able to take part and stay active. We had a variety of afterschool sports. The school has also maintained its links with The Right Step Dance Company and Shi Kon Martial Arts, who have provided fantastic after school sessions for the children to enjoy.

## Clubs

There were a number of sports clubs available to children throughout the third and fourth terms, which included:

- Netball
- Agility
- Football
- Sports Games for all the year groups
- Kwik Cricket
- Basketball
- Martial Arts
- Creative Dance
- Street Dance

We look forward to offering some of these as well as a range of new clubs next term.



## Swimming

The group of pupils from year 4 and 5 took part in swimming competition at Medway Park. This fun event gathered 39 schools from all over the Medway towns. The pool was very busy with children getting ready to compete, discussing their favoured strokes and showing signs of excitement before start.

The competition started with 25m freestyle for girls followed by the boys. Our team represented Macey, Sienna and Tilly for girls and for boys it was Ethan, Jacob and Zach. They all swam to the best of their abilities. Macey had the best time from the girls' team (23.18 seconds – and she forgot to put her goggles on) and Ethan was the fastest in the boys' team 21.05 seconds).

Next it was time for 25m breaststroke. Girls were represented by Lucy, Sienna and Tilly (getting the best time for our team 32.7 seconds). Boys lined up in this order: Ethan, Jacob and Oliver. Ethan once more swam the fastest for our team (33.82 seconds) but this time Oliver wasn't too far back with (34.82 seconds).

The third event was butterfly, were for our team swam Macey and Tilly. Thanks girls for trying your best in this demanding stroke. Backstroke was the fourth event in the swimming competition. Girls were representing by Lucy, Macey and Sienna. Lucy (31.13 seconds) was ever so slightly faster than Sienna (31.30) but Macey once again was the fastest in our swimming squad (28.49 seconds). Jacob and Oliver were swimming backstroke for our team. Oliver swam 25 meters in 26.39 seconds making this the fastest time in our team.

After individual races it was time for team medley and team freestyle.

Team medley was represented by Oliver (backstroke), Tilly (breaststroke), Macy (butterfly) and Ethan (freestyle). They swam their best getting time of 1'58''35.

Team freestyle was representing by Lucy, Ethan, Sienna and Jacob. They all gave it all and swam to the best of their abilities getting time of 1'48''02.

All of our great swimmers put in a lot of effort to swim their fastest. We were places 32nd out of 39 schools, which was a great result and we all had a fantastic time.

Well done Swimming Team!



### Indoor Athletics

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 18 children from years three and four went to Medway Park to compete in a Mini Youth Games indoor Athletics competition. Each child competed in two track events and two field events.

Everyone tried their hardest and put in all the effort they had in order to try and finish as high as possible. We had strong performances in all events, and ended up winning some particular events, such as the girls relay.

The support from every school at the event was fantastic and the children that went from our school were also very loud, supporting each other as well as showing respect to children from other schools.

Special BIG thank you goes to Mrs Elams as she helped us with transporting a group of

children to the event when we have lost our pre-arranged transport.

Thank you so much!

Big thank you also goes to the parents and other family members who came and watched the children and gave them a lot of support and encouragement which the children really benefited from. All the children enjoyed themselves and we finished in 17<sup>th</sup> place for the entire day, a very good result.

Well done Team Athletics!



## Basketball

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, Hoo St Werburgh attended the Basketball mini youth games at Medway Park with a small team of highly motivated year 6 students. The team did extremely well, winning over half the group games they played and scored loads of baskets for fun! They also faced some difficult opponents but the Hoo St Werburgh clan gave them a run for their money. The team finished the day extremely pleased and were placed 16<sup>th</sup> out of 49 school teams which is phenomenal! Well done to the Hoo St Werburgh basketball team, onwards and upwards!

Well done Team Basketball!



## Upcoming Events

At the time of writing, the school's Netball team are a few days away from competing in the Mini Youth Games netball competition. The results of this event will be reported in the summer newsletter, along with the results from the upcoming sporting events. The Mini Youth Games is a fantastic series of events, where our children always do a fantastic job of representing our school.



## Ambassadors



The year 6 ambassadors alongside the Gillingham FA crew continue to do a brilliant job of promoting games and activities for children in all year groups. They give up their lunch times each day to ensure that there are a variety of activities for children to enjoy. Their time and dedication is much appreciated by staff and pupils alike.

## Swimming

Year 4 and 5 have finished their swimming for a year. It was great opportunity for children to learn new skill and for those already confident in the water to make their strokes smoother and stronger. I would like to use this moment to promote Medway City

Card which allows children under the age of 16 to go swimming for free.

**Keep swimming!**



### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher's**

We are now collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Thank you to all of those who have already handed in Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and we are still happy to accept more. Over the past few years we have been able to order some great equipment for the children to take advantage of in their PE lessons and after school sports clubs, and every voucher that we get really does help. In the past we have been able to buy sports kit, footballs, netballs, athletics equipment, as well as much, much more.



### **PE Kit**



Just a quick reminder to everyone that children should be wearing full PE kit during their PE lessons. Could KS1 children have their PE kit named to help us control any clothing left behind, although they should look after their belongings and remember to have their own PE kit in school at all times.

### **Happy Easter everyone!**

We hope that staff, children and parents enjoy the Easter break and look forward to the range of sporting opportunities that we have to offer for the rest of the year.

