

Physical Education in Leighterton Primary School

PE has taken off well this year.

New Clubs

We have had two new clubs – yoga for ks1 and reception and Archery for KS2.



Both have been well attended and we've even had some ks2 children helping the younger ones in the yoga club.

"Yoga was really good and I have got better at getting calm during the story time" Yr5 boy.

"I really like Molly and when she makes it quiet" Yr1 girl.

World Cup Rugby Tournament

We have attended a Tag Rugby Tournament where we were representing New Zealand. We participated in an opening ceremony and then played matches against schools in the Cirencester district. I am very pleased to say that we did very well and the children showed all values of the school games.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the parents who transported the children to and from this event.

Alfie Duckett was a superb team captain throughout the event and he has kindly written a report.

RUGBY Festival

On the 17th October, some people from Ridge Class attended a Rugby Tournament in Cirencester. The children's parents took them there and some parents even stayed to watch.

It was a great day. They played four games of rugby and had great fun. They were all eight-a-side matches that were five minutes each way. They played all their games on the top pitch.

Firstly, they played Bourton. It was a good game. Next, they played Stratton. It was a close game and they were a difficult opponent. After that, they played Siddington. It was an amazing game.

After we had played all of our games we made our way down the bottom pitch and sat in lines on the floor ready for the presentation. Each team had a star player that showed a school games value and the stars had to stand up in front of every one. From our team Amelia got it for determination. When the presentations finished we all went back to school.

By Alfie Duckett.



Girls Football Tournament



Girl's Football Tournament

Seven year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football tournament in Cirencester. The tournament began at 3:30 after school until 5:30 on Tuesday 22nd October but due to a penalty shoot out the tournament ended at 6:00 sharp.

The girls played 5 matches in total but 7 if you include the semi-finals. They played there very best and worked as a team which gave them an earned bronze medal.

The team worked their way to the semi-finals and did so well they managed to get to an extremely tense penalty shoot out. Unfortunately, the team did not make it to the finals. After that, the team played another match to determine if they would come 4th or 3rd place. The two teams drew a fair game and were both awarded a bronze medal.

Unfortunately, they did not make it to the finals but they were extremely proud of themselves and happy with their place. They worked hard deserved this amazing achievement.

Congratulations to Cirencester team for coming 1st in the football tournament!!!

Further PE developments

I have engaged in conversations with Westonbirt School to organise swimming and various forest school organisations to set up outdoor learning and Forest school within Leighterton Primary. Both of these I have hoped to have organised and in place for Spring term. So far I can confirm that Forest school will take place every Wednesday for every child after Christmas – so look out for a letter.

The SWR cluster have met and have arranged multiple Sporting events across this coming year.

PTFA donation

We are very lucky to have received our brand new Football goal posts that have been generously donated by the PTFA. The children have played with these every day and were so excited get out and start using them.



Run A Mile

This term Bowldown, Haymead and Ridge have been outside everyday and running for 15 minutes. On October 9th Apesmore joined us for the first time and it was a joy to watch and run alongside. Every child was running and encouraging the younger ones to keep going; having a chat with them; holding their hands and praising their efforts. Again the teachers left the playground feeling very proud of the children here at Leighterton.

As a school we took part in an amazing county record; running with the most amount of schools on the 18th October. All children received a sticker and we celebrated with the children running through a human tunnel.

Haymead decided that a certificate would be a good incentive to keep them all running. So, we now have a certificate for 5 consecutive runs for the full 15 minutes, then 10, then 20, and then 50. However, Haymead wanted a 100 certificate so we now have one of them too! Looking forward to handing those out!



Cross Country @ KLB

We have also taken part in the Dursley Cross Country races on Saturday mornings at KLB. We had 17 children take part across KS2 and we did very well, twice I found myself welling up with pride in how much determination our children showed.



Noah Walker has kindly written up a report of their first race.

On Saturday morning, Leighterton Primary School met at KLB to do the first cross-country race of the year.

The first group to run was the year 3 and 4 girls; second race was year 3 and 4 boys; the third was year 5 and 6 girls and the final race was the year 5 and 6 boys. There were many nervous faces from the year 5s, as they had to run the longer race for the first time.

Everyone ran an amazing race, including the Year 3s - who had never ran before and we all enjoyed the running and the cheering on even though we were all tired.

I cannot wait for the next one.

PE has had a fantastic start to the year - be prepared for another busy term after the holiday!