



After what has seemed like endless the snow, I'm hoping that Spring has finally won through! It was lovely to get outside more last week and to see more outdoor learning going on, on top of outdoor PE. Read on to share last week's sporting successes.

Street Dance – our after school Street Dance crew (**Charlotte, Alfie, Isabel, Ava, Rosie, Ben, Poppy, Pearl, Bjarta, Erin, Sophie, Imogen, Oliver, Ben, Freya, Charlotte and Scarlett**) represented us at the National Schools Dance Championships 2018 in Stoke-on-Trent last week. They performed brilliantly and scooped third place. They received a framed certificate (which we will proudly display in our entrance hall) and a huge trophy will sit spectacularly on my office window sill, to be viewed by those walking into school. Members of the dance crew each received individual medals. Congratulations everyone, a great achievement for our foray into school dancing competitions. Thank you to Mrs Cooper, Mrs Slaney and Mrs Mottram who supervised the children and also to the many parents who made the journey to Stoke to support the dance crew. I really appreciate the commitment from you all.

Swimming – we took a team of swimmers (**Daisymae, Niamh, Oliver, James, Declan, Isabel, Isabel, Harrison, Ella, Josh, Finlay and Madeleine**) to Eckington swimming baths last week, to represent us in a local swimming gala. They did fantastically well with the girls' team placed first and boys' team third. They all received individual certificates. Congratulations to you all, we are very proud of you.

Gymnastics – congratulations to **Libby** who competed in a National Gymnastics competition in Catterick at the weekend. Libby competed against 46 others in her category, performing in the following disciplines: bar, beam, range and conditioning, floor and vault. She was one of only two girls from her squad who was selected to compete. Libby came first overall in the competition. She has also recently been awarded a distinction at Grade 5 Women's Artistic Gymnastics. Well done Libby, what a tremendous achievement. We are very proud of you.

Dronfield In Bloom – We have received a letter from Dronfield in Bloom regarding their painting competition. It states that there were many excellent entries and the judges had 'very enjoyable but challenging time judging.' The results have been decided and I am delighted to say congratulations to the following children who will be awarded certificates – **James, Mya** (Gold certificates), **Karla** (silver certificate) and **Olivia** (bronze certificate). Well done everyone, we are very proud of you. I will present the certificates in whole school assembly when I receive them.

FA Girls Football Week – This week is the FA Girls Football Week, this is a national initiative by the Football Association to get more girls playing football. We will be running 2 after school training session for girls of all abilities – the usual Tuesday evening after school club (24 April) and an extra drop in session after school on the Thursday evening (26 April). If you would like your daughter to attend this extra session on Thursday, please can you log on to Parentpay and register her attendance. This is so we know how many girls will be attending and we can have sufficient staff available. We have also been offered free tickets to the Doncaster Belles game on Saturday 28th April at the Keepmoat Stadium in Doncaster so any girls that attend one or both of these sessions will be given a free child and adult ticket for the game. Please see Mrs Cooper or Mrs Myers in the office if you would like to put your name down for the Tuesday after school club.

Following an Assembly this morning from Chesterfield Wildcats (Girls' Football Centre), for any girls interested, the Wildcats hold a football session on Sunday morning between 10am-11am at Brookfield Community School, Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield, S40 3NS. This is open to all girls aged between 5-11 years and it costs £2 per session. Leaflets are available from the office if anyone is interested.

School Governors – we had two applications for our two Parent Governor places on the Governing Board. Congratulations to Mrs S Sinclair and Mrs E Hazelhurst who will represent parents on the Governing Board. On behalf of myself and the Governing Board, may I thank you both for applying, extend a warm welcome to you and look forward to working closely with you during your term of office.

Class Photographs – class photographs are taking place on **Tuesday 24th April**.

Communication - if you need to see your child's teacher, he/she is usually available before school at 8.45am until 8.55am and after school at 3.35pm (except Wednesday due to Staff Meeting). Please be aware that the class teacher will need to be ready to teach his/her class at 9am. To ensure safeguarding of all our children, we ask that you come into school to speak to the class teacher via the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Uniform – uniform is now ordered through the School Trends website – www.schooltrends.co.uk. The order is collated on a monthly basis and takes approximately 14-21 days for delivery (from the collation date). If you require a new PE T Shirt for Sports Day (23 May), we will be placing an additional order this term. Please place your orders for uniform and PE T Shirts by Friday 27 April.

