

Thrupp Primary School Sports Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome to our February Sports Newsletter! It's been a busy and exciting start to the year at Thrupp Primary School, with our learners diving into a wide range of sporting activities. From developing new skills to showing great teamwork and sportsmanship, our pupils have made us incredibly proud. We're excited to share some of the highlights and achievements from the month.

Battle of the Branches:

Game 1 – Ash vs Chestnut Y3/4 football

Ash – Isla G, Monty, Isla M, Seth, Darcy H, Xanthe and Toby.

Chestnut – Jackson, Paloma, Arthur, Iris L, Tadgh, Evie, and Cami.

Ash 3 Chestnut 5

Straight away Monty burst out with energy and tackled Jackson before smashing the ball into the net to score in the 1st 5 seconds!

Not much later Jackson dribbled through the whole defence and then the keeper to coolly slot home.

Throughout the game, there was some great battling between the teams. Tadgh, Toby, Iris L and Arthur all putting in good tackles and blocks. This defence worked well as Jackson broke away after some good defending to score again. Monty went on a bit of a spree and scored a couple of well taken goals. Jackson's turn to impress with some neat footwork followed by a powerful shot then flew into the corner of the net!

Then Monty scored an absolute belter from the halfway line! (Our goal of the game). The game finished 5-3 to Ash. Well done Chestnut. All round great football.

By **Sammy & Billy**

Game 2 – Oak vs Beech Y5/6 football

Oak – Sammy, Leif, Wiley, Poppy, Rory and George

Beech – Ted, Jude, Billy, Fraser and Ollie

Oak 0 Beech 1

Through the game we saw some brilliant passing of football. Oak kicked off and had some possession with nice passing by Leif, Sammy and Poppy. This resulted in a fine pass through to Sammy from Poppy. Sammy in on goal and only a fine save from Billy saved it from being 1-0. Some great jockeying at the back from Ollie and Fraser kept Oak at bay. Billy then dropkicks it up to Ted who controls the ball, lays it off for Jude who struck it just over. George makes some class saves to keep Oak in it. Rory picks up the ball at the back drives forward, finds Poppy with a good pass who then plays in Wiley who shoots narrowly wide. The goal came from a Billy goal kick. He plays the ball to Ollie, who hits it up-field. Ted takes a touch, lays



it back to Fraser who smashes it into the top corner! Superb finish!!! 1-0 Beech, final whistle. Great game.

By **Sammy & Ted**

Girls Hockey Workshop

On a wet Thursday morning, we again welcomed Oli from Atlas to Thrupp. Oli worked with our Y5/6 girls on their hockey skills. It was great to see the girls, some of which haven't played before, get stuck in and learn some new skills and techniques!! Even if they did get a bit wet! Hopefully these skills will be on show in next weeks hockey festival. A big thankyou to Oli again for providing us with such a great session.



🤸 Gymnastics Festival 🤸

On Wednesday 11th February, Mr Muskett took his Gymnastics club to compete against other local schools, in the Atlas Festival. The children had learnt a routine and they all had to perform these to a judge to score points for their team. The children were all fantastic on the day and performed their routines to the best of their ability as well as encouraging others. We placed 4th out of 20 teams and were the highest placed small school. What a great achievement.



Coming Up:

March 4th – Y5/6 Hockey Festival

March 13th – KS1 Girls Football Workshop @Thrupp

March 19th – Y5/6 Swimming Gala

March 20th – Y5/6 TK Basketball Festival

March 25th – Y6 Orienteering

March 25th – Girls District Football Finals

A busy month of sport at Thrupp! If your child is a particularly strong swimmer, please contact me to let me know. They have to be confident enough to swim in a race over 25m.

★ **In the Spotlight –**

About them-

Q: What is your name and how old are you?

A: Monty, I'm in year 3.

Q: What sports do you play or enjoy watching?

A: I like football, rugby and cricket.

Getting into sport-

Q: How did you first get into sport?

A: Mum and dads friends taught me to play football.

Q: Who inspired you to start playing?

A: Mum and dads friends' son.

Favourite things-

Q: What is your favourite thing about sport?

A: I find it really fun and satisfying.

Q: Do you have a favourite team or athlete? Why do you like them?

A: I support Arsenal, I like all the players.

Training & Skills-

Q: Which skill are you most proud of in your sport?

A: In football I've learnt to do a rainbow flick.

Q: Which skill are you working hard to improve right now?



A: In cricket, I'm trying to improve my bowling.

Q: *Do you have any special routines or warm-up moves you like to do before playing?*

A: I do lunges and sprints.

Memorable Moments-

Q: *What's the best sporting moment you've had so far?*

A: When I scored a great goal at football.

Q: *Have you ever faced a challenge in sport? How did you overcome it?*

A: In football, when I played for Rodborough and we came up against a tough opponent. I kept on going.

Fun & Personal-

Q: *If you could invent a new sport, what would it be like?*

A: Tag, but if you run past someone you have to tackle the rugby ball.

Q: *What's your go to snack after training or a match?*

A: Crisps, sandwich, chocolate and some vegetables.

Looking ahead-

Q: *If you could give advice to someone starting a sport, what would you say?*

A: Encourage them to keep on going and have fun.



PE Days Reminder

Please make sure children come to school in PE kit on their designated PE days:

- **Kestrels:** Fridays (Forest School)
- **Hawks:** Thursdays and Fridays
- **Buzzards:** Mondays and Wednesday
- **Eagles:** Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Owls:** Mondays and Thursdays



Spring Term Sports Clubs

Our Spring term clubs finish the week beginning the 16th March and are as follows:

Mondays – Y3/4 Netball with Mrs Mylechreest

Mondays – Y4/5/6 Girls Football with Mr Bird

Thursdays – Y5/6 Netball with Mr Muskett

Thursdays – Y4/5/6 Sewing with Mrs Catt

Thursdays – Y1/2 Choir with Miss Payne

🌟 Sporting Achievements Outside of School

At Thrupp, we love to celebrate all the ways our children stay active and engaged with sport – both in and out of school. A huge well done to everyone who's been taking part in clubs, matches, and competitions!

Owen

Owen is a real success story for us here at Thrupp. He came to rugby club not having played before and caught the bug. Joining Minchinhampton he continues to go from strength to strength, growing in confidence. He's really starting to make his presence felt on the pitch with some crunching tackles and a great pair of hands. He's got two major games coming up; playing against London Wasps U10's (in Twickenham) and the County Festival in March. Good Luck Owen, keep smashing it.



If your child has a sporting success you'd like to share, please let us know so we can include it in the next newsletter!

★ Sports Star of the Month

This month, the award goes to Fjola.

This month we have all seen her grow in confidence and become one of our best athletes here at Thrupp. She is a huge part of our successful Lioness team and her netball skills have grown and grown. We are all so proud of you Fi. Keep up the good work!!



Thanks for reading and keep moving,

Mr. Bird

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