

HOO ST WERBURGH PRIMARY SCHOOL AND MARLBOROUGH CENTRE

SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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It has been an exciting couple of terms where the children had a lot of opportunities to show their interest in sport and to gain new skills. We had a variety of afterschool sports clubs, where children could show off their skills and have fun as well as sporting events, where some older children represented our school and tried their best to compete against other Medway schools.

Clubs

There were a number of sports clubs available to children throughout the first couple of terms, which included:

- Netball
- Multi-skills
- Football
- Tag Rugby
- Hockey
- Table tennis
- Tri-golf
- Badminton
- Martial Arts
- Creative Dance
- Street Dance

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



Tag Rugby

On the 11th October representatives of our school took part in a Tag Rugby competition. 52 schools from Medway area came to Medway Rugby Club in Rochester to participate and have fun. We had an amazing day of exciting games. Our team had to play their first game against a strong team from Wainscott which we drew 3:3. This game gave us hope for the following games as we showed determination, fantastic spirit and good tactics. As the day progressed we remained smiling as we did not lose any games, furthermore we won the rest of them!

Following a great day of competition the results were announced and the team finished 6th out of 52 schools! Therefore we are going to play in the Night of Champions, where the best teams will meet to compete against each other.

Well done team rugby!





Hockey

Ms Simmonds offered to lead the preparation of children for the competition. Her commitment and knowledge in this sport built the final team that took part in the hockey competition. The competition was scheduled for school's autumn break but, thanks to Ms Simmonds who offered to take players to the event, children could participate in the hockey tournament.

The games were really exciting, full of action and emotions. The team didn't lose hope and the desire to win is what made the games interesting to the very end.

Our school finished 42nd out of 48 schools and all of our young players had a fantastic day, showing great behaviour and fair play spirit. They have all made our school really proud. Remember the final score is not always the most important thing. It is participation and a fantastic attitude that matters most.

A special thanks to Ms Simmonds for preparing children for the competition and giving them the opportunity to compete against different schools as well as the parents supporting our children during the games. What a great start to us having a successful hockey team!

Badminton

This term the school's badminton team were polishing their skills ready for the Mini Youth Games. Thanks go to Mr Paton (Hundred of Hoo PE teacher) for allowing us to use the secondary school's sports hall for practice, where children could play badminton in fantastic conditions.

These badminton sessions lead us to the Medway Mini Youth Games where a total of 39 schools took part, with well over 200 children competing in the event. The school played in 8 matches throughout the day, with each match consisting of a boy's doubles, a girl's doubles and a mixed doubles game.

The first three games were really tough as we were playing against strong teams: St Marys Island (finished 2nd in the competition), Hempsted (5th) and Cliffe Woods (very unlucky as we lost by one point in each game). After these games we were feeling a bit down but thanks to Harry, we kept the morale of the team high and motivated the players to turn the game around. The rest of the games were as exciting as the first but this time we were victorious, working our way up!



After all 8 matches has been played it was time for the presentation, where all of the schools participating were waiting impatiently to find out the results. Our school was called out at 19th place out of 39 schools which considering the little practice they had and the very challenging draw for their group it was a fantastic result!

Well done team badminton!



Tri Golf

Following the great success from last year (our school won the Medway competition) we were very keen to brush up on our golf skills such as putting and chipping during afterschool clubs.

This led us to the competition where our team had a go at 8 different activities. Some of them were really tricky and required a lot of precision. The whole team supported each other to bring out the best in everyone. Overall all of our children had a fantastic afternoon full of great atmosphere, laughter and of course golf.

The next day the final result was announced – we came 12 out of 18 teams. So the challenge is on to regain our top spot

Well done team golf!



Ambassadors



The year 6 ambassadors alongside the GFC coaches 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 3 have finished their swimming for the year. It was a great opportunity for children to learn new skills 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 16 years old to go swimming for free. Please google it!



Keep swimming!



PE Kit

Just a quick reminder to everyone that children should be wearing full PE kit during their PE lessons. T-shirts should be plain or with the school logo only. Could all children have their PE kit named to help us control any clothing left unattended items have a tendency to wander off.

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

Merry Christmas everyone!

