



Dear parents and carers,

The end of another busy term. The weather hasn't always been kind to us but we have still taken part in lots of different activities. Every class has had a packed curriculum – so far already this year we have danced, played netball, football, tennis, hockey and basketball as well as worked on fundamental movement skills and important lessons for life whilst enjoying our PE lessons.



Last week a group of Y5 and Y6 children represented the school at the NEARS cross country competition. After weeks of training at our after-school club they performed superbly. The girls' team beat the other schools, the boys' team came third and we won the overall team competition. As you can see they gave every last drop of effort to run as fast as they could for the team.





To cap our achievements Anna and Rowan won the girls' and boys' races - a super achievement for them individually and us as a school.



In addition, seven of our runners go through to the Mid Sussex Active finals in January. We wish Anna, Rowan, Lily, William T, Hannah, Ted and Jack all the best. If you see them running around the village over the Christmas holidays please give them some encouragement!

We were thrilled to be invited to Downlands School in Hassocks to take part in their Christmas Dance Festival. Twelve children from Y3 had a great morning working with Y10 dance students creating fabulous sequences. The students from Downlands were enthusiastic and the Y3 children really responded well to their fun and supportive guidance. Their final performances on stage with the other schools watching were great fun and I was really proud of their efforts.



The NEARS football tournament was held at the end of November. Our squad of players settled into a good formation as the games progressed. Everyone played well and the teamwork and support for each other was super to see. We ended the competition in 4th place, a creditable position out of the eight schools competing. Well done!



Friday lunchtimes have become a hive of activity this year. Henry from SCS has been running informal sporting competitions. This intra school competition provides a good introduction to larger inter school competitions that we take part in with the upper juniors. So far Y3 – 6 boys have had football competitions in age-appropriate groupings and the Y3 -6 girls have had their own football competition too. The infants have had some activities successfully run by our new Sports Crew as well.



We look forward to another busy term starting in January. We already have lots of possible dates in the diary with Mid Sussex Active for cross country, basketball, handball, boccia, indoor cricket, badminton, tag rugby, girls' football and netball. This is on top of our usual PE curriculum and after school clubs. There really is a huge variety of activities for the children to take part in.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

Best wishes

Lucy Dunsby