



George Fentham Endowed School

## SPORT NEWSLETTER

Spring 2015



We have had another very busy term with a wide range of sporting competitions and events taking place. I am delighted to say that the success of some of our teams has seen us compete in our highest number of finals this term. I would like to say a big congratulations and thank you to all the children who have represented the school so brilliantly. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and volunteers for their great commitment to school sport.

Mrs Nicholson



## Basketball

Our KS2 Basketball Team continued their journey in the South Solihull Basketball League, taking part in two tournaments this term. The first tournament took place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at St Peters RC Secondary School. We played 5 matches and scored 26 points overall, narrowly missing first place by 2 points. The team performed with a super approach and positive attitude. They continued their journey with confidence and played to the highest of standards in the final tournament on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 at Lode Heath School. The final results saw us achieve 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. Well done! It has been great to see the progression of the team's skills and spirit through this league. It certainly looks as though we have some young basketball players of the future!



## Gymnastics



Once again we entered a team of Year 2 children into the South Solihull Gymnastics Competition at Lode Heath School. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 Kajsa, Rafi, Murray, Imogen, Heidi-Rose and Gracie performed in two set pieces including a floor sequence and vault. The event was fantastic and the children performed to a very high standard. We competed against 12 Local South Solihull Primary Schools and I am very pleased to announce that we achieved 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. However there is more exciting news to follow.....

We will now go forward to represent South Solihull in a Level 3 Competition, competing against schools from North Solihull and Central Warwickshire on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Well done to the Year 2 Gymnastics Team!



On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 children from Reception to Year 6 took part in a Fit4Schools programme. The programme was delivered by a qualified, motivated and passionate training team, who used a variety of skill based activities to teach and promote the importance of exercise and a healthy lifestyle. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



## Health Week



Health Week is always an enjoyable part of the year where the children take part in a range of activities which help promote and raise the profile of 'Healthy Active Lifestyles'. It was a very busy week- let's take a look at what the children experienced:

- A visit to the Life Bus where they took part in an educational session with Harold and his friends.
- A whole school assembly led by Miss Bullock, Mrs Nicholson and the Year 6 School Council members.
- Cross-curricular lessons in the classroom.
- KS1 Zumba Dance Workshop.
- Nursery and Reception Dance Workshop.
- KS2 Gymnastics Workshop.
- First Aid training for KS2.
- Year 6 Drugs Awareness Workshop.

The children thoroughly enjoyed Health Week and are using these experiences to help them make good life choices and lead 'Healthy Active Lifestyles'.



## Sainsbury's School Vouchers



Once again this year we are collecting Sainsbury's school vouchers. The collection box is located in the school reception area. We collected 12000 vouchers last year, which helped us to buy lots of new sports and cooking equipment for the school. We would very much appreciate your support again this year!



## Netball



Miss Bullock has continued to run the George Fentham Netball Club this term. The Year 4, 5 and 6 club members have shown great dedication towards their sport. Despite the rain and cold, they have given up their lunchtimes to practise, developing increased skills and accuracy. They have developed confidence in their own abilities and are working incredibly well as members of a team. They have played 2 matches in the Rural Schools Tournament, losing 1 match and drawing another. The children showed exemplary sportsmanship in both matches. We look forward to taking part in the Small Schools Netball Tournament on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

The Netball Club has now finished for this Academic year to make room for Summer Athletics. The club and team will restart again in the Autumn Term.



## Netball Skills Competition



On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February Tallulah, Havana, Louise, Regan, Lexie, Charlotte, Harley and Leah took part in the South Solihull Netball Skills competition at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre. The competition consisted of completing five skill-based tasks against the clock, with the clock starting as soon as the first skill began and finishing when the last skill was completed. The competition was tough as there were many schools with teams who had taken part in previous years and had lots of experience. For us, it was our first attempt with a new George Fentham team. However the team worked extremely hard and managed to complete all skills in 9 minutes 44 seconds, placing us 15<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done to all the children in the team.



## Football



Mr Bass has continued to run the KS2 George Fentham Football Club this term. Thank you to all the children who regularly attend the club and dedicate their time to learning and improving new skills. We look forward to supporting the team in the summer term when they will have the opportunity to show case their talents in matches against other South Solihull Schools. Good Luck!



