

New Mills Primary School

# Sports Bulletin

December 2018

Welcome to our newsletters dedicated to Sport and Physical Activity at New Mills Primary School. The Newsletter will keep you up to date with results and reports from Interschool Sport competitions and include special reports from other activities and events which the children are involved in. If you have a comment or suggestion about what you would like to see included in the newsletter in the future please send all comments to Mrs Fisher via Miss Moody in the school office.

## Cross Country Finals

After winning the New Mills Area Cross Country competition in November, we started the term by competing at the High Peak Cross Country Finals. The standard is always high at this event with schools from Buxton often bringing children who attend Buxton Athletic club. Our children tried their very best and there were some outstanding individual performances. Maddie was 1st in the Girls Year 5 and 6 race, Jaiden was 3rd in the Boys Year 3 and 4 race and Robyn was 4th in the Girls Year 3 and 4 race. As a school we came 4th overall with Burbage, Harpur Hill and Taxal taking the top spots.



## Bikeability

All children from Year 3, 4 and 5 have now had the chance to do their Bikeability Level 1 (Year 3 and 4) and Level 2 (Year 5). The courses have been run throughout October and November and have helped to teach the children the skills needed for riding on the roads. The pass rate this year has been very high with children working hard over the sessions to improve their skills. Thanks to Lee and Daniel from CSI for delivering these courses for us.



### What a Racket Festival

In a new event to this year's sports calendar, children from the High Peak were able to try a range of racket sports at a festival hosted and run by New Mills Leisure Centre. Groups rotated round a variety of activities including badminton, squash, table tennis and tennis with fun activities and games for them to play at each station. All the children had a great time and the hope is that the children try these activities outside of school hours. New Mills Leisure Centre run a range of free to access Badminton and Squash sessions for children – contact them for more details.



### Basketball Competition

Teams from 5 schools across New Mills met to compete in the area Basketball competition run by John Worsley from New Mills School. New Mills Primary took two very strong teams from year 5 and 6 and performed well in the group stage with the red team topping their league and the blue team coming runners up in their league. This meant that our red and blue teams played each other in the semi-final, the red team just beating the blue team by 2 baskets. The red team went on to win in the final against Hayfield red team. Our red team will now play in the High Peak area finals in February.





### Reception and KS1 Activity mornings

We had a lovely time playing fun games and activities at New Mills Leisure Centre. The session was run by the Year 9 sports leaders from New Mills High School who came up with some great activities for the children to participate in. Thank you to all the parents who helped us to walk to this event. It wouldn't be possible without you!!



### KS2 Day of Dance

Five children from Year 6 were lucky enough to be able to take part in a Key Stage 2 Day of Dance held at Buxton Community School. The children were able to try a range of Dance workshops including contemporary, Acro and Street Dance. They worked towards a performance which they did in the afternoon. The workshops were run by our friends at Take Part, Chris Hill Community Sports and UK Sport Coaching.



### High Peak Table Tennis Finals

Teams from New Mills, Glossop and Buxton took part in the High Peak finals held at St Philip Howard School in Glossop. The standard of play at this annual competition is always very high and we were unfortunate enough to draw Chinley in our league, a school with a number of strong players and one British Team player. Our boys played really well all afternoon and learned a lot about table tennis. We did not progress to the semi-final stage but stayed to watch and it was great to see the game played at a high level. Well done to Alex, Luca, Liam and Luc for great attitude and behaviour all afternoon.

#### Daily Mile

We have been very lucky with the weather so far this year on Daily Mile. We have run every day and have been able to use the grass on the top playground. KS1 show fantastic energy every session and KS2 seem more motivated by the smaller lap, music and no hills!! We need to remind all the children that we run because it wakes our brains up in the morning, makes our brains open to learning and keep our bodies healthy. Please ensure your child has suitable footwear for being active during the day. Boots or slip on shoes do not encourage a child to run around. Parents are very welcome to run with the children – please no spectators – it doesn't set a good example!

#### PE Lessons

Children receive 2 hours of PE per week and this term have taken part in a range of activities including Gymnastics, Dance, Ball sports, Golf and Balance Bikes. Next term will see us look at Sportshall Athletics, Fitness circuit training, Ball sports and Dance. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school every day including trainers and a warm hoody or fleece and spare socks.

#### After School Clubs

We are currently looking at our after school sports provision and are trying to find some new clubs and activities for children to take part in. We would welcome any volunteers who would like to run an after school sports club – please contact Mrs Fisher if you can spare an hour after school.

#### KS1 Playground

We now have nearly £10,000 funding in place to refurbish the KS1 playground!! We plan to consult with children, governors, staff and parents in the new year and aim to have the new equipment in place by the summer term. A big thanks to our funders The Coop, Tesco and Waitrose.

#### Earrings during PE

We are looking at a new earrings policy for 2019. Please look out for this on email in the new year.

#### Upcoming Sports Events

Event	Date and Time	Location
Year 3 and 4 Benchball	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	New Mills Leisure Centre
Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	New Mills Leisure Centre
Archery Target Festival	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Fairfield Centre Buxton
Dance Festival	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	New Mills School
Change for Life Conference	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	New Mills Leisure Centre
Boccia	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	New Mills Leisure Centre
High Peak Basketball Finals	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	New Mills Leisure Centre
Sponsored Scooter Duathlon	15 <sup>th</sup> March	New Mills Primary School