

## OLYMPIC TEAM SPORTS DAY

We hope everyone enjoyed the Olympic-themed sports day which took place recently. All the children really enjoyed the format and it was great to see friendships developing across the year groups.



As well as developing sports skills, the children designed banners and flags, made mascots and learned about Olympic values.

It was a great success and we have had really encouraging feedback from parents. We will definitely be repeating a similar sports event next year.

## SOLAR PANELS

We are delighted to announce a new partnership with British Gas who have installed a bank of solar panels on our roof, producing on a sunny day half of the school's average electricity consumption.



A screen showing the energy generated is on show to children in the dining room.

## SCHOOL DINNERS

We have just received news from the council that the price of School Meals will remain the same for the next school year.



**The price of a school meal is £1.98 or £9.90 per week.**

Could we please remind you that all dinners that have been consumed **MUST** be paid for within the same week. Please make sure that any dinner money is in an envelope or small container clearly marked with your child's name and class and not sent 'loose'.

Could you also please ensure that all balances are cleared before the end of term. We are under instruction that any outstanding balances must be referred to the council's debt recovery team.

## SUMMER FAYRE

The parents group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre. PTA raised £859.02 and everyone had a fantastic time. It was lovely to see the children taking part in so many different activities.



PTA will be meeting in September to start planning for Christmas, everyone is welcome!

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Just a quick reminder that school will close for the summer break on Friday 20th July at 3.15pm.



Staff will be in for a training day on Monday 3rd September before **children return on Tuesday 4th September.**

## FITNESS FUN DAY

Once again the Fitness Fun Day was a huge success. Our thanks to everyone who support us and to Excel Martial Arts who helped out on the day.



We are still counting the money up so please return any sponsor money as soon as possible. The money will be used to provide play equipment for lunchtimes and new PE apparatus.

## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK...

to Miss Hambidge, Miss Thompson, Mrs Davey, Mrs Bacon and Mr McLagan and also to Early Years practitioner Mrs Thomson who is retiring after working at Ballifield for 26 years.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Once again it has been a very productive and enjoyable year and I wish to thank the whole school community for this.

This years Y6 SATs results show a sharp rise in the percentage of children reaching expected levels in English, especially writing. There is also a rise in the number of children achieving well in **both** English and Maths.

There has also been an increase in the number of children achieving well in writing at Y2. This reflects the priorities of the school to improve standards in writing, and we thank you for your continuing support with this.

I would like to pass on how our teachers really appreciate the excellent turn out at the parent evenings and are grateful for your continued support.

Transition activities have been very successful. The children are well prepared for September. On behalf of the Ballifield team I hope you all have a lovely summer... if it stops raining!

Happy Holidays!

*Sheila Haigh*