



PE and Sport at Kilmorie

At Kilmorie we celebrate and encourage physical education and sport. We believe it plays a crucial role in educating the whole child. Our curriculum is wide and varied with a focus on the development of skills and knowledge. We believe all children are entitled to participate in a variety of sporting activities and as a result offer a range of extra curricular activities including hockey, football, street dance ballet and multi-skills. Teams represent the school in girls' and boys' football from Year 2 to Year 6, in athletics, hockey, dance and High-5 netball. Our sports events are well supported by parents and carers.

THE NEWSLETTER

Each term I intend to send out a newsletter to help keep you more informed about what has been happening in our world of sport here at Kilmorie. If you can't wait until the next instalment, have a look at our website for more up-to-date information.

LUNCHTIMES

Lunchtimes are a very busy time for sport, each fortnight the cage is given over to a different sport that is available for all children to access. Please see the board located near the office for more information about which sports events are coming up. In addition to these, there is a lunchtime netball club that is available for Years 5/6 on a Tuesday at 1:00 and for Years 3/4 on a Thursday at 1:00.

FIXTURES

There have been several PE fixtures so far this year and it looks set to continue. Please see right for some things that are up and coming. There is a regular Monday night football league for Year 5/6 boys at Haseltine School, which will run up until Christmas. Next year a league for girls and children from Years 3/4 will replace this. In addition to the regular league there have been tournaments for both boys' and girls' football teams. Please see the school website for information on how the teams got on.

RESULTS FROM LAST YEAR

Last year we provided intensive training for the staff. A specialist sports teacher worked with each class teacher to model and team teach lessons. In addition to working in lessons with a specialist sports teacher all teaching staff had training in teaching yoga, athletics and dance. An area for further development and training is Gymnastics. Already this year we have had two staff training sessions focussed on Gymnastics.

Teachers and children completed a questionnaire both at the beginning and end of the academic year in order to measure the impact of the training. The questionnaire showed that teachers' confidence in teaching PE had increased and that we are well resourced at Kilmorie for teaching all aspects of the PE curriculum.

The pupil questionnaire was interesting; although gymnastics was identified as an area for development for teachers, the children identified it as one of the most popular sports covered here at Kilmorie. The majority of children stated they felt safe during lessons and enjoy most P.E. lessons. The questionnaire showed an overwhelmingly positive attitude towards PE and Sport at Kilmorie.

NEXT STEPS

- ◆ As a staff we have already had two staff meetings on gymnastics.
- ◆ David (from the Football Association) will be returning after Christmas to continue working with the children and teachers in Year 2.
- ◆ The School Council have been the voice of the children and carried out a questionnaire with their classes about the lunchtime provision. They fed the results back to Jane (senior lunchtime supervisor); changes and developments are being made as a result.
- ◆ I will continue to work with the staff on areas that they feel need development and ensure they have what they need in order to teach lessons that are enjoyable, promote a love of PE and where all children progress.

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UP AND COMING

- Annual inter and intra-school speed bounce competition
- Basketball competition for a mixed team of boys and girls in Years 5 and 6
- Football competition with local school St. George's
- Monday night football will continue with matches against schools such as Haseltine, Rathfern, Fairlawn and more
- David from the FA (Football Association) will return to Year 2 in the Spring term