Friends of DJS Gardening Group – we have an active parent/grandparent (and any other willing adults – aunts or neighbours etc) gardening group that meet most Tuesday mornings in our school garden after drop off. With the weather warming up we will be about and about and would love anyone who can spare a little time and enjoys gardening to come along. No experience or equipment needed.

We also run a weekly Tuesday afternoon gardening reward session during which a small group of children from across the school get to go out and do a bit of gardening. If you are available 2.45-3.30pm on a Tuesday afternoon, please get in touch. Contact Mrs Sturdey via the office or Katharine Lunn (Y5 parent) for more information.

Y3 Trip to Sherwood Forest Monday 30 April – the details for this trip are now available to view on ParentPay. Please log on to make your payment/provide consent for your child to attend (this includes children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium). Your child will need to be in school at 8.15am, and will return to school by 3.45pm approximately.

Assessment at the end of KS2 – the Standards and Testing Agency have produced a leaflet for parents regarding assessment at the end of KS2. We have put this leaflet on our website under the parent tab at the left hand side of the home page. The Government Standards and Testing Agency (STA) have also produced videos for parents of children taking tests in Year 6. These can be downloaded from the following website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Britain's Got Talent – Congratulations to Emma who performed excellently on BGT on Saturday night, we look forward to following your progress.

Gymnastics – well done to Lois, Isabel and Libby who all competed in gymnastic competitions at the weekend and were very successful.

Payment Dates for Residential Trips – the payment item on your parent pay account will show you the final amount owing and the dates this needs to be paid by. However, for your information -

Mount Cook – final balance due by 8 June 2018
France – final balance due by 14 August 2018
Cadbury Trip – final balance due by 29 June 2018

Clubs – The club information was emailed out at the end of last term, please send payment in a sealed envelope with your child's name and club details on the front to the office. Clubs run by outside providers are:

Free Style Dancing – Mondays 3.30 – 4.30pm £18

Street Dancing – Tuesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm £21

Table Tennis – Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm £21, 4.30pm-6pm £30 (no session on Wednesday 23 May)

Jumping Clay – Thursdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm £28.50 starting 19 April for 5 weeks. Please text Catherine Slaney on 07799 182880 to book a place

Rugger Eds – Fridays 3.30pm – 4.30pm £35

Teacher-run clubs which commenced the week beginning 6 April and are as follows:

History Club - Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm for children in all year groups with Mrs Lunn – your child will need to speak to Mrs Lunn.

Tennis Club - Monday 3.30-4.30pm with Mrs Mowforth for children in Y3/Y4, again please speak to Mrs Mowforth to put your name down.

Running Club - Monday 3.30pm-4.30pm with Miss Rogers for children in Y3-Y6. Please speak to Miss Rogers to put your name down.

Girls' Football - Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm with Mrs Thomson and ex-pupil Amy Cooper for children in Y3-Y6. Please speak to Mrs Cooper (in the school office) to put your name down.

Traffic – please can I remind you that, together with Infant School, we operate a voluntary one-system down School Lane (that from Gomersall Lane to Lea Road)? I would kindly ask that parents observe this one way system to try to ease the congestion in the morning and afternoon. Please can I also ask you to park with consideration and think about our local residents and, in an emergency or not, how quickly support services could reach them. As the weather seems to be improving, please can I ask you to consider parking a little further away and enjoying a stroll in the warmer weather?

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24 April – Class photographs

w/c 14 May – SATs Week

23 May – Sports Day at the English Institute of Sport (EIS)

25 May – School closes for half term

4 June – INSET day

5 June – School re-opens

5 July – Y2 Parents' Meeting

10 July – Bags2Schools Collection

13 July – Last day for Y6s who are due to transition to Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School

16 July – Changeover Day

20 July – School closes for summer holiday

All our newsletters are available to view and download from our website –
www.dronfield-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk