



Friday 30th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



Team AK Shining Brightly:

Wow, what a brilliant active sports week this has been finished off with an inspiring community sports day! There have been so many diverse opportunities and a range of sports for our children to get involved in and be inspired by as well as a way of engaging the community through sport. The feedback from children, staff and parents has been absolutely brilliant and we can clearly see how impactful and inspiring this week has been. This newsletter will be predominantly feedback and highlights from our sports week, to show what an impact the week has had on our pupils, staff and parents:

Message from Caroline Hukins about the marathon:

What an inspiring day we had on Tuesday this week - along with the archery, cricket and smoothie bike all going on as part of sports week, we also threw in the school marathon! Every child who was in school that day had the chance to run a mile, so that each class could add all their miles together making a marathon distance (or more!). And how they all embraced that challenge! It really was inspiring to see - a mile is a significant challenge for the younger ones in school, and indeed a challenge for everyone - we saw many trying to beat the time they had done a year ago, or pushing themselves to run the whole way, and in their various ways to challenge themselves to achieve the best they could. We also saw fantastic encouragement, support and team spirit, with children turning out to cheer one another at break times, and one Reception child willingly doing an extra lap to make up for a friend who had hurt himself. It was great also to see parents and carers having a go at the end of the day, and an extraordinary number of the children finishing a day's sport by voluntarily running round the course again!

Huge thanks to all the helpers who gave up the morning to come in and time the childrens' miles, we couldn't do it without you. At least the weather was kind...

And finally, I hope many of the children have been proud enough of their achievement to talk to friends and family about sponsorship.... Please could all sponsor money and forms be handed in as soon as possible (and definitely by the end of term). Remember that if you complete the form in full, with postcodes, then FOAKS can claim the gift aid on donations. All monies raised will go towards improving the outdoor sport facilities at school. Cheques should be made payable to FOAKS.

Thank you so much as ever for your support,

Caroline Hukins and FOAKS Team
Parent Governor



Here is some feedback from a few classes:

Quotes from Class 4:

'I enjoyed the army course because it was fun and hard work ' by Theo

'I enjoyed Orienteering the most because I like working as a team to follow the map and figured out the word. Also, I like building towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows' by Rachel

'I enjoyed hockey and I learned how to turn the ball and how to control it too' by Sophie

'I enjoyed archery the most because they gave me loads of helpful tips and I got better at aiming' by Henry

'I am getting better at Zumba' by Jason

'I really enjoyed the hockey because it was a challenge with the wooden sticks, I have improved my stick skills because we used them all lesson' by Ethan



'I enjoyed Netball. I've improved at passing and I have learnt lots of new games and exciting facts' by Eva



From Class 2:

Freddie B - Zumba was fun because it gets you running but it was hard because you can't actually copy Meryl as she is so quick!





Evangeline - I loved the army assault course, it was fun but tricky as I got stuck in the netting and lost my shoe!



Lara - dodge ball was super, I had so much fun even though I got hit by some balls.

Feedback from Class 6:

Wow! What a week! Sports' week has been truly inspirational and has impacted not only our physical fitness, but also the confidence, attitudes and determination of children, staff and parents. We started the week with a marvellous assembly by Mr Tanner to focus the children on the Olympic values from which they had a star challenge to follow for the rest of the week. We have had many amazing sports and activities on our menu,



including: netball, cricket, archery, martial arts, zumba, orienteering, dodgeball, handball, circuit training, smoothie bike and healthy eating workshop, and many many more.



Archery was wonderful! Every child became like Robin Hood, donning a mighty bow and arrow, and, by the end of the session, every pupil had masterfully managed to load, aim and shoot.



The AK Marathon was also a huge success, with every child running at least a mile around our track. Every pupil (and many members of staff) tried tremendously hard and were determined to beat their last personal best. We would like to wholeheartedly thank the many parents and carers who helped to



organise and support the event, and the many parents who came after school to run it!