## Year 3 Dance Festival



On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Year 3 took part in a Dance festival at Alderbrook Secondary School. The performance was based upon the Myths and Legends theme and creation of the enigmatic Stonehenge.

Our children demonstrated exemplary behaviour as always and were very proud to showcase the dance that they had choreographed during their PE lessons this half term. Well done to all of the children in Year 3.





## PE Kits Update



### Health and Safety

In the interests of all children's safety we follow the current Health and Safety guidelines in Physical Education. This means that jewellery should not be worn in PE. If jewellery cannot be removed for religious reasons parents must inform school in writing and discuss arrangements with the class teacher.

### Earrings

Earrings **must** be removed for the lesson. Where piercings are still healing within the advised 6 week period and a pupil is unable to remove their earrings one alternative is that the earrings can be covered with tape by the pupil, or the parent before coming to school. The tape or plasters must be provided by the pupil for the appropriate period of time.

Teachers are not allowed to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves. We would advise that if children are having their ears pierced that they do this at the beginning of the summer holidays.

Thank you for your support.



## Sports Clubs



### Spring Clubs 2015

**Learning Curves Dance Club-** Run by the Learning Curves Dance team on Friday after school 3.30pm-4.45pm.

**KS2 Sports Club-** Run in partnership with Hampton Sports Club, by a qualified coach, on a Tuesday after school 3.20pm-4.05pm.

**KS1 Sports Club-** Run in partnership with Hampton Sports Club, by a qualified coach, on Wednesday 12.45pm-1.15pm.

**KS2 Football Club-** Run by Mr Bass on Monday 3.20-4.30pm.

**KS2 Netball Club-** Run by Miss Bullock on Friday 12.45-1.15pm.

**KS2 Netball Skills Club-** Run by Mrs Nicholson on Friday 12.45-1.15pm.

**KS2 Martial Arts Club-** Run by a qualified sports coach on Thursday 3.20-4.20pm.

### Summer Clubs 2015

**KS2 Sports Club-** Run in partnership with Hampton Sports Club, by a qualified coach, on a Tuesday after school 3.20pm-4.05pm.

**KS1 Sports Club-** Run in partnership with Hampton Sports Club, by a qualified coach, on Wednesday 12.45pm-1.15pm.

**Learning Curves Dance Club-** Run by the Learning Curves Dance team on Friday after school 3.30pm-4.45pm.

**Cheerleading Club** - details TBC

**Gymnastics Club-** Details TBC

**Change4Life Club-** Details TBC

**Further details will be shared in the summer term.**



## Sporting Opportunities



### **Sporting Opportunities Spring 2015**

**Year 3 Swimming-** Run by qualified swimming coaches every Tuesday at North Solihull Sports Centre.

**Basketball League Matches-** Run in partnership with the South Solihull Sport Package.

**Netball League Matches-** Run in partnership with the South Solihull Sport Package.

**Reception and Year 2 Football Coaching-** Run in partnership with the South Solihull Sport Package.

**Year 3 Dance Festival-** Run in partnership with the South Solihull Sport Package.

**Netball Skills Competition-** Run in partnership with the South Solihull Sport Package.

**Reception Yoga Theatrical Sessions-** Run by a qualified Yoga instructor, working alongside the class teacher.

**Nursery Zumba Sessions-** Run by a qualified dance instructor, working alongside the class teacher.

**Year 6 Football Coaching-** Specialist age appropriate football coach working alongside the class teacher.

### **Sporting Opportunities due to take place in Summer 2015**

**Year 2 Multi-Skills Competition-** Run in partnership with the South Solihull Sport package.

**Year 4 Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching and Festival-** Run in partnership with the South Solihull Sport Package.

**Year 5 Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching and Festival-** Run in partnership with the South Solihull Sport Package.

**Year 6 Tag Rugby Coaching and Festival-** Run in partnership with the South Solihull Sport Package.

**Year 2 Tri Golf Coaching and Festival-** Run in partnership with the South Solihull Sport Package.

**KS1 Cheerleading Coaching and Festival-** Run in partnership with the South Solihull Sport Package.

**Further details of upcoming events will be shared during the summer term.**



