



## Gorran School

### Autumn Term Sports Newsletter

It has been a very busy term, with lots of sports events going on. Year 6 have been involved in several sports festivals at The Roseland School. These have included Netball, Hockey, Badminton and Dodge Ball.

The children have all played well as a team, improving their skills and really enjoying themselves. The Dodge Ball was a very loud event with Christmas jumpers being worn, Christmas music and the children trying to throw the ball as hard as they could to get the other team out. Our two teams came third and fourth.

A favourite event of the school is the Sports Hall Athletics. Eight children went to compete in this festival. The children were determined to keep up the winning streak of previous years and showed great skill and competitiveness. We were very proud when both the Year 3/4 team and Year 5/6 team won. This now lets us move to the next round in January held at Treviglas School and allows us to take 18 children from both Zebra and Lion Classes.

This term we have also been to a cycle pursuit event in Wadebridge and received some training from Emma Roberts to prepare for this event. The children really enjoyed this and worked well in a team.

A group of eight children went to the Winter sports Festival run by St Austell College. It was at Tregorrick and was a great non-competitive event allowing children to try new things and build their confidence.

The Mid-Cornwall Network have offered some after school festivals each half term, so we have taken a group of children to a netball festival and another group to a multi-skills festival, where they were involved in circuit training.

The netball and football league has been running on a Tuesday and matches have been won and lost. The children are all improving as teams and loving their new kits.

The Cross Country team have been determined and working very hard. With nearly 30 children going each month to the races it shows a lot of commitment. The children are all improving each month with over half of the children improving their times by at least 20 seconds this month. The Year 5 girls teams are coming first and seventh in the league, which is amazing.

We have also attended a Badminton festival at the Roseland, with some children in Year 3 and 4 learning skills and playing different games to gain points. They did really well and won this event in the cluster. The year 5 and 6 team came and played 2 minute games, with skills and game play improving as we went through the afternoon.

The Lions Class have enjoyed their sailing experience at the beginning of the term and have had some great weather to be learning to sail in, they can't wait till next year to do it again.

The mile run is still being held in school, with Zebras running on three days and Lions four days, this has helped their fitness, sport and concentration in class.

A group of children from Zebra class went to play Tri Golf over in Newquay at the beginning of the term. The children learnt some new skills and really enjoyed the experience of being on a golf course.

The next term brings us some great new opportunities in January we have the Roseland basketball and swim festivals and the next round of the Sports Hall athletics.

The school will be involved in a Swimathon, allowing the children to see how far they can swim in January and then again in April/May to see if they have improved.

We have won three sets of kwik Cricket equipment and a bucket of balls from Cornwall Cricket Association, which is brilliant and will set us up for the new cricket season and competitions in June.

We were very proud to receive our Gold Sainsbury Games award and received some new equipment for the sports crew teams to run activities after Christmas.

Thank you to all the parents that come to support the children in all the events and helping to drive us everywhere, it wouldn't be possible without you. As a school we are very proud of all the children participating in events in and out of school and within their PE Lessons.

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