



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

This week's newsletter is focused on a sporting theme. As you will be aware, we work very hard in school to promote participation and enjoyment of sport. We offer children across school a wide range of sporting activities that take place both during the school day and after school. As a result of this we were really pleased last year to receive the Sainsbury's School Games 'Gold Award'; the highest accolade a school can achieve for providing the highest quality Physical Education to all children in the form of curriculum lessons, after school clubs and sporting festivals.



To further inspire and promote sport to our children in school, we have teamed up with Sport for Schools, an organisation that run athlete-led physical activity events to inspire children, raise money for PE equipment and support GB and Olympic athletes. On **Friday 12 February** we will be welcoming into school Sally Scott, a Great British athlete who represented England at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, winning a bronze medal in the Pole Vault event! Children will get to meet with Sally throughout the morning, hear her speak in assembly about her training routines and achievements and most importantly, children are being challenged to complete a sponsored physical activity challenge that will be led by Sally. The sponsorship money raised will help us to purchase new PE equipment for our school that children will be able to access and use on a daily basis. Children will also get the chance to have their photograph taken with Sally and even get her autograph.

Attached to today's newsletter is a sponsor sheet and we would be most grateful if you could support your child/children to raise as much money as possible to complete their physical challenge with Sally on Friday 12 February. Next Friday we will be holding a special assembly in school that will profile Sally's achievements, show a DVD of her competing and provide children with further information about the sponsored event. We are really looking forward to this visit from a GB athlete into school and we again thank you for helping us to raise money for PE equipment in our school.

Continuing on the theme of sporting visitors to school, we are delighted to let you know that on Tuesday 9 February, we will be welcoming Josh Leather, a professional super lightweight boxer into school. Josh will be helping out at after school boxing club as well as being our special guest for a whole school assembly in the afternoon. We would like to make this a sporting celebration assembly, so if your child has any sporting medals or successes that they would like to be presented with in this assembly by Josh, please send trophies/medals etc into school before Friday 29 January.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Baines
Headteacher

For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

<http://www.howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!





Parkside Football League Starts Again Next Week



Following the Christmas break, the Parkside Football League begins again on Wednesday 27 January at 3.30pm. Footballers from Howden will be involved in two matches against Witton-le-Wear Primary and Tow Law Millennium Primary. Letters will be sent to children involved and the event should finish around 5pm. Thank you to parents and family members for helping to transport children to and from Parkside School.

Good Luck to our Football Team next week!!

Free Test Match Cricket Tickets for Pupils!

Durham County Cricket Club have been in touch to let us know that they are offering free tickets for children when one adult ticket is bought for the **England V Sri Lanka Test Match on Sunday 29 May 2016** at the Emirate Durham International Cricket Ground.

Please find attached to today's newsletter a letter giving further information about this offer. Should you wish to purchase any tickets for this event, please complete the form and return it to school next week.



Sports Hall Athletics Festival

On Wednesday morning this week our Year 5/6 children took part in a Sports Hall Athletics Festival at Parkside School. There were four schools taking part with children competing in running events, throwing events such as javelin and jumping events such as the long jump and the triple jump. All our children were impeccably behaved throughout and everyone took part with a very positive sporting attitude. When the points for each event were calculated we came third overall, so well done again to all those pupils who took part.



Children's Achievements In School

Every Friday teachers choose a child from their class to be recognised for something special they have achieved that week. This week's chosen children are:

Mrs Wheatley's Nursery Class



Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to congratulate **Ethan Wright** for being able to talk about how he feels and being really kind to his friends in Nursery. Well done Ethan - Mrs Wheatley is really proud of you!

Miss Knaggs' Reception Class



Miss Knaggs has this week nominated **Rhyannon Stothard** for her fabulous description and design of a germ as part of our literacy/science work this week. Great work Rhyannon!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Katie Pratt** for excellent effort with her spellings and sounding out words in her writing. Well done Katie!

Mr Clarke's Year 3 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Chloe Demeyre** for a great effort writing instructions in literacy and for making an amazing game with rules at home. Great work Chloe!

Mrs Salkeld and Miss Hutchinson's Year 4 Class

Mrs Salkeld and Miss Hutchinson are really pleased with **Grace Genner** for having an amazing week making great progress and trying hard in her maths and literacy work. Great work Grace!



Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Chloe Putt** for brilliant writing in literacy all week. Chloe has produced some excellent work and is making great progress. Well done Chloe!



Well done to all our children this week for their fabulous effort and hard work in school.

