



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School Sports Newsletter – Summer Term 2019



## April/May/June/July

### Netball Yr3/4 Competition-Moorside

St Bernadette's entered two teams into the competition held at Moorside. It was the first time for most of the children to represent the school and they played extremely well. The A Team secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in the A Group competition and the B Team secured 5<sup>th</sup> place in the competition. The boys had a separate competition and did very well finishing 7<sup>th</sup> place. Excellent effort to all the children involved.

### Netball Year 5/6 – Moorside

St Bernadette's attended the Lancaster School's Netball tournament at Moorside. The Team played four games winning two, drawing one and losing one. They scored an impressive 9 goals in their four games. This resulted in a 6<sup>th</sup> place overall. Well done children a fantastic effort and a big thank you to Mrs Lewis with coaching the team.

### Primary Schools Sports Festival – Salt Ayre

St Bernadette's (Year 6) took 18 children to the highly successful festival which was attended by over 28 schools from the District. Over 1300 children participated in events including football, athletics, swimming and wheelchair basketball. St Bernadette's entered two teams in the Dodgeball event. Both of the teams played extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed the day. A big thank you to Mrs Wood and Miss King who accompanied and coached the children on the day.

### School Games Kite Mark Accreditation

St Bernadette's has successfully maintained the Gold Award for the academic year 2018/2019 for the fourth consecutive year. This award is recognised nationally as a Government standard and provides effective evidence for Ofsted in terms of the commitment to both competitive and non-competitive sport in school. It is down to the continuing commitment and hard work of all the staff and children within school and emphasises the importance placed on sport at St Bernadette's.

### Athletics Competition – Year 3

In June St Bernadette's entered a team of nine (four girls and five boys) in an athletics competition at OLCC. For the sixth successive year, the Year 3 team performed at a very high level and were therefore convincing winners of the trophy and all the children received a gold medal. Well done team and thank you to all the parents who attended the event to support the children.

### Athletics Competition – Year 6

The week after the Year 3 event it was the turn of Year 6 boys and girls. Not to be out done by the Year 3 children they also completed at a high level, just missing out on top spot on this occasion, but still did very well securing the silver medal position. Well done on a fantastic result.

### Kwik Cricket Tournament – Yr5/6 Girls

Also in June, it was the turn of the Y5/6 Girls Cricket Team to participate in the Lancaster & Morecambe District Kwik Cricket competition. The girls did fantastically well defeating Moorside and Bowerham in their group. But unfortunately they did not make it to the semi-finals on this occasion. Well done to all the girls who participated.

### Lancaster Schools Swimming Gala

The annual Primary Schools Swimming Gala was held at Salt Ayre in June. St Bernadette's entered a team consisting of boys and girls from years 4, 5 and 6. This year the team did amazingly well finishing as runners up just missing the top spot by 8 points. Well done to all the children who participated. It was a fantastic effort from the schools youngest ever swimming team.





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### Sports Clubs

During May, children in KS1 & 2 have had the opportunity to attend after school sports clubs which have included Yr. 5 & 6 Boys Cricket Club, Yr. 5 & 6 Girls Cricket Club and Netball club for year 3 and 4. Also this term there has also been KS1 World Cup Club. These clubs were led by Mr Karim, Mrs White, Mrs Bramhall, Mrs Wood and thank you for the great support from the Yr6 Sports Leaders who also assisted.

### Borwick Hall (outdoor pursuits)

In June, Sycamore Class and staff had a two day trip at Borwick Hall Outdoor Activity Centre. The children had the opportunity to participate in various activities including canoeing, climbing and team-building games. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and gained a lot from this experience.

Also for the first time the year 2 children spent a full day at Bowick Hall participating in numerous outdoor activities including climbing, caving and team building games.

### Annual Sports Day

A big thank you to all the children who participated so enthusiastically in this years annual sports day. It was a fantastic afternoon. Congratulations to Blue House (St Sebastian) on their sports day success.

### Climbing Wall Experience

Also in June, Sycamore Class (Yr6) had a full afternoon at Salt Ayre on the new X-Height Climbing Facility and Gravity Tower. The children had a wonderful afternoon being able to have the whole facility to themselves. It was great to see how a lot of the children surprised themselves by overcoming their fears especially on the outside Gravity Tower. Well done Sycamore Class.

## Sports Coaching

In July, over a four-week period, Year 6 have had the opportunity to attend tennis coaching at Bowerham Tennis Club with coach John Vardy and Year 4 also had hockey coaching with Nick Davey. Martin Powell has been working on Tag-Rugby in years 3 and 6 and also Dan Lofthouse from OLCC as been working with year 2 on team games and with Year 4 on tag-rugby. The children benefitted by learning new skills and the staff also benefitted by being able to pick up lots of coaching tips which can be transferred into future PE lessons.

## **Thank you for your continued support**

**Mr P Karim and Mrs R Wood**  
**Sports Coordinators**

