

Autumn Term Sports Update

It has been a very sporty term at Leasingham St Andrew's with many exciting developments in Physical Education. We were delighted to kick off the new school year with confirmation that we had received the GOLD School Games Mark for 2013/14. This is a fantastic achievement with only one other local school equalling us.

Since September, we have received weekly PE visits from two of Carre's Grammar Schools' sports coaches. Miss Miller, an ex-pupil, has been working with Mr Hodgson to develop "Invasion Game Skills" in Year 3. They then put this into practice through an intra-school Benchball tournament. . Meanwhile, Mr Pledger has been working with both Mrs Bell and Mrs Meagher to develop Running and Jumping skills in Key Stage 1. They too have had some house competitions with Cranwell winning the running event and Elod scoring the highest in the jumping. Year 6 were joined by Mr Newell, also from Carre's, for 6 weeks as they learnt how to play competitive Volleyball. The winning house for their competition was Cranwell. Congratulations to all of our winners and an extended well done to all participants that tried their best.

Out of school, we have enjoyed regular Football and Netball fixtures in the Sleaford and District League in addition to coming third in the School Sport Partnership's Sports Hall Athletics event. This was great fun against 14 other primary schools! Our children have started to write their own Match Reports and selections of these are being published on our school website. We also arranged an inter-school Dodgeball tournament for Year 2s where we invited our local collaboration of primaries, plus a few select others that we have sporting links with, to the event at Nocton Sports Hall. It was a huge success with over 100 children showing off their throwing, dodging and catching skills. For many of them, this was the first time they had been out of school to compete against others.

Our after school clubs continue to be very popular with over 55% of children attending a sport club. We are fortunate to have support from school staff and local coaches, giving up their time, in order to deliver a broad range of activities. Term 1 clubs have been; Football and Handball (key stage 1), Rugby, Football, Dance, Cheerleading and Netball (key stage 2).

There is a lot more coming up after Christmas so enjoy the break and see you in 2015!

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