



# The Sport Buzz

R A Butler's Half- termly Sports Update— February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

After 11 fantastic years we sadly say good-bye to the sporting legend that is, Mr Smith. He has been such a huge part of our school for so many years, introducing children to many different sports, and encouraging every child to participate in PE and sport, making it incredibly enjoyable. He has had so many lovely comments and messages from children, parents and staff, just showing how many lives he has impacted over the years. He had a fantastic day with all the children today. We wish him all the best in his new role, we know that he will be fantastic. And of course, in true Mr Smith style we have had a very successful half term for sport (making sure he went out on a high... of course!).



## Basketball

Our fantastic basketball team made their way to county finals this half term following their success at the local tournament. We were so proud of the resilience they showed coming up against some tough competition playing schools from all over the county. RAB showed their determination and teamwork to make it all the way through to the semi-finals...It was a nail biting match and came down to a shoot out which is always a tough position to be in. RAB narrowly missed out, taking 4th place overall, a fantastic achievement. We couldn't be more proud of the children, well done to all involved!



## Tag Rugby 5/6

Continuing our success at county level, our Tag Rugby team took part in the Tag rugby finals this week after qualifying through the first round. They showed some fantastic rugby skills putting into practise all the things they have learnt this half term in PE. They play so well together as a team and Mr Smith was very proud to finish his time with the team on a such a high. The team have now qualified for the next round which Mr Andrews will be taking them to in March.



## Tag Rugby Year 4

We love all sports here at RAB and when there is an opportunity to get as many children involved as possible we jump at it. This week every child in Year 4 week took to the field for a Tag Rugby competition for local schools which we hosted here at RAB. Five other local schools joined the event and fun was had by all. We were so proud of every child. Even though some of the children had not played much rugby before, every child took part and got stuck in, playing in all the games without complaint, it was fantastic and what we love to see. There were 3 tournaments taking place. In Tournament 2 RAB Green finished in second place which was amazing and in Tournament 1 RAB Navy took joint first. RAB Navy now go through to the county round of competitions. Well done to all our Year 4s who represented RAB brilliantly.

## Active Maths Festival

We took some Year 3s along to an Active Maths festival this term which was the first of these events. It was a brilliant way to combine being active whilst learning and working as a team. Each child took part in a number of activity stations which involved some math problems. The children forgot they were learning and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, hopefully it won't be the last of these festivals. Well done to those children involved.



## Diary dates this term

### February

Tues 27 Gym and Dance show  
Thurs 29 High 5 Netball

### March

Thurs 7 Tag rugby finals yr 3&4  
Wed 13 Hockey yr 5/6  
Wed 13 Netball Fixture V Fairstead  
Thurs 15 High 5 netball 5/6  
Wed 20 Tag rugby Finals 5/6  
Fri 22 KS1 Dance Festival

## Team Training Weekly

### Wed AM

Netball Development

### Lunchtime

Mon Hockey development yr4  
Tues Hockey Development yr5  
Wed Tag Rugby training  
Thurs Tag Rugby year 4  
Friday Netball

### After school Team training

Fri Hockey  
(see separate time table)

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### Hockey Fixtures

Every week our Year 5/6 hockey team have been taking part in local fixtures with other schools in the Friday Hockey league and it has been fantastic to see such improvement every week. The pitch is much larger over at JFAN and the children are enjoying the experience of playing in that environment. The teams have been doing very well and this will continue for the first few weeks in March. Special mention to Florence (Y5) for her outstanding save in last week's match in the final seconds of the game!



### Swim Gala

At the very start of this term, we took part in the annual swimming gala for Years 3-6 and it was an amazing event. We were so proud of the Year 3s as it is a very loud and energetic atmosphere and it can be overwhelming for them. They managed themselves well and represented RAB brilliantly. A special mention to our Year 6s who were amazing and our captains Sophia F and Noah E who led the team well. RAB took second place overall. Well done all.

### Looking ahead...

**Mr Andrews has had his first week in school this week, meeting the children, joining in PE lessons and clubs and finding out how we do all things Sport at RAB. He is thoroughly looking forward to his new role here at RAB. Next term the KS2 children will be doing football with Mr Andrews, so if they have boots and shinpads these should be bought in for PE please.**

**Do you know someone who has received any sporting recognition or achievements outside of school and would be happy for it to appear in the Sport Buzz? Please get in touch at [pe@rab.academy](mailto:pe@rab.academy) We would like to celebrate these and share them in the next instalment of the Sports Buzz.**

**Once again we would like to say a huge Thank You to all the parents and volunteers who have helped us this half term. We have had such a busy term with a huge amount of sporting events taking place and your help is invaluable.**

**Have a lovely Half term.  
RAB PE department.**