

Spring Sports round-up

We have had a lot going on sports-wise in school this term. On top of all the clubs the children have attended, we have had Bikeability, cross-country events and plenty of football going on. Here are the highlights:

Thursday 19th January & Friday 20th January

Bikeability Levels 1&2

Year 6 Bikeability saw 20 children over 2 days learn about the importance of riding their bikes safely on roads. During this, they learned how to do their M-check to ensure the bike is safe to ride, before learning how to start their bike ride and how to safely use signals to work with other road users. The great news is all 20 children passed, and 7 of the 20 were selected by the Bikeability instructors to do the Level 3 course. Congratulations to all riders who took part AND passed!

Saturday 4th February

Regional Cross-Country

The 3 boys who qualified as best finishers in the local area cross-country race before Christmas were here to represent Gedling in the annual cross-country competition at Berry Hill Park. On what was an extremely tough course, our 3 representatives Finley, Oliver and Leo all competed hard and ran very well. Unfortunately, the boys were just outside of the fastest runners who would go on to represent Nottingham.

Friday 10th February

Cross-Country Festival

Due to our presence in everything cross-country so far this year, we were invited to take part in the Nottingham High School Cross-Country Festival at Wollaton Park. We took a girls' team and a boys' team. In the girls' team were: Isabelle, Isabelle, Lily, Layla, Laci-Mai and Olivia. On a tough, hilly course with roughly 140 competitors, our highest place finish was Olivia who came in 26th. The 5 boys we took were: George, Oliver, Finley, Keaton and Leo. Amazingly, again with roughly 140 runners, Leo came in 3rd place and won a well-deserved bronze medal. He achieved this despite feeling a bit under the weather as well.

Friday 3rd March

7-a-side Boys Football Festival

The Nottingham High School were so impressed with our children and their performance at the Cross-Country Festival that they invited us to their Football Festival on their amazing private grounds. We took a squad of 9 players made up of mostly Year 5's: Marek, Zion, Sam, Freddi, Ollie, Cillian, Firefunmi, Riley and Keaton. We played 3 games, winning 3-0, and then losing 3-1 before an entertaining 3-3 draw. Cillian scored 3 goals and Firefunmi not only scored 4, but also won the medal as our star player as voted by the opposing teams. Our own star of the tournament was Sam for his brilliant defensive work throughout.

Tuesday 7th March

Boys League Football match

The Boys League campaign started at home with Colwick St. Johns as the opposition. We started with a team of Marek, Sam, Carter, Firefunmi, Mason, Leo, and Finley, with Reuben and Kian on the bench. We were winning 2-0 at half-time with the final score ending 5-2 to us. It was a great attacking display and we should have scored more goals! Goal scorers were Firefunmi x 2, Leo, Mason, and Finley. Our star of the match was Firefunmi for his brilliant direct running and dribbling, always offering us a threat going forward. His 2 goals were well deserved and he should have had more!

Thursday 16th March

Boys Friendly Football match

The boys again in action. This time was a friendly away against Westdale Juniors in the relentless rain. We took a big squad of 10 players; Marek, Sam, Carter, Firefunmi, Finley, Leo, and Mason, with 3 subs - Zion, Freddi and Cillian. The game was end-to-end with both attacks obviously being the strength for both sides. This led to an entertaining game which was already 3-3 at half-time. With both defences improving slightly for the 2nd half, scoring slowed down and both sides managed 1 more goal each. The final score was 4-4. Our scorers were Finley x 2, Firefunmi and Leo. Star of the match was for Finley who showed great energy and drive throughout the game, relentlessly making tackles and moving us up the pitch. His 2 goals were a bonus his performance deserved.

Tuesday 21st March

Bikeability Level 3

We had the 7 children selected by the Bikeability instructors who ran the Level 2 course beforehand. Level 3 consisted of the children this time going on roundabouts and learning how to stay in control of their lane when waiting at traffic lights. The children all had to cope with tricky weather conditions throughout the day but that didn't stop any of them comfortably achieving the Pass. Big congratulations to: Isabelle L, Lily-Grace, Laci-Mai, Max, George, Reuben, and Riley-James.

Wednesday 22nd March

Girls League Football match

The girls were finally able to kick off the league season with a home game against Mapperley Plains, who brought a very strong team down with them. A number of our girls were playing their 1st ever game. We had a squad of 9 players which included two Year 4 girls - Isabelle R, Ro-Anne, Rosie, Layla, Jessica, Wiktorina, and Isabelle L, with Isla and Lily M as subs. We were penned into our half for almost all the game, struggling to get into the opposition half. This meant the defensive players stood out more with Isabelle R and Isla both having a strong half each in goal making lots of saves. Ro-Anne and Rosie formed a strong partnership in defence, making tackles and clearances all game long. Our best attacking threats were Isabelle L and Jessica, who used strong running to get us into their half and win corners. However, star of the match this time was for Ro-Anne, who never stopped tackling throughout the game. She saved us from conceding many more!

Friday 24th March

Table Tennis National Championships

We took 32 children to watch elite level Table Tennis at the incredible David Ross Sports Complex located in the Nottingham University grounds. We took children who had participated in a Table Tennis club during the school year. After watching the women's u-21's final, we spent time in the FanZone area playing street table tennis as well as having a go playing against a robot AND a speed gun to measure how hard you can hit the ball. Some children hunted for the 10 'little men' that were stuck around the room for a chance at winning a TV. All the children had fun and had a go on something, as well as some prizes being won!

Wednesday 29th March

Boys League Football match

The boys were hoping to continue their strong start to the season with another home fixture against Netherfield Juniors. With a couple of players missing, the squad was: Marek, Sam, Freddi, Carter, Finley, Leo, and Mason, and we had Riley and Reuben on as subs. We dominated the game from the very start and stayed this way for all but a few minutes after half-time. We led 4-0 at half-time and were probably frustrated it only finished 6-1 when we could and should have scored many more goals. Our attacking play was enjoyable to watch again and we are having our strongest season in a long time. Goal scorers: Mason x 2, Leo x 2, Riley and an OG. Star of the match was Mason for his fantastic ability on the ball causing nightmares for the Netherfield defenders all game long. 2 goals well deserved and played a part in many others.

Looking Forwards to the Summer Term

After such a packed spring term, there will be plenty to look out for in summer term. There will be more football, as well as cricket tournaments and hopefully athletics. We will have Notts County Foundation coaches coming in to work with Year 5, as well as a Sports Day for the whole school to look forward to.

Thank you

With so many sporting events going on throughout the school year, it is important to recognise and thank the people behind the scenes who make sure we are allowed to do so much.

Firstly, Mrs Wood for saying yes every time we get invited to an event. Secondly, Mrs Cooke who reads through all the letters making sure all the information is correct. Mrs Belshaw for keeping me organized, which is a great challenge! Also, to all the staff who have come to events and helped ensure everyone is safe and happy.

Well done and thank you to all children who have represented us or have tried out for the numerous sporting teams we have. Long may it continue!

Finally, thank you to all the parents for the continued support, whether that is allowing your child to take part or coming to watch the events and cheer us on.

Thank you,

Mr. Huskinson