

# Sebert Sporting News Vol 2 Issue 1

Following a wonderful summer of sport, capped by the amazing GB performance at the Olympics, we have returned inspired for a busy schedule of activities.

## Events

We began with a series of events set up by the **Bury Schools Partnership (BSP)**, featuring the sports of Judo, Futsal and Tchoukball. These were designed to be 'tasters' for children who had not experienced the sports before and provide a springboard to competition proper. The

**Tchoukball** was for Year 3's and Mrs Plumb took six children to the event where King Edward's Sports Leaders ran sessions and encouraged the children to acquire new skills, as well as run a mini exhibition game. Mrs Steven accompanied some Year 6's to the **Futsal**, an



indoor 5-a-side version of football, (but was practised outside), also at King Edwards, whilst Miss Woods took some other Year 6's to the same venue for a beginner's **Judo** course. The feedback from the children was fantastic and we would like to thank BSP for putting on such a varied programme to start the year.



Into competition proper, the first main event of the term came with the **Bury Schools Partnership Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Cross Country** tournaments which were held back-to-back at the King Edward's course



in early October. Our teams of runners, largely chosen from the Fitness & Running Club members, had been practising hard and were duly rewarded with some excellent position, showing real determination, completing a tough course – well done to the runners and to Brew Butler for great



coaching. Brew complimented all the participants for their hard work and professional approach. Sebert Wood achieved a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> position as a school and there were notable top twenty finishes for Tristan McAleavy in Year 4, Justin Clarke and William Morel in Year 5 and Eleanor Walters in Year 6.



Two weeks ago, a small group of Year 2 children attended a **Bury School Partnership KS1 Tag Rugby** taster event. They got to practice vital skills including passing, moving in formation and avoiding the other team! The session also included a mini-match which the children enjoyed greatly. They were led by King Edward Sports Leaders who gave important tips. It was lovely to see the children really enjoying the sport – and a special mention to Lola Broom for displaying such determination during the match!

## Spotlight on new clubs

We are really pleased that we have a new Netball club this term which will run all year and hopefully put us in a strong position for future competitions. Mrs Harvey has committed to providing support for the new Year 6 club and the 'Sebert Swifts', as they are known, have begun their first practise sessions. The club has been in the planning for some



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time and with the court markings down and some new equipment, the club is finally operational, much to the delight of some of the participants. Amelia Castle told us that it was great how they had all got together as a team and that Mrs Harvey had been able to teach them lots of new skills and strategies.

## Fit Thursday and Mrs Banns

The children enjoyed a fun-filled and strenuous workout in our first Fit Friday (on a Thursday!) of the year, and, as so many times in the past, this sporting opportunity was put together and run by Mrs Banns with a team of Year 6 Leaders. Sadly Mrs Banns is officially retiring this week. She has been at the forefront of much that has been great about Sebert Wood sport for around twenty years and organiser of Fit Friday style events for the last nine years. Mrs Banns has been an inspiration to both children and adults alike and her dedication and passion for getting children engaged in sporting activity will be sorely missed. We will be left with a legacy of many Sports Days and wonderful PE lessons, as well as a host of other areas in which she was involved. We would like to add our grateful thanks through this medium and hope that she will be encouraged back to help out in some capacity!



## School Games Gold Mark

We are delighted that after the hard work of a number of staff and the huge enthusiasm of the children, we have been awarded the School Games Mark highest grade of Gold. This is testament to both the variety and quality of sporting involvement and achievement at the school and recognition that PE and sporting activities are enthusiastically and professionally developed within Sebert Wood. Congratulations to all involved!



## And Finally.....

Back to the runners again, we were privileged to listen to a representative of the Sick Children's Trust at a special Assembly to tell us how the money that was raised at the end of Summer Term had been spent. Justin Clarke and Lucia Berry presented the cheque to Abi from the charity.



## Coming Up

Throughout the academic year we aim to introduce new clubs to those available as well as renewing arrangements for popular activities we have offered this year. If you are involved in sport at a club level and have some expertise which you would be willing to offer, please speak to Mr Brooks about this.

*As 2016 draws to a close, our thanks go to Sports Leaders, Sports Mentors and Sebert Wood staff (particularly Mrs Gaston in the Office and Mrs Plumb and Mrs Banns for their support with events and clubs). We would also like to thank parents for all their hard work and support in transporting children to events and encouraging them from the sidelines. Finally, a huge 'thank you' to the children for their continued enthusiasm for sport and being wonderful ambassadors for the School.*