Despite the great British weather, our children have smiled throughout the week and Year 6 were described by our visiting netball coach as 'very skilled and dedicated'. This is testament to their fantastic attitude and behaviour and some amazing teaching of skills and teamwork by Mr Tanner.



Class R's feedback:

We have been sporty superstars this week with a busy programme of sporting activities to try. We played Dodgeball with Mr Tanner and Yr 6, tried out an army style assault course, had a go at making smoothies using Mrs Tim's smoothie bike, took part in a high



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Zumba class and last but not least did some orienteering with Mr Powell and Mr Jackson.

Along with the whole school we also took part in the Ashton Keynes marathon which meant our little but determined legs had to run a whole mile! Half way round Harley said 'I'm really tired....but I'm going to keep going!'





Freddie and Tristan ran like the wind and showed their potential for long distance running! The promise of a biscuit and a drink at the end helped everyone to keep going and achieve their goal.

Feedback From Mrs Tim:

SPORTS WEEK IS AWESOME! ... Thank you again for inviting me back to do the Smoothie Bike with the kids - we had so much laughter and pedalling going on, it was BRILLIANT :-). Kids discovered new flavours and learnt about the health benefits of adding spices such as ginger (soothes our tummies and anti-inflammatory); turmeric (fantastic anti-inflammatory); cinnamon (regulates our blood sugars - especially as we are consuming sugars in the form of fruit smoothies :-). ... and we even used a vegetable in our smoothies - CARROTS!

The kids made:

*Pineapple, Carrot, Ginger and Turmeric Smoothies
Blueberries, Cinnamon and Ginger Smoothies*

They also went on a 'Carrot Hunt' looking for carrots in the wild flower beds and had a competition to see who could find them all! They also did a 'Smoothie Evaluation' worksheet where they were encouraged to survey which of the above 2 smoothies the children most enjoyed and were encouraged to demonstrate their findings in a bar graph!

I think this proves what an impactful week this has been. All of Team AK have been incredibly active and many have been inspired. I look forward to Sports week 2018!

Thank you.....

- We are incredibly thankful to Mr Tanner for his continued enthusiasm for sport and inspiring our children all of the time.
- Thank you Mr Chris Powell, parent volunteer who has worked with Mr Tanner to help plan this excellent week.
- Thank you to Mrs Tim for providing the smoothie bike and healthy assembly
- Caroline Hukins and her team of volunteers for our fabulous marathon.
- Thank you to Mrs Pauling and the Kingshill sports leader team who were incredible in helping the sports day run smoothly.
- Also well done and thank you to our ex-pupils who volunteered their help on a TD day off school! Also Libby Gibblin who visits us for this week ever year and is an excellent volunteer.
- To my whole staff team who have embraced this week fully and got so involved.
- To all of the sports providers who have been involved.
- To FOAKS for the refreshments and ice lollies!



- Thank you to all who have given their time and helped with events, provided sports opportunities, refreshments and have made this fabulous sporting week possible.

activities within school.

We still have fencing sessions, wheel chair basketball and our Commonwealth Gold Medallist visiting in the coming weeks so still more sporting treats to look forward to beyond this week. I will send letters out about our special visitor on Monday.

AK Music and Arts Festival- choir

AKPS Choir shining brightly in the community at the Music and Arts festival in Holy Cross Church on Wednesday night. Our choir, along with 6 other local choirs represented the school beautifully, singing with and holding their own with all the other adult choirs. We have received so many compliments from the community and parents, stating how well the children behaved, sung and what a credit to the school they were. We would like to thank Mrs Crowley who gives so much passion and dedication to our school choir and also thanks to Mrs Hancock who has given up so much of her time to help the choir to reach this high standard!

I am brimming with pride after the fantastic performance from our school choir on Wednesday evening. We joined 3 other AK choirs and took part in a celebration of singing at the Village Voices concert. The school choir shone with fantastic soloists, super steel pan playing and beautiful harmonies. There were several tingly moments and many comments of our 'best performance yet'.

