



## **Bletchingley Village Primary School Sport Stats – The Highlights!**



Season: Summer 2017

Welcome to the sixth addition of the  
"B.V.P.S Sports Stats – The Highlights".

The aim of this newsletter is to inform parents and carers about what the children are doing in school during their P.E lessons, clubs, events and even achievements outside of school.

**"Compete against yourself. It's about self-improvement, you being better than you were the day before."**

**– Steve Young**

### Training Practice:

Nursery – Badgers have been very busy this term. We have worked on our teamwork, turn taking and resilience skills in all of our P.E. sessions. In gym, we have been practising our balancing, jumping and forward rolls. For our May Pole dance, we worked really hard to follow a simple routine and also practised our skipping skills. We really enjoyed Sports Day and had fun taking part in the carousel of activities and also the running races.

Reception – In Otter Class this term, we have really enjoyed working with Mr Frost and Miss Vigar to learn and practise the skills needed for the sports day activities. Thank you, Mr Frost! We have learnt to throw and catch, dribble and shoot with a football, dribble using a hockey stick and we have improved our stamina and speed when running. We have also practised our running skills when out on the field doing "Mile a Day", we have enjoyed completing laps each day. In dance this term, we have learnt to country and maypole dance. This has involved us learning to listen to the music, move in time with the beat, count the beats forming linked movements. Mr Bower has taught us new skills too. We can all forwards roll and have been working hard to master shoulder stands, teddy bear rolls and a selection of different jumps. Our balance is improving too! Thank you, Mr Bower. We have really enjoyed gymnastics!

Year One – In Squirrel Class, the children have been enjoying their lessons with Mr Bower and Coach Luke! They have been developing their abilities to roll, jump and balance with Mr Bower; the most challenging part has been developing stamina, but the children can now "bunny hop" further than before! As well as helping prepare for Sports Day, Coach Luke has also been helping Year One catch a small ball - they know that they need to cup their hands to help them keep hold of the ball. Finally, Squirrels have been practising a Country Dancing routine ready for an in-school performance Assembly. The Squirrels have done an amazing job at working in groups of 2,4 and 8 as well as counting how many steps

Year Two – Fox class have continued to work really hard during Mr Bower's gym sessions and have been building up their stamina through relay races and other high paced activities. In 'Acro' the children have been attempting more complicated balances and challenging themselves by working in teams to create movement sequences and balances together.

Year Three – In Ruby Class we have been working on our athletics skills and taken part in various school competitions. We did particularly well in the throwing events and some children have discovered a talent for discus! We have also been learning to play rounders and played a match against the parents that celebrated father's day with us.

Year Four – Year 4 have been doing netball, rounders, discus and gymnastics. In netball we used learnt about and improved our hand positions, catching skills, throwing skills, feet positions and pivoting. In rounders, we used our hand-eye co-ordination, strength and learnt how to accelerate ourselves once we hit the ball. In gymnastics, we have been using our strength and balance and teamwork skills.

Year Five – In Emerald Class this term, we have been learning a lot of new skills and techniques in P.E and Gym. In Hockey, pupils have learnt how to hold a stick properly and how to control the ball. Once they had gained this vital skill they were able to then attack and defend in teams. In Netball, pupils have been enhancing their capabilities of using the correct type of pass and working on creating space/getting away

from their defenders. In gym, pupils have been perfecting their gymnastic skills and pushing their capabilities. They have been using their knowledge of acro movements to create different sequences.

Year Six - This term, in PE, we have been working on our rounders and sports day skills. In rounders, we focussed on throwing skills including the difference between fielding and bowling skills. We also tried to work on our tactics in game play - how to use the different skills and strengths in our team to the best effect and how to adapt our game play to different situations.

Alongside this, we also worked on our stamina for longer distance running, our jumping and handovers in relay races. 9 children from Diamond class represented the school at District Sports events.

In gym, we have continued to practise our basic floor skills with several children now doing round offs, handsprings and somersaults on top of the usual handstands, cartwheels and rolls. Our favourite activities are when we do somersaulting, palm turns and freestyle. 19 children went on the year 6 residential to Bromham near Bedford. We had a very active week including archery, shooting, slingshots, rock climbing, inflatable obstacle course, rope swings, low ropes, wooden obstacle course and raft building as well as campcraft and team-building skills. We all had a great time in spite of some challenging weather conditions at times. Lastly, we have learned a country dance for dance assembly called the Pat-a cake Polka.

### **Away games:**

There have been many events this term for our Bletchingley Stars to attend! As ever we appreciate the dedication of the children who take part and support of their parents who come to cheer on and collect.

Brave and bold Year 5s took on teams of Year 6s in the Rounders competition in May. They practised with Coach Luke and entered into the county tournaments – they just need to remember to keep hold of the bat! Oliver, Jamie, Brendan, Lexie, Daisy-Lou, Lucas, Olivia, Taylor and Ben won their team 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

There are too many children to thank for taking part in the District Track and Field Events as we had to take 32 children to each event! Congratulations to all those who did take part, and a special thank you to those parents who helped us by transporting children there. We came 9<sup>th</sup> in the track events and an impressive 6<sup>th</sup> in the Field events.

### **Awards:**

Our Sporting Success Trackers have promoted a love and drive of physical fitness within the school; congratulations to these children who have worked hard to increase their sporting skills!

**Bronze** – Ollie, Jake (1), Archie, Phoebe, George, Peter, Ethan, Finley, Harvey C, (2) Shani, Shane, Taiamie, Tsuisa, Nathan, Joseph (3) Charlie (4)

**Silver** – Jessica, Emmi, Euan, Aiden, Jessica (4)

**Gold** – Charlotte, Max, Levy, Rocco (6)

### **Mile a day**

As you may have heard, the school is starting a "Mile a Day" project, where every class aims to walk for 10 minutes a day – aiming for a mile. We have signed up to a website that keeps track of our progress and awards us with certificates at certain milestones.

**10 Mile Bronze Award** – Blake, Emily, Lucas, Izzie, Jessica, Ollie, Sophia, Caleb, Aaron, Jake, Catalina, Ronnie, Isla, Tatiana, Tillie, Luke, Ella, Graci, Aiden, Cody, Alfie R, Amelia, Matthew, Devon, Alfie S, Sarah-Louise, Tristan, Florence, Freya, Zach, Kai and Riley (1)

**25 Mile Silver Award** – Ollie, Jake, Aiden (1)

### **Suited and booted -**

Can we please remind everyone that children should be bringing in a full P.E kit and keep it in school until the holidays. Children's kit must have a plain white t-shirt, navy shorts, tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls or dark trainers. Also, children should not be wearing ANY jewellery during P.E lessons due to Health and Safety requirements. Adults are not allowed to remove earring so please remove them on your child's P.E day if they are too young to do this on their own. The Summer term is the perfect time to get new piercings as they can heal over the long break!

