



Brooke PE & Sport

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So what's been happening?

A new addition to our after-school provision this year has been the Form VI academic club. This is a twilight session that runs for an hour after school on Mondays, with the objective of providing our older children with a taste of a secondary school level curriculum as they prepare to move into Year VII in 2022. Mr Flint and I have relished delivering sports science during this term, giving us an opportunity to use our previous experience of teaching GCSE and A Level PE in a secondary school. We have covered the body's systems, including the immediate and long-term effects of exercise on our bones, muscles, heart and lungs. The children have responded admirably to the additional challenge provided in these sessions and, as ever with Brooke Priory pupils, they have been a pleasure to teach.

It was great to welcome in Sports Connections Foundation recently. This was our chosen charity for the sponsored swim which took place before the summer. A representative from SCF came in to our whole school assembly and chatted to the children about all of the amazing work the charity is part of. It was a pleasure for us to be able to present a cheque for £1523.78 to SCF, with the knowledge that the money is going towards providing memorable and rewarding sporting opportunities for children and young people who need our support. Before the sponsored swim we also pledged to donate to Team Alfred, a cause close to a member of the Brooke Priory community. We were delighted to be able to contribute £300 to Alfred, in his family's bid to raise money for life changing treatment.

Our Form VI children recently took part in the annual Rutland Schools Basketball Tournament. This was an opportunity for our pupils to apply the skills and strategies developed this half term during the basketball unit in their PE lessons. One of our teams qualified for the finals which was a brilliant effort.



Presenting the sponsored swim funds to SCF.



Our Under 11 Basketball Squad

I was delighted to present Claudia and Freddie with the basketball captaincy and vice captaincy respectively. This was just reward for their enthusiasm for the sport, as well as the hard work and commitment they have put into lessons over the past few weeks.

As mentioned in my last blog, I always love to hear about the sporting endeavours of our pupils outside of school, so please do keep me posted on the children's sporting adventures and accomplishments. Some very notable achievements from our children over the past few weeks include an amazing effort from Harriet in Form VI, who raised over £300 for Children in Need by running 'around the block' near her house (approximately 20 minutes) every day for ten days! Barney in Form III had the incredible opportunity to play rugby at Twickenham with his club before the recent Barbarians fixtures; a brilliant experience! Isobel C from Form IV continues to be busy in her spare time with triathlon and running. She represented Brooke at the recent Prestwold Hall cross country event and finished in her best finishing position to date. As well as impressive sporting achievements from our children recently, we're very proud of staff members Mrs Gelderbloom, Mrs Tindall and Mrs Johnson, who all completed the 10K night run at Rutland Water last month; an amazing achievement.



Barney at Twickenham



Best Wishes,
Mr Smith - Head of Sport