



St Robert Southwell Catholic Primary School
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Autumn Term 2022

PE and Sporting Events Newsletter

This term has brought a great action-packed amount of sporting events to St Robert Southwell.

We began back in September with Mr Pascoe taking a keen group of Year 5 and Year 6 children to the Gaelic All British Championships. Despite the rain, the children had a great day. At one point during the day, the referee came over after some of the games to commend the children on their excellent discipline and behaviour, and said that it was a pleasure to referee them!



Mr Pascoe's before-school clubs began with Tennis and Football, running every day for the Juniors. He has also been taking lots of Year 5 and 6 boys and girls to plenty of football matches and tournaments this term.



During the first half of the term, our whole-school sporting focus has been on Teamwork. In the second half of the term, we have been focusing on Determination. Children from every class have been awarded for excellent demonstration of these values.



The Year 6 Sports Leaders were appointed in September. They have made sure the playground boxes have enough resources each day and are monitoring the levels of activity in the Junior Playground. They will be leading some sporting events during the year.

The swimming began for Year 5 on Thursday afternoons at Vale Farm, with Miss McAndrew and Mr Holland accompanying them.

Year 3 had the opportunity to develop their Basketball skills with Coach Jenna. After 4 weeks of coaching, they had a 'Basketball Festival' where the two classes played in teams against each other.

A group of children from Year 5 were able to take part in the 'Highland Games' this involved a variety of activities based on the spirit and tradition of the Scottish annual event.

Just before half term, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children went to Kingsbury High School for a Tag Rugby event hosted by the Saracens Rugby Coaches.



After Half term, the Rugby All Stars returned on a Saturday morning and they ended their weekly training sessions with a Santa Dash, raising money for St Luke's Hospice.



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Year 4 were able to have weekly Rugby coaching sessions, provided by the Saracens Development Team.



Mrs Headd-McDermott's after-school Irish Dancing Club took part in their first Fèis since 2019! There were lots of children competing for the first time. They were all amazing and Mrs Headd-McDermott was very proud of them and their winning collection of medals and trophies.



The girls in Years 3-6 have been taking part in lots of football events. They have played matches in the league and participated in a number of 'School Games' events.

The whole school took part in a number of 'Wellbeing Walks and Runs' linked to Mental Health Awareness Day and we made sure all our exercise counted towards our 2.6 miles for taking part in the Virgin Mini Marathon in schools. All the children were awarded badges for their fantastic achievements.



All of Year 5 and Year 6 had the opportunity to attend a Cross-Country running race at Kingsbury High School, running the distance of 1 mile with lots of other schools. They had an excellent day and Kathryn Brennan came second in the Year 5 girls race!

Mr Pascoe, with the support of Mr Fearon has been leading the Year 3-6 boys' football team to play in a number of matches this term against Kingsbury Green, Fryent and Oliver Goldsmith, to secure a strong place in the league. They also took part in a number of 'School Games' events and they won the QPR Tournament, which involved a number of schools across London - Well done boys!



A huge extra thanks to Mr Wrenn and Mrs N. Murphy who have given up their time to help get all the football teams to all the matches. We are very grateful to all the parents who are able to attend the events that take place at different places. Without them giving up their time, we would not be able to take the children.

Many thanks to everyone for your enthusiasm and continued support.

Mrs Keville
PE Subject Lead

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