



## Newsletter 6      Spring 1 - End of term review

As always, the children have been incredibly busy this term and there have been some fantastic achievements.

Here's a summary of some of the things they have been up to.

### Sports Round-up

#### **Netball - Mrs Whittaker**

The children had several weeks rest after the Christmas holidays but the team are now back playing the remainder of the netball season.

The team narrowly missed out on a win against Field Court Juniors. Waterwells played very well and are now beginning to effectively use the space around the court. The score was 5-4 to Field Court. The captain for the game was Jorell Sanniola who nominated Maddy Ranford as player of the match.

There are just two more games to play this season with the children playing Field Court away at the end of the week.

#### **Boys' Football - Mr Henesey**

This term the boys' 5-a-side football team shone and made it to the county small-schools' 5-a-side indoor finals. They played incredibly well, winning 2 matches and drawing 2 matches to make it to the final. They finished runners-up overall, narrowly losing by 1 goal to Brockworth Primary. The team did us proud. Well done to Jorell, Keon, Cordel, McCoy, Jack and Isimhenmhen.

#### **Cross-country - Miss Dando**

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Beech Green Primary hosted the Quedgeley Primary Schools' annual cross-country event. Waterwells took a slightly depleted team due to illness and injuries but our runners did us proud on a sunny but very blustery afternoon. Notable results came from Leilani Ryder (Y3) who cruised to a comfortable victory in the Year 2/3 girls race. Also, a huge well done to Meg Prout (Y5) and Chloe Beaton (Y4) who came 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Year 4/5 girls' race.

The team consisted of the following children: Leilani Ryder, Kelly Anderton, Kathy-Kay Poole, Oliver Watts, George Thomas, Leon Nwosu, Jaydan Davies, Eloise Bick, Kyla Davies, Chloe Beaton, Meg Prout, Jorell Sanniola, Kianne Ryder, Emma Wood, Harry Thomas & Antonio Webb.

#### **Girls' Football - Miss Dando**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February we took a team of Year 3/4 girls to the Gloucester Schools Girls' Football Festival. The girls were taught the basic rules of the 5-a-side game and the chance to experience semi-competitive matches. The team played brilliantly, beating Innsworth 4-0 (goals from Leilani Ryder and Kathy-Kay Poole), before narrowly losing 1-0 to Elmbridge and Robinswood.

Team: Leilani Ryder, Kathy-Kay Poole, Kelly Anderton, Eloise Bick, Chloe Beaton & Kyla Davies.

#### **Things to look forward to...**

Next half term looks set to be even busier; we look forward to hosting the Quedgeley Primary Schools Year 2 Indoor Athletics as well as welcoming specialist coaches into school to teach TAG rugby league, archery and floor gymnastics.

Miss Dando

#### **E-Safety**

Thank you to all the parents that attended the parent e-safety session and open afternoon. We hope you found it useful and took away something to consider in regards to helping keep your children safe online. We received positive feedback from the event and the children certainly enjoyed you coming to see them afterwards too!

Following the parent session, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, all children came off timetable and participated in a day of e-safety activities for National e-safety day. Across the infants and juniors pupils had opportunities to create posters, role-play scenarios, learn songs, create their own verses and also used their artistic skills to sketch pictures of someone they would talk to if they had a concern.

We wish you all a wonderful half-term holiday and will see you when the children return **on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

## 'BEST' Day

Pupils had lots of fun working in their house teams during the 'BEST day' for the launch of our values (believe, engage, succeed and try). Children worked in mixed-age groups from Reception to Year 6 to build the tallest newspaper tower, to parachute an egg (without it breaking), to guide team members through an obstacle course blindfolded and to solve a range of logic problems and puzzles. The children worked really well together and are beginning to understand and apply the key values in school life.

## Other events

Year 3 pupils have been embracing the water and swimming at GL1 every Thursday as part of the PE curriculum.

Year 4 have continued to improve their Ukulele skills.

Despite the weather, Reception and Year 2 have got outside for forest schools. Reception have thoroughly enjoyed making mud pies!

Reception also had a visit from Zoolab as part of their jungle topic. A snake, a rat and several creepy crawlies visited the school, and the children behaved impeccably throughout.

Year 6 have been practising some Shakespeare and next term will be performing 'A Mid-Summer Night's Dream' at Gloucester Academy on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am. Parents are welcome to attend and tickets are available from the school office.

## Parents' evening

Parents' evening will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, both starting at 3pm. We are always looking at improving what we do and will be introducing a new, online signing-up system.

During the first week back after the holidays:

- You will receive a text and email (if you have one) with a link to sign up for your child/children's parents evening. You only need to use one of these methods to sign up.
- Click the link and you will be directed to the login page.
- Enter your child's name.
- You will then be able to see the available time slots.
- Select your time slot.
- You will receive confirmation of your booking (time and day) and will also be notified the day before your appointment.
- You can go in again to amend the booking if needed.
- If you are unable to access the link or do not receive it, please see Mrs Penswick at the main office who can investigate and check contact details. She will also be able to book your appointment manually if necessary.
- Please ensure we have up-to-date contact details, as this is essential for the system to work.
- The system is secure and your link is personalised for your child/children. You can continue to use the same link should you need to amend a booking.

We hope that the new system will be more accessible and efficient for all involved. Parents with more than one child in school will also be able to access all their children from the one link and login page and can therefore co-ordinate appointment times with greater ease.

It is the first time we are trialling this, so please ensure you speak with us if there is a problem or if you are unsure. We are happy to help.

## Road Safety

We do remind parents regularly about the importance of road safety outside the school gates, and would once again like to remind parents to not mount the kerb or park on double yellow lines. We have been informed that patrol officers will be visiting the area. Please drive and park responsibly.

## Head Lice

It is inevitable that at some time during the school year we will have a problem with head lice in one or more of the classes. Please ensure you check your children's hair on a regular basis and treat accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Dogs

For the safety of others, dogs are not allowed on school premises and we ask that they are not tied to the school railings. Some children (and adults) find dogs unnerving and frightening and can cause upset. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Breakfast Club

Thank you to those who completed breakfast club interest forms. If you are interested in breakfast club facilities, and haven't already, please collect a form from the main office. Permitting we get sufficient interest; this is something we would hope to be able to offer from September 2016.