Mrs Crowley

Y5/6 Production Tickets Available from Monday morning

Tickets for the upcoming production of *Pirates of the Currybean* will be available from the office from Monday morning. The production is coming along very nicely, we cannot wait to share it with you! The children have been working so hard in rehearsals.

Staffing News

We are just in the process of finalising staffing for September so will announce this alongside the reports. I do, however, need to let you know that two members of staff will be leaving Team AK. Mrs Laura Phillips, our SENDco will be leaving at the end of term as she has been given a promotion and a wonderful opportunity to lead Special Needs across 3 schools within an academy! Whilst we are truly sad to be losing Mrs Phillips, we are incredibly proud of her and would like to congratulate her on achieving this opportunity. Laura has been a fabulous SENDco, a real asset to the school and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well and every success for the future. Until the post is advertised in October Mrs Lisa Kingston who is a very experienced SENDco in Gloucestershire is very excited to be joining Team AK in role as SENDco and she is looking forward to meeting you all. Both Lisa and Laura are working together at the moment to ensure a smooth transition of the role.



We also say farewell to Mrs Pegg. Sue has been a member of Team AK for many years and has been working with us for a day a week for some time now. Sue has now retired so that she can enjoy some time with her family and I know she is looking forward to finally being able to take a holiday in term time! Sue will be really missed but we are happy to know that still be visiting us from time to time for supply, which is excellent. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Pegg for all she has done for our school over the years; we have loved having her as part of Team AK and wish her well for the future.

AK's First School Fest!

This was absolutely incredible. This was our first 'fest' on Saturday and it was an excellent community event. I have received so much positive feedback including: how much everyone enjoyed themselves, how relaxed the atmosphere was and how it was so well organised. A huge thank you to the FOAKS team on organising such a brilliant event and thank you to all who came, I certainly enjoyed seeing you all there!

A silver and blue scooter with yellow tape on the handle has gone missing - we think it was taken in error - please check you have taken the correct scooter home with you. Thank you.

Note from Ninja Kids -

We are offering your children a free taster session at any of our Ninja Tots or Ninja Kids sessions in Cirencester, Cricklade or Stroud from 10th - 21st July.

All the parents need to do is contact us on 01285 847 008 or mail@ninjatots.co.uk to book their child's space as each class has a limited number of free spaces available.

With only 3 weeks left of this academic year, we still have so much to look forward to including: AK's Got talent, visiting storyteller, KS2 Air show visit, Y4 residential, Year 5/6 production, Y6 leavers assembly, Open morning where I will be showing the new school promotional film (the full version), our whole school surprise, welcoming our new Class R children on their induction visits, moving up visits to our new classes, reports, Heroes and Heroines plus lots more...

Wow, what a busy but wonderful last few weeks to look forward to! Thank you for your continued support,

With my best wishes,

S.L. Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher

Please always check the calendar on our website www.akps.org.uk for dates.

Sunday 2nd July	Between 3-4.30pm Pupils performing Ising Pop songs as part of AK Music Festival (no need to wear uniform) Parents to remain.
Wednesday 5th July	8.00am Breakfast Club special Spanish cooking session
Mon 10th July	9.15 - 11am Open morning Class R coffee morning
Wednesday 12th July	1.30pm Y6 Leaver's Church Service for Y6 pupils, parents and carers
Wednesday 12th July and Thursday 13th	6.30pm Y5/6 production of <i>Pirates of the Currybean</i> tickets on sale Monday.
Friday 14th July	Visit to Royal Air Tatoo (KS2)
Tuesday 18th July	11am Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly for parents and carers Noon Balloon release 1.30pm Yr6 v parents rounders match
Wednesday 19th July	Moving up morning- children visit their new classrooms and teachers/TAs- Year 6 preparation for Secondary session
Thursday 20th July	9am AK's Got Talent for pupils and staff 1.45-2.45pm Surprise treat for pupils and staff in the hall for achieving their TEAM AK award!
Friday 21st July	9am Heroes and Heroines, end of year assembly for parents and carers to join in with! 3.15pm Term 6/academic year 2016/17 ends