



Ferndown Middle Newsletter

May 2017

Telephone: 01202 876556

E-mail: office@fernmid.dorset.sch.uk

Key Dates



Term Dates are available on the school website

Monday 8th May

Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 15th May

School Nurse Drop In

Monday 22nd May – Friday 26th May

Project Week

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Half Term

Monday 5th June

Staff Training Day

Year 6 SATS



Just a reminder that next week in school, Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATS tests. These tests will take place Monday to Thursday and we have planned a reward afternoon for the children on Friday to thank them for their hard work up to this point.

The children will do tests in reading on Monday and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar on Tuesday. Maths tests will be on Wednesday and Thursday.

The most important thing at this late stage is that the children get to school on time, well rested and breakfasted as this will enable them to do their very best.

Whilst we discourage late-night cramming sessions, your child will benefit from some revision over the weekend. Teachers will set some tasks for the children to do to keep them warmed up and ready to go for the week ahead. Please help by supporting your child as much as possible.

There is a possibility that your child is feeling some anxiety about the tests. We do try to minimise the effect of the tests on the children and whilst some children seem to breeze through the testing process, others are more sensitive. Rightly, the children want to do their best and this inevitably leads to nerves. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all the children that it is normal to be nervous for anything in life that is important to us. I also believe that this experience will give the children confidence to face the testing that they will encounter in their future education. These tests are a reflection on all the progress they have made over years of schooling and all we ask is that they do their best.

I look forward to giving the children the opportunity to show off all their skills next week.

Mr Stow

Disco



On Wednesday 26th April the pupils enjoyed a fund-raising evening of entertainment. Pupils from all year groups attended the school disco where they were able to socialise, chat, dance and buy refreshments. The music and light show was provided by DJ Jordan Fleet; a student at Ferndown Upper School. It was super to see the pupils happily showing their skills and teaching each other new moves. There were many giggles when the staff joined in with the set routines that accompanied many of the songs.

A big thank you to the parents, governors and staff that supported the event – the disco raised a fantastic £240!

School Nurse Visit



The School Nurse is coming in to school on Monday 15th May to hold a drop in session over the lunch time. If you and/or your child would like to see the school nurse please call the office on 01202 876556.

Sports News

Football - Year 6 Boys' County Cup Final v Epiphany - the boys Under 11 Dorset Schools County Cup Final was played against Epiphany School on Thursday 27th April, Unfortunately we conceded a goal early on but we played some fantastic football where we were intent on passing through the team and using the wingers with the excellent width offered by Jake and Morgan. The boys created a few opportunities to score and shots from Freddie and George were blocked. Callum was absolutely brilliant in midfield. Toby, Finn and Ethan were composed and solid at the same time; at half time we were 1-0 down.

In the second half Tyler got into his stride and created chances but we just couldn't score. Harry in goal saved some long shots and Toby made some last ditch tackles to keep us in the match. Eventually we equalised and what a goal! Tyler danced his way into the box and produced a fine pass for George to volley home. The excitement from the boys was evident and the goal was much deserved. Josh worked extremely hard in midfield chasing down every ball in the attempt to create attacks and Jake and Morgan were superb on the wings. Tyler hit the crossbar with a super free kick near the end and Freddie was creating chances. Unfortunately it was not to be and we lost 2-1 and I congratulate Epiphany on their victory.

The most difficult part is trying to lift the spirits of our dejected lads and I certainly felt for them. It was inspiring to watch them put in so much effort for themselves, their team and the school. It hurts to lose in any final but they should feel very proud as they gave it their all with such passion. Hopefully this will spur them on in the future; they have been fantastic ambassadors for Ferndown Middle School this season!



Year 7 Boys PEDSSA Football Final v Poole Grammar School - the boys had a slow start and unfortunately they were 3-0 down within 10 minutes; they then raised their game and created several chances and conceded a counter attack goal at the end of the half to be 4-0 down at the break. Wes scored a fantastic 20 yard strike and was energetic all match. Poole Grammar added a 5th and then we quickly responded with a superbly struck shot from George after Harrison's strong run. Again we created more opportunities but it was not meant to be. It is extremely sad to lose in any cup final and as disappointed we are, we are also not downhearted because the lads showed excellent determination and spirit to try and get back into the game. It certainly was a game of two halves. I am thoroughly honoured to be associated with this group of lads and they always make me very proud!

