



## Sports at Hale Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the autumn term it seems a good time to reflect on Hale's sporting endeavours over this first term and there have been many!

During the last few months we have entered into 11 sports events including festivals, workshops, friendlies and competitions and have taken part in two sports for the first time at Hale: Trigolf and Sportshall Athletics. Our KS2 children have enjoyed 2 whole class sports events - another first and something that was greatly enjoyed by the children who took to the new experiences with positivity and enthusiasm. Every time we take our children out of Hale to these events we are so proud of the way they conduct themselves, they have a strong sense of sportsmanship and friendship and behave with maturity often past their years. More often than not this is commented on by other adults at events and the reputation of Hale School children continues to go from strength to strength!

We have enjoyed many fantastic match reports from our 'reporters' this term, something we will continue to do as well as sharing out the role of the team captain to allow more children to take on that extra responsibility. In football we have managed to take two teams to allow more children to be involved and not forgetting our girls who are now attending Thursday lunchtime football in large numbers and have competed in two football events so far.

We now have a very keen committee of 10 sports ambassadors who are already planning how they can make a difference to the children's sports experience – watch this space! Yesterday PH Sports came in and spoke to the whole school about which sports they want to see in the clubs being offered after school and will respond according to the vote!

Looking forward to the spring term we plan to have more friendly football matches with neighbouring schools, in preparation we have invested in 2 more goals which will allow us to host two matches at the same time and get more children involved. We have also bought a 'crazy catch' net which I know will be hugely popular both in PE, clubs and at lunchtime! We are starting a netball club during January, details to follow at the start of next term. There are plenty of events coming up in the spring term to include cross-country running, rugby, netball, football to name a few and with our sports ambassadors' help, we will be offering more to the younger children too! Planning is underway for a federation sports event with Breamore during the summer term. This will be for the whole school and will be hosted by Hale.

It is fair to say it's been a busy but very successful start to this academic year with many successes, both in the final results, medals and trophies but also in the excitement around sport at Hale – let's keep it going!

Finally a thank you to the amazingly supportive parents. You have driven, helped team manage, coached clubs and never stop encouraging the children, it means a lot in such a small school to have this support-Thank you!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

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