

Mr Bird's Half Term Sports Report

February 2019 – Broughton have a super half term and get back in the Championship Table race

Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Competition – UCLAN Sports Arena – 16th January

What a start to the new year for the girls. We went into the competition with really high hopes, though this was tempered by the thought that we are better on the grass than in the cages. How wrong we were. The whole squad showed superb physicality, teamwork and above all the best passing/football playing style above every other team. Unfortunately, we fell just short in the final against St Stephen's and finished as runners-up, however we were by far the best football playing team.

Year 5 and 6 Boys' Football Kids Cup Competition (Regional Finals) – Play Football – 17th January

This was a really mixed bag for the team. We were pitted against the best from Chorley, South Ribble and Preston. In a group of 6 to reach the semi-finals, we needed to win the last game to qualify. The boys played some fantastic footy, however it was just one game too many and we ran out of steam. We were not disappointed though and our focus was on the grass season: the league and Harold Slater Cup. We are better on the grass than in the cages.

Year 3 and 4 Boys' Football Competition – Play Football – 24th January

This was the qualifying round for the Year 3 and 4 boys to get to Finals Day on Friday 8th March. This was a group of boys that love football and love playing good football. What a session they had. Talk about being on fire, they were smoking hot 😊. They drew the first game but then went on to win the next five games comfortably and qualify as one of eight finalists as one of the top scoring teams. Well done boys. This made me very proud.

Year 5 and 6 Preston Tag Rugby Competition – UCLAN Sports Arena, Cottam – 7th February

What a competition for the team. The team were a touch cold to start with, however they were more than ready for what lie ahead. There had been a lot of training done on Monday evenings with the Grasshoppers, but the team had not done much specific training for the event. However, every single member of the squad was outstanding. We played the best rugby, throwing the ball around and playing closely on each other's shoulders, tremendous. We came in an agonizing 2nd place overall, out of 30 + schools, so not a bad effort really 😊

Year 3 and 4 Athletics Competition – Corpus Christi High School – 14th February

We took two teams of each 6 strong athletes. Both had the chance of coming in the top 3 in the end. We competed hard over the afternoon of competition and Team 1 ended up finishing 4th out of nearly 30 schools overall. However, St Clare's were crowned champions and St Anthony's came 3rd, so the status quo was changed around for this one. A nice pleasant surprise for everyone. A great team effort by all 12 children and we are now only 26 points off the top of the Championship Table. Pulled back 50% of the gap this half term.

CRUCIAL FOOTBALL AFTER HALF TERM!

BOTH THE BOYS AND THE GIRLS ARE UNDEFEATED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LEAGUES AND HAVE THEIR REMAINING LEAGUE MATCHES TO PLAY TO SEE IF THEY CAN WIN THEIR LEAGUES 😊

HOWEVER, TWO KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- **TUESDAY 12th MARCH: Year 5/6 Girls' Football Dick Kerr Ladies Semi-Final match at HOME vs OLSE – 3.55pm kick off – 'PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THE GIRLS TO HOPEFULLY PUSH THEM INTO THE FINAL FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW.'**
- **WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH: Year 5/6 Boys' Football Harold Slater Cup Semi-Final match at HOME vs Deepdale Primary – 3.55pm kick off – 'PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THE BOYS, TO HOPEFULLY PUSH THEM INTO THE FINAL FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THREE YEARS!'**

Also, I will put up a list of all the key football fixtures for the boys and girls this half term over the weekend 😊

Mr. Bird's comments: I just feel blessed that I have the opportunity to work with these wonderful children in this wonderful school. They are one of the most dedicated, hard working and talented set of children we have ever had across the school. The football we are playing is outstanding and any team is going to have their work cut out beating either boys or the girls' teams on the grass. Please can the Broughton Community support our boys and girls in their Semi-Final Matches, both at HOME, as above on Tuesday 12th March and Wednesday 13th March. Let's go Team Broughton!