

PE & SPORT NEWSLETTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Term 2 is wrapping up, and I extend warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'm proud of St John's children for their conduct in P.E, Intra's, Swimming and Sporting Competitions. The teamwork of students, staff and parents has been crucial throughout this extended term. Our focus on Respect underscores caring for ourselves, each other, the environment, and our community. As Matthew 7:12 advises, "Do to other what you would have them do to you."

Year 6 Sports Leaders as part of Pupil Voice received training from Mrs. Mills on December 4th, they have also been busy with after-school club ideas and a Sports Leaders Fundraiser for next year. Lastly the PTA help organise the Christmas Run, challenging children with long distance running raising money for Scootering.



10-YEAR HOCKEY RECORD!

On November 7th, St John's entered three teams in the Carterton U11 Mixed Hockey Competition, vying for a place in the West Oxfordshire County. As reigning County Champions with a 9-year winning streak and the A Team not conceding a goal, the pressure was high. Remarkable hockey skills were evident, showcasing the impact of having hockey in Term 1 as part of our P.E curriculum. Congratulations to the A team for qualifying, maintaining our 10-year unbeaten record! Thanks to all staff involved, Mr Hyatt, who guided the Year 5's (C Team), securing a respectable third place behind the B Team managed by Mr. Hayes.

FESTIVALS & FIXTURES

On November 30th I, along with Mr. Jackson, Head of Carterton Primary, organised a U11 football fixture. The fixtures aim was to ensure accessibility in sports for all children, regardless of ability, which is crucial for fostering a lifelong passion for play and exercise. The boys excelled, securing a 2-0 victory, with Jack Kerr scoring a brilliant goal.

Year 4 had a bustling term with Dance and Basketball Festivals, providing excellent opportunities for LKS2 to engage in sports and exercise. Some Year 3 students participated in the basketball festival, showcasing impressive skills from those attending Basketball After School Club. I take pride in Year 4's accomplishments in the dance festival, where they skillfully incorporated learned moves into their P.E dance sequences.



PE UPDATE

Our overarching learning goals emphasised social skills across all year groups, focusing on sharing and encouraging in KS1, while KS2 delved into positive feedback and supporting peers. The introduction of an iPad in P.E allowed for recording children's performances, providing detailed assessments of their development stages.

In KS1, we honed jumping and landing skills, integrating seated balances in Real Core PE, showcased in games like Jungle Adventure. Dance lessons involved creating shapes and movements, culminating in intra-competitions.

For KS2, football skills were explored with thrilling intra competitions, and dance lessons included crafting dance sequences, practicing abstraction skills, and experimenting with music artistry.

As we approach the Christmas break, a gentle reminder to parents and children: a P.E kit is vital for lessons to avoid unhygienic alternatives. As we return in winter, please ensure all children have black tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a grey or black sweatshirt for outdoor P.E. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, Happy New Year! Bring on 2024!

Best Wishes
Charles Lamb
PE & Sports Teacher



WHAT'S ON?

Christmas Clubs & Camps:

- Stagecoach Workshop Faringdon- Thursday 21st, 9.45am-3.45pm, SN7 7HZ
- Next Generation Soccer Schools, Wed 20th - Fri 22nd Dec, 9.30-3pm, £15 per Day, Windrush Primary, OX29 7DL
- OSAA Football- Thursday 21st 9am-3pm £30, 10am-3pm £25, Middle Barton OX7 7BX or Yarnton FC OX5 1QE



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