

Physical Education in Leighterton Primary School

After school clubs

In terms 5 and 6, we started our after school clubs again and I am happy to announce that over 70% of the children invited attended.

KS1 started with Forest school with Mr Oakey and KS2 joined in with Archery.

Forest school:



This is what our children say:

"I have loved Forest School. We are always making things and being creative."

"We got to use big tools today!"

"My whole body hurts from all the stick moving."

Archery:





This is what our children say:

"Archery is awesome!"

"I like the fun games Jez gets us to do, when we warm up."

"I didn't know that Archery is a sport that you can play in the rain!"

Virtual Sports Hall Athletics Tournament

KS2 participated in a virtual SHA competition that was held through the Cirencester Sports partnership.

For this, the children had to carry out a number of different activities, i.e throwing a medicine ball the furthest you can; jump the most on the speed bounce or jump as high as you can.

All the scores were collected and then passed on to the Cirencester Partnership.

Alex Bailey beat her teacher on the speed bounce - it got very competitive! Well done Alex.

They all did very well and Year 3 and 4 ended up being placed 3rd.

Run A Mile/Skipping sessions

We have continued to go outside in all weathers during the terms. Now, we have added some music to our routine from our new bluetooth speaker. The children have been almost doing a dance/run and have loved being able to make song requests to their teachers for the following day.

We have also mixed in a bit of skipping into this session with children making the decision as to whether they run or skip. The learning that has gone on has been phenomenal. Almost all children were bent over trying to skip and now all look like professionals. They have all set their own goals and have strived to get better.

We purchased our new skipping ropes during lockdown to help with the children's mental wellbeing and I am so glad we did.



Swimming

Term 5 saw the start of our swimming course. This year we were returning to Westonbirt Swimming pool and were lucky enough to also use their mini buses to get there and back.

Unfortunately, we only managed to swim for two weeks before Westonbirt Leisure centre had to close for maintenance work - fingers crossed they complete it before the year is over.

Forest School

This term has also seen the start of our Forest School sessions with Mr Oakey.

The children have loved going outside and making things that are linked to their topics in class. Every lesson has seen them dig, drag sticks, whittle, carve, build, work as a team/pair and generally having fun....in the rain. Hopefully, term 6 will be kinder to us- weather wise!

Sports Leader Training

Children in Year 5 and 6 had a visit from Helen Pauling, at the start of the term, to teach them about being good sports leaders. This will mean that the leaders can run an after school club for KS1 and reception children in the Summer, if Covid restrictions allow. Watch this space.

Further PE developments

Leighterton children are very lucky to have the outdoor space that we have but much of it doesn't have a designated purpose.

Hopefully, by September we will have a larger space for gardening club, an increased area for Forest School, more options for imaginary play and proper welly and waterproof clothing storage so we don't have to be inside when it's raining - watch this space.