



Whitehill Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Extra-Curricular Sports and Activities

I am sure you will agree that last year was a fantastic success regarding the number and quality of clubs that were provided. As I stated at the beginning the aim is fun and enjoyment but also to provide experience and pathways to a healthier lifestyle and progression within a particular sport or interest.

As with anything there will be a few tweaks needed to improve the provision and quality of what we are trying to do. The two areas you suggested would make clubs better were:

- 1) A fairer selection process for clubs
- 2) Better communication when clubs are cancelled

In response to point 1

The solution would be to make sure that anyone choosing a particular club is able to do it and therefore avoid disappointment. Some clubs have a greater demand than others and some can only accommodate a set amount of children. I think gymnastics is a good example of this. Going forward I have organised a further night of gymnastics to accommodate numbers. If it is still oversubscribed then I will have to organise a rotation where every child gets an opportunity to be involved.

This term there will be an Infants Performing Arts club with a capacity of 20. Again depending on uptake each child who chooses it will do the club at some point within the Academic Year.

Every child will get to do their choice at some point.

In response to point 2

Staff involved with clubs will be expected to keep an up to date register.

Staff will be advised to give plenty of notice when cancelling clubs. The very latest time being break time of that day. Notification will be given by text so it is important that we have your current phone number. In cases where parents or carers cannot be contacted children will be kept and supervised until they can be collected. I would like encourage that you arrive promptly to collect your child at the time the clubs finishes. To avoid congestion at the front office we will notify you of collection points for each club.



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Pro Soccer and Bounce Beatz will continue as they did last year. During the winter months Pro Soccer will work on the playground behind the school which can now be floodlit.

For the first time in many years I have entered a school football team into The Gravesham Schools League. In fact I have entered 2 teams a boys team and a girls team! I have also forwarded two year 6 boys to compete for a place in the District Football Team. One boy from Year 2 was identified by Pro soccer as having massive potential and is now attending there Academy outside of school.

Arts and Crafts for the Infants will begin after the half term break

As much as I can I am exploring new ideas and activities that I can bring to Whitehill School in terms of extracurricular provision. Below I have set out what is available for the first term. Most will run throughout the year. Some of the seasonal sports that I provide will change in accordance to the change in weather conditions e.g Summer tennis and cricket.

As much as I can I will encourage competitions and performance for those who attend the clubs. We had a super tennis team last year selected from the Tennis Club who did really well in a district competition and an excellent Performing Arts performance. Gymnastics run by Ms. Foster had much success also.

For Junior students there will be a sign up for clubs during morning registration next Tuesday and Wednesday. A letter will then be sent out to parents confirming which club they will be starting except for Bounce Beatz and Pro Soccer (more information on flyers). For Infants a letter will be sent out next week.

My challenge this year is to set up some sort of music ensemble whether it be an orchestra or a School of Rock. Many lucky Year 5 children will be starting guitar lessons starting this term.

Please continue to give me feedback and positive suggestions and ideas for new clubs

Yours sincerely

Fraser Skimming
Extra Curricular Coordinator

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bounce Beatz (Infants) Girls Football (Juniors) Jujitsu (Junior)	Bounce Beatz (Juniors) Hockey (Juniors)	Pro Soccer (Infants) Performing Arts (Juniors) Badminton (Juniors)	Pro soccer (Juniors) Gymnastics Performing Arts (Infants) Basketball (Juniors)	Rugby (Juniors)

NB

Pro Soccer will start week commencing Monday 19th

All other clubs will start week commencing Monday 26th



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