

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a first term it was, both in and out of school there have been so many sporting events going on. We saw Australia dominate the first two Ashes tests, Lewis Hamilton storm to his 4th F1 World Championship Title, Manchester City fly to an 11 point lead in the Premier League and the England Rugby team win all of their autumn internationals. Elsewhere, Ronnie O'Sullivan claim his 6th UK Snooker Championship and we also found out that the Sports Personality of 2017 was Sir Mo Farah.

Brilliant Boccia!

The school have made a great start to the school year where sport is concerned, with after school clubs being oversubscribed and some fantastic, high quality performances from the schools sport teams that have made everyone at Oughton extremely proud.

No team will be prouder than the Oughton Boccia Team who, on the 21st November, were crowned the North Herts Boccia champions. This is the first time that most of the team had played Boccia competitively with members of the team from Year's 3,4 and 6. We were incredibly proud of them and they progressed to the County Boccia Finals where they represented team North Herts. There were teams from all over Hertfordshire at the finals and 5 of the teams were secondary school and sixth form aged teams. After some great performances the team managed to finish 6th out of all the schools, and 1st out of all the primary schools in the entire count! A fantastic team, well done!



The Oughton Boccia team



A Brief History of Boccia

Did you know that Boccia was one of the first sports to be played by humankind? The sport has roots in Ancient Greece and Egypt, the original version involved competitors throwing stones at a big target rock! The version we play now is very similar to Bowls and is seen as a Paralympic sport which first appeared at the 1984 Summer Paralympics. As of December 5th 2017 the number 1 ranked Boccia team in the world is Thailand. Great Britain are currently ranked 10th! Team GB won gold at the 2008 Paralympics and silver at the 2012 London Paralympics. Watch out world, here come Oughton!

As the winter is upon us the Football schedule has slowed down, and the Year 5/6 team are working very hard to finally find their first league win of the season. The Year 3/4 team have had no trouble winning a match, they played Purwell in a friendly and won 4-2 with Kai and Tom scoring two goals each. It was a fantastic performance from the whole team and Megan was awarded the Player of the Match award. With Year 5/6 fixtures picking up again in 2018 and Year 3/4 having some more friendlies the end of the season looks promising for the footballers.

Outside Success

Year Five Fencer

This school year, Dylan (Year 5) has been taking Fencing lessons, he recently achieved his Grade 1 Foil which is a fantastic achievement. Dylan has also competed in the Leon Paul Junior Series, he fenced in 10 matches against people from all over the UK!



Dylan in action



Luke powering through

Try-ing Hard

Another sportsperson working hard is Luke from Year 6. Luke has been playing a lot of rugby recently and has been in red hot form for Hitchin Rugby Club scoring 6 tries in one game against Stevenage Rugby Club! His fantastic performances have won him Player of the Match!

Giddy Up

Horse riding is another sport taken up amongst some of our pupils. Tia (Year 3) and Rowen (Reception) have been practising their Horse Riding with Tia now being able to ride without an adult!



Tia (left) and Rowen (right) on their horses.



Looking Forward

Clubs This Term

Monday – Year 5/6 Football
Tuesday – Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics
Wednesday – KS2 Sports Mix
Thursday – KS1 Sports Mix

There are also lots of lunchtime opportunities for our pupils to participate in activities such as Basketball, Just Dance, Pool, Hockey and many more!

Don't Miss

There are plenty of sporting spectacles coming up both in school and out of school. To begin with the school will be entering Sportshall Athletics and Tag Rugby competitions as we get in the swing of the New Year. The Footballers also have tournaments and matches galore coming up! There are plenty of sporting opportunities.

Don't miss The Six Nations (Rugby), the Super Bowl will also be decided (if there are any American Football Fans reading). Plus over 2 weeks of Winter Olympic action with February and beyond jam packed with sport!

Don't forget you can keep active by walking or cycling to school rather than travelling by car. Not only does this keep you healthy but it also helps reduce pollution and keep the environment clean.

Does your child participate in any out of school sporting activities?

If they do please send in any information or photos to:

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Thanks for reading. Miss Daniels and Mr Reynolds!

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