Year 6 Boys County Cup Semi-Final v Broadstone - we played Broadstone in a tough fixture away. Broadstone were a threat with their fast attacking play and Ethan, Finn and Toby had to be on alert in the defence to prevent them from scoring early. Just before half time Tyler scored to give us a deserved lead. In the end we managed to hold on for a deserved victory that took us to our second successive Year 6 County Cup Final. This is a magnificent result and we are all looking forward to the final.

Years 7 & 8 Girls County Cup Semi-Final v Lytchett Minster - having won our previous five matches we went into this match confidently. The Lytchett players took advantage of the space they created to score some excellent goals and if it was not for Faye in goal it would certainly have been many more. At half time we were 3-0 down but the girls fought back in the second half and Molly scored a deserved consolation goal for us. It was disappointing to lose but I am very proud of the girls for getting through four rounds to reach the last four in the county. This is something we should feel satisfied with as it shows fantastic progress for our girls. We still have a PEDSSA semi-final to look forward to and if we learn from this match and play in the spirit we have this season then hopefully we can go one step further.

Year 7 Boys PEDSSA Cup Semi-Final v Allenbourn

The boys started extremely strongly and Harrison scored a fantastic header. We tried to score a second but could not turn our dominance into goals and Allenbourn created several chances to equalise. Some excellent defending from Kristian, Harrison, George and Harry enabled us to weather the storm. Tyler scored our third goal to give us a 3-0 lead at half time. In the second half Edison worked tirelessly to help create chances and Alfie converted a free kick. Will and Josh worked hard in midfield and kept going until the end and Connor did everything but score but put in a solid midfield display. Our goal machine Jude scored from close range to give us an impressive 5-0 victory against a strong side. The boys have worked incredibly hard this season and we will go to the cup final with determination to bring the cup back to Ferndown.

Year 7 Boys National Cup Round of 16 v Bedales School, Havant - our boys continued their great form with a convincing victory against our visitors from Havant. Wes scored in the first half and we played some great football but the score remained the same at half time. In the second half Edison scored a second goal, followed by two

more from Alfie and Jude. Connor scored a deserved goal to make it 5-0 and a Quarter Final to look forward to.



Years 7 & 8 Girls Football v Allenbourn - we played Allenbourn where we won convincingly. Goals from Hannah, Tegan, Molly, Chloe and Sydney meant we converted the vast amount of chances that we created. It was pleasing to see the progress of the girls from the start of the season. All the girls contribute to this team effort, especially our solid defenders and midfielders. Great win girls, keep up the strong and skilful play!

Years 7 & 8 Girls PEDSSA Semi-Final v St Michaels - our girls had a tough match against St Michaels in the semi-final of the PEDSSA Cup. Tegan scored just before half time; just after half time we conceded a second goal. A great link up from Faye, Sydney and Hannah resulted in Hannah scoring an excellent equaliser to set up an exciting final ten minutes. Jenny and Teagan were working fiercely and soon got a great third goal through Sydney after an accurate pass from Jenny. We had to defend solidly and Faye, Isobel and Lilli were courageous in their dedication for the team. We eventually won 3-2 and the girls thoroughly deserve their place in the final.

Cricket - Under 11 Girls Indoor Dorset County Cricket Qualifier

In the Under 11 Girls Indoor Cricket County match we hosted Talbot School for a place in the County Final. We had two teams representing our school and I was delighted with our play in all of the matches. Maddy was confident running between the wickets; Erin bowled superbly with fantastic accuracy and Molly was energetic in all matches with her decisive batting. All teams won one match each and it went to runs scored where we won overall. All girls have shown that with dedication, commitment and focus they have the ability to succeed. Good luck in the County Finals!



Under 11 Girls Indoor Dorset County Cricket Finals

In the County Finals our girls competed extremely well. We took our time to get into our stride and lost our first three matches, albeit by small margins. We were bowling, fielding and batting well in stages but just could not combine all three elements into one single match. In our final match we managed to achieve this to gain a victory. All girls were a credit to our school because they pushed themselves to the limits and kept going and you certainly cannot ask anymore from anyone in a sporting situation. We certainly are proud of our 4th place position in the whole county.

Year 5 Tag Rugby Festival at Bournemouth Rugby Club

We took some extremely excited pupils from Year 5 to Bournemouth Rugby Club to enter their tag rugby competition. It certainly was an enjoyable afternoon where all pupils worked fantastically well to contribute to this festival. Throughout the day we won three and lost two and all matches were keenly contested. Well played boys and girls, you certainly did the school proud!



