



News from the Games Department

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Dear parents and children,

Wow, I can't believe we've arrived at the end of the Spring Term, and also the end of our winter sports programme. Looking back through my diary all the children, from **Nursery to Year 6 have performed so very well in their PE and Games lessons**. They have all been a **pleasure to teach**.

Our great new Games teachers, Miss Allenby and Mr Goodman, were immediately **impressed with the energy and enthusiasm of all Years 3 to 6** in Games. Our wonderful students from Bath University, Miss Lovell and Miss Rowlands, quickly became a central part of **Pre Prep PE, Swimming and Games** lessons.

I'd like to say a **huge thank you to all the staff in the department**, not forgetting Mr Boyce, Mr Guest, Mrs Ormshaw, Mr Mills and Mr Baker for all their hard work over the last six months. The children have also benefited from the expert coaching of Mr Woods for **Cross Country** and Mrs Granger for **swimming**. From Prior, Mr Maguire and Mr St. John with **rugby** and Mr Hall for **hockey**, have also taught and coached Year 5 and 6. Not to forget Miss Barrett for **Street Dance**.

There have been a complete mixture of results across **rugby, netball and hockey** from all the school teams. Some results **brought back trophies** and continued to keep the name of **The Paragon well and truly on the sporting map**. Every girl and boy in Years 3 to 6 represented the school competitively and **we continue to be extremely proud** of how Paragon children perform when up against different schools, both local and further afield. One thing **rides above everything**, and that is **Paragon children never give up**. **Determination** and a **great attitude** are high expectations of both the Games staff and children.

Although not a major game at The Paragon, **football** is very popular and our boys have thoroughly enjoyed the clubs and matches they have been involved in. Not forgetting the Year 2 children and Year 3 and 4 girls who were loyal members of Miss Lovell's football clubs.

Much praise is deserved by all Year 1, 2 and 4 children in their **swimming lessons**. Year 3 have begun their swim lessons with **great enthusiasm** and will continue right through until the end of next term.

Children at The Paragon have the running bug! **Cross Country Club**, as usual, is highly popular, Nursery to Year 6 **ran the Paragon Mile for Sport Relief**, Year 3 and 4 joined Year 5 and 6 in Inter-House CC for the first time and Year 5 and 6 have run **amazingly well** in CC events at Prior, Kingswood and Westonbirt.

And now we have the Summer Term to look forward to. Games and PE change to **cricket, rounders, athletics and tennis**, all in wonderful sunshine - we hope!

Finally, thank you to all parents for your fantastic support.

Have a great Easter holiday break,

Regards, Brenda Brian - Head of Games/PE