

St Nicholas' CE (VA) Primary School

Learn, Achieve, Grow: Together
Term 3 P.E Newsletter



February 2023

WELCOME

Hello everyone! Welcome to our PE newsletter where you can find information regarding all things PE! As a school we are passionate about the children being active and healthy and are currently working towards our silver School Games Mark. The School Games inspires young people to be physically active for life through positive experiences of daily activity and competition. We are part of a cluster of schools in and around Salisbury who are supported by a School Games Organiser (SGO) to provide us with opportunities to take part in a variety of festivals and competitions. Please see below for details.

Sports competitions

This year we are hoping to attend more festivals and competitions outside of school ensuring the children are given the opportunity to experience competition and develop their skills. Unfortunately, the Year 5 and 6 football festival was cancelled due to weather but we did attend the Year 3 and 4 football festival and the KS1 fundamental festival, which were both fantastic events.



Upcoming fixtures

Year 3 and 4 Tag rugby festival – 15th March 2023
Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby festival – 29th March 2023
60 active minute festival – 28th March 2023
Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball – 27th April 2023
Salisbury Schools Mini-Marathon – 20th May 2023
Year 5 and 6 Quad Kids – 14th June 2023
Year 3 and 4 Quad Kids - 28th June 2023

A huge THANKYOU!

We want to say, on behalf of the whole school, a huge thankyou to everyone who took part in our sponsorship event last year. The children raised over £1,500 for new sport equipment for our school. This term we received our new and exciting playground equipment and it is safe to say that the children really enjoying playing with each other!



Quotes from the children

The new play equipment is really fun and there is now enough to go round so everyone can play with them! – **Sienna in Owl class**

I love that we can all play together with the new equipment across the whole playground! – **Henry in Hare class**

Salisbury Schools Mini-Marathon – Saturday 20th May 2023

Last year we had a wonderful morning cheering on the children in KS2 as they raced in the Mini-Marathon! This year it is back and one to put in your diary if your child is in year 3, 4, 5 or 6. All are welcome to get involved including any parents who may want to participate! The event will be held in the usual place on the field behind Wyvern St Edmunds and we would love to see lots of people getting involved! – *More details and training plans to follow.*



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School Games Values



As a school, we celebrate the School games values, which can be seen in the picture above and on our PE display board in school. Each term, we focus on a different value and link it to our PE lessons. For the children in KS1 it is an opportunity for them to start to think about the different values and begin to show them in action. When the children reach KS2 they are then embedding the value into their lessons and being role models to those around them. At the end of each term, the children then vote for who they thought has shown that value in action the most. Congratulations to those who were voted for in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

For teamwork: Amalie (Fox), Freddie (Hare) and Archie and Jay (Owl)

For self-belief: Bella and Flo (Owl), Alfie Ma (Fox) and Zachary (Hare)

For determination: Louis (Hare), Aeren and Harleigh (Fox) and Imogen M (Owl)

We will continue to celebrate these values throughout the year – please see below the next ones coming up!

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| Term 1 | Teamwork |
| Term 2 | Self-belief |
| Term 3 | Determination |
| Term 4 | Respect |
| Term 5 | Honesty |
| Term 6 | Passion |

Please feel free to ask your children about this at home and talk about what the values mean to them and how they are using them in their PE lessons.

After school sports clubs

District Sports have continued to provide us with after school sports clubs, which the children really enjoy. We can now announce that the clubs will be open for the badger children from the start of Term 4 with the hope that the weather should start to brighten up! Please keep a look out for a letter to clarify details of the new clubs in Term 4. We are also offering the opportunity to attend an afterschool sports club on a Friday afternoon, which will be free of charge. More details have been sent home to you and this will be on a first come, first serve basis for all the children. We would love for more of our children to become active so thought this would be an excellent way for them to participate in extra physical activity – *please see the Term 4 clubs letter, which was sent out today*

Dance lessons

This year we have been fortunate enough to welcome Hatti from *Panthera Dance Company* who has been delivering some amazing dance lessons to the children. Not only are the children learning but the teachers are too! This has enabled our staff to strengthen their skills in dance teaching, as they have been able to watch and learn from a professional dance teacher meaning they are more equipped in teaching the children when they teach them dance in the future. We are hoping to strengthen our gymnastics skills next year – more details to follow on this!



Final note

I have sent out a PE questionnaire to all parents, which you should have received in your child's book bag. Please could I ask that this could be filled in and returned as soon as you get a chance to that we can start to plan for future events – thank you to those who have already returned them! 😊

Thank you so much for reading – Mrs Heath PE Curriculum Leader