



Term Update:

Dear Parents, Carers, Family & Friends,

As we reach the end of another term of sport, fitness, and PE at Haywards, the children can be proud of their hard work throughout the spring. From some brilliant extra-curricular performances to fantastic engagement with curriculum learning, everyone here at Haywards has shown off their sporting skills to a great level. With the term drawing to a close we reflect on what has been a superb few months of learning & fun, here's to hoping everyone in the Haywards family can enjoy a well-deserved easter break!

All the best,
Mr Kelly



Curriculum PE:

Key Stage 1 –

This term, KS1 have had a wide focus of curriculum PE. With year 1 looking at striking and fielding games to improve their bat and ball skills, and Year 2 focusing on orienteering to practice skills such as teamwork, map reading and scavenger hunting. Furthermore, both year groups have thrown themselves into dance learning for their afternoon sessions.

Through our bat and ball skills learning in year 1, children have had the opportunity to practice basic skills such as hitting a moving ball, underarm bowling and have begun to think about what it means to effectively field a ball.

Development has moved rapidly, enabling the children to apply their new skills very quickly into class games of rounders, bucketball and Dartmoor 3 ball, activities which the children have excelled at in a short space of time.

Orienteering learning in year 2 has focused on developing team cohesion and communication through a variety of scavenger hunt and control point finding activities. Beginning with map reading and direction practice, year 2 were quickly able to identify key areas around the school on a map and plan a route around the school to find what they were looking for. This quickly developed into some engaging and competitive orienteering races between groups of children who can be extremely proud of their progress in what can be a difficult focus area!

With both year groups looking at dance on a Thursday and Friday afternoon, learning first centred around simple movement, showing expression/emotion through moving and the idea of 'telling a story' with our bodies. As the weeks went on, confidence grew immensely, and our skills-based learning transitioned to following a musical beat rhythmically and creative and expressive choreography whereby the children took the lead on creating their own count of 8 sequences to the tune of 'the macarena'.

Key Stage 2 –

All of key stage 2 this half term have taken a more in depth look at the game of rounders. In the early weeks, the children showed brilliant affinity towards the skills learning, demonstrating excellence in batting, and fielding the ball to where it needed to go. Very quickly we were able to channel these practiced skills into mini rounders games as small groups before transitioning to full games with multiple innings as a class. Gradually the children began to think about the more tactical side of the game, analysing their swing of the bat to improve their technique, setting up fielding positions to maximise their catches and think about their positioning to a higher level. Overall KS2 classes have demonstrated an excellent understanding of the skills necessary within rounders and have applied them superbly to our games.



After School Clubs:

This term, the children of Haywards have had the opportunity to engage in a number of unique and fun after school clubs. Years 1 & 2 have had the chance to engage in 'invasion games' on a Monday afternoon, with the focus being on attack vs defence skills and improving special awareness in a gameplay situation. This club has seen fantastic engagement with over 20 attendees each week, with these children taking on sports such as football, tag rugby and basketball.

Meanwhile, years 3 & 4 have been hard at work with running club on a Tuesday afternoon. This club has focused on improving running technique through a variety of games, with challenges set along the way for the children to engage in. With a full turn out of nearly 30 children this has proven to be our most engaging after school club this term.

Year 5 & 6 have had two club opportunities in the spring term, with Thursday focusing on Unihoc (an introduction to hockey) and Friday being another running club opportunity. Thursday's Unihoc club saw between 12-15 children attend weekly, developing skills such as passing, dribbling, shooting and safe tackling, leading to some thrilling matches between the children.

Extra-curricular/Fixtures:

The children of Haywards have continued to show immense dedication and passion towards sporting events outside of school as well as in lesson. With multiple successful fixtures having taken place, the children have conducted themselves with respect and etiquette when venturing off site, leading to some thrilling football matches, brilliant netball fixtures as well as strong performances in tag rugby, dance and running events. Below are some highlights, including our year 5 & 6 boys representing at the EFL cup, our trip to Crediton rugby club to conclude our extra-curricular T1 rugby learning and our year 5 & 6 girls off the back of a determined netball tournament.

