



## **Sporting News**

### **Girls Football**

Well done to all the girls who have taken part in the Derby County Ladies' football competitions at the SoccerDome recently.



#### **Y3/4 Girls**

Jolie Levy, Harriet Couchman, Courtney Stevens, Millie King, Katie Butson, Bronwen Page, Olivia Tomkins and Heidi Birchall represented Y3/4. They finished 3rd in their league which unfortunately meant they didn't make it to the knockout stages, however Olivia, Heidi and Courtney all got on the score sheet. The girls should be extremely proud of themselves having played against a lot of teams who had lots more match experience than our girls.

#### **Y5/6 Girls**

Isabelle Simpkin, Holly Street, Olivia Gordon, Amber Dimmock, Ellie Mann, Amy Spink, Ta'naya Parker-Reid and Frankie Shreeve represented Y5/6. They played amazingly well in the league, winning 6 and drawing just one of the 7 matches, while scoring over 23 goals! Unfortunately they lost to Melbourne Juniors in the quarter finals after beating them 5-3 in a friendly earlier in the term.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and adults who have come along to support the girls over the last few weeks.

**Mr J Gadsby, Team Coach**

### **Tag Rugby**

The Tag Rugby team have been performing well recently. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, they won both games against Ockbrook, 11-6 and 13-10, playing accurate rugby, running creatively, passing carefully and scoring some great tries. Well done Evie Rudd, Emily Couchman, Abigail Watson, Miles Bell-Woolley, Luke Mulcahy, Jaisal Mistry, Finley Sewter, Joshua Sewter, Henry Calverley and Sukhraj Dhamrait.

On Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March we entered the Derby City Tag Rugby Mega Fest. After enjoying various games, warm-ups, team games and activities, we were scored in the level of skill, number of tries, sporting attitudes and our teamwork skills. We drew a very competitive game against Homefields 5-5, and then won convincingly 9-3 against St James. We finished in second place overall with the second highest points for sporting attitudes. We are very proud of the team's achievements – well done lads and lasses!



The next match is away at St John's Belper (on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March) and letters will be given out early next week for those participating.

Team photo: Evie Rudd, Abigail Watson, Emily Couchman, Sukhraj Dhamrait, Finley Sewter, Joshua Sewter, Arun Dosanjh, Connor Johnson, Joshua Licence, Jaisal Mistry and Jamie Davie.

A special mention to the Y4 boys who have done very well to play for the Y5/6 team! Also, the three musketeers –

Evie, Abigail and Emily – who have attended every practice and match since they were in Year 4!

**Mr J Emery, Team Coach**

## **Netball Club**

Year 5/6 Netball Club started after half term and they have been training hard in preparation for their upcoming netball matches in the Derby East Netball League. Their first game is next (Thursday 30th March) after school at Chellaston against Oakwood. Oakwood won the league last year and are normally a strong team. The match is scheduled to start at 4.00 pm and any support would be much appreciated. They then have eight more games throughout the rest of April, May and June.

We wish them all the best of luck.

**Miss McGinty, Team Coach**

## **Quiz Club**

On Thursday 23rd February, we took a team of pupils to take part in the Area Heats of Quiz Club (a national general knowledge quiz competition). All the children were very excited to be taking part and performed exceptionally well as a team. After a nail biting quiz, which included some extremely challenging questions, they finished in second place! A huge well done to Daisy Rehin-Hollingworth (Y6), William Tildesley (Y5), Charlie Fitzpatrick (Y4) and Harrison Monks (Y3) who represented the school so well. Thank you also to the parents who were able to come and support, it was very much appreciated.

**Mrs K Chapman, Quiz Club Co-ordinator**

## **World Book Day and Reading**

Thank you to our Literacy Team at school and all pupils and parents who supported the World Book Day. It is great to see that more and more pupils are accessing the e-books on Bug club, which really helps to encourage a love of reading and develop comprehension skills. I urge parents to help pupils to go on Bug Club a couple of times per week.

A reminder to all parents that we expect to see evidence in the Reading Record that pupils have read at home at least four times per week. If this is not evidenced, staff may ask the children to spend 10 minutes at Reading Club at lunchtime. This is not seen as a punishment, rather as extra support that the school provides.

## **Parents' Evenings**

Thank you to all our parents who attended the recent Parents' Evenings. We had the best attendance for several years, so thank you for your continued support.

## Rolls-Royce

A team from Rolls-Royce was in school on 27<sup>th</sup> February to lead activities with year 4 pupils. The children enjoyed the workshops. It is very important to make links with local businesses and for children to see the sort of skills you will need to work in such environments.

## Reading and Coffee Mornings

Thank you to those parents who have attended the recent Reading and Coffee mornings for Years 3 and 4. The hall was full with parents and children reading from Bug Club together, which is very encouraging.

## Severn Trent

The whole schools enjoyed an informative assembly from Severn Trent which focused on the importance of clean water and how not to waste water. After the assembly every child was given a reminder promise postcard to complete and take home demonstrating how important it is to be water efficient and sewer savvy.

Picture with Isla Williams (Riber) is Liz Carrington from Severn Trent who conducted the assembly.



## Year 4 Electric Lego Workshop

Last Thursday, the Year 4 children took part in an Electric LEGO workshop; this is always a highlight for Year 4 pupils. They worked in small groups and had access to a vast range of LEGO bricks, plus the equipment needed to build circuits. The children created some very impressive models including houses that lit up, railway stations (complete with moving trains) and flood-lit football stadiums - the list was endless! The children had a great day that was both fun and educational.

## Oh I Just can't wait to be King!

Rehearsals are gathering pace, the scenery and props are being finalised and the cast are getting very excited. There is still much to do to get ready for the performance, but the singing is sounding absolutely beautiful!

If you haven't already bought your tickets, please log on to ParentPay and order them there (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April).



## PTFA

The PTFA held a very successful Family Bingo Night on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March. With well over 60 players, it was non-stop 'Eyes Down' as Mr Beeston called the numbers and winners were treated to prizes galore! Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation and especially to Mr Dodd who came to our rescue with his all-singing and dancing bingo machine! A fun night which helped to raise over £400 – thank you to everyone who supported this event.

**Mrs Slack, PTFA**

## School Fund-Raising



unicef day for change

**Unicef Day for Change** raised £352.25 – this will support Unicef’s vital work for children around the world who are facing violence, disease, hunger and the chaos of war and disaster. Thanks to your generosity, Unicef are on the ground right now delivering lifesaving supplies to keep children safe. Chellaston Junior School has been supporting the work of Unicef for over 20 years and this latest donation takes our running total of donations to over £8000!

**Book Fair** raised £304.42 which will be used to purchase resources for our school library. In addition the School Council raised £111.75 through their Book Sale – thank you to them for organising this.

**Year 5 Fundraising Disco** - as part of their ICT topic, pupils in Year 5 have been using and creating their own spread sheets. To give the children a real life purpose of using a spread sheet to calculate costs and the total amount of money raised, they held a fundraising disco in the school hall. The children raised £134.74 for the school’s current charity, Young Minds.

**School Council** – well done to our School Council who have already raised over £800 this year for our charity Young Minds – a great achievement!



## Gymnastics Success

Congratulations to Ruby Walker (Chatsworth) who successfully competed in the Derbyshire Level 6 County Floor & Vault Competition on 19<sup>th</sup> February. Ruby won Gold on Floor, Silver on Vault and overall Gold for her age group as well as winning the overall trophy for achieving the highest score across all ages.

Well done Ruby!



**SCHOOL IS CLOSED TOMORROW, FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FOR AN INSET DAY**