

Gorran School Sports News

Autumn term 2015

It has been a busy term for sport at Gorran School, so we thought it would be good to let you know what we have been doing.

We started the term with a team of Year 5/6 students going to Wadebridge School to enter into a **cycling** event. This was a new event for us and the children practised in the playground for the event as they had to learn the pursuit format. They had a great time competing against lots of other schools in Cornwall.

Netball was then played at Roseland School. In the festival, the girls all did really well, with our new players from Years 3 and 4 participating. The girls have continued to play in the St Austell league with great success. Mrs Towe has seen the improvement this year in the girls' play - keep it up!

The **Inter School Decathlon** was also held at The Roseland, where we took a team of four children for Years 3/4 and Years 5/6. This was an event which we did well in last year. The children tried really hard and we were amazed at their skill and determination. As ever we are very proud as Year 3/4 won the competition and are going across to Newquay in January to compete in the next tier of the event. Year 5/6 came second, so another fabulous result.

The Lions and Zebras have been participating in **Hockey** lessons with Mr Ayre, leading up to the Hockey tournament, which we attended. It was a cold afternoon but the children played really enthusiastically with great skill and won the tournament. This meant we could go to Poltair School for the next level of the event. This was even colder and very wet, but the children had fun and had a great experience of playing very good teams.

A small team of children from Zebras went over to The Roseland to join in with a **Badminton** skills event; the children played a variety of games and learnt the basics of this sport.

We have held two Inter house sports competitions focussing on Hockey, Netball, Dodgeball and Decathlon type skills. All the children have joined in and had fun competing for their house points.

A sunny afternoon saw a group of children go to Newquay to play **Tri Golf**. This was exciting with the children playing games with the different golf clubs. I must say Jowan and Lola are great at long range shots and it was a pleasure to see all the children smiling.

Dodgeball; well what fun we had. The group were involved in a tournament where they played 8 games; the children hadn't really played much before and as the afternoon went on, improved tremendously and had a great time.

Cross Country has been amazing this term. The children are excelling themselves and are so determined at improving, with our team increasing to now nearly 25 children. It is a well organised and exciting event. With two races left, our hopes are high with Toby already winning one race and in the top five for Year 6; Iestyn winning two races and also in the top 5; Gracie coming in the top five each race and Naomi in the top 10. There have been some children that have come to try and found they enjoy running and others where their personal performance is improving every time. Well done, we can't wait till the final race...

Football training has allowed lots of children to participate in this sport, with two teams joining in the St Austell league and the teams doing really well and trying hard and allowing everyone to get a game. The Year 5/6 team has competed in one tournament at the beginning of term and then a final tournament will be held later in the year. Plans are to raise some money for a new kit, so if anyone can help with this let us know, thank you.

Right before Christmas we were lucky to take a few children to a **winter festival** at Tregorrick. The children joined in a range of different games organised by students of St Austell College, it was great to see Sophie, Nathan and some of the Giraffes have so much fun.

Coming up is a **Swimming** Festival at Polkyth, **Cross Country**, The **Decathlon** next round and a **Basketball** Tournament this month, so we will still be really busy.

Thank you to all the parents that help in taking to events and supporting the children. It is really appreciated by the school. Here is to another term of great sport, participation and fun. Keep looking at the PE Board for pictures of what the children have been doing.

