

# BJS PE AND SPORT NEWSLETTER



## Welcome to our BJS PE and Sport Newsletter!

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### PE and Sport at Buxton Junior School

It has been a fantastic start to our sporting calendar this year. We have hosted and taken part in the Buxton Schools' Cross Country Competition, Year 6 have enjoyed a Hockey Taster Event at Buxton Community School, and 6 teams of Year 4 children took part in the Map Quest Competition.

At Buxton Junior School we believe that the health and wellbeing of all our pupils is of upmost importance. We continue to ensure that our children are keeping as active as possible at school through PE and games lessons and in other areas of the curriculum, and during playtimes and after-school clubs. Through this newsletter, I would like to share some of the activities that the children have taken part in so far this year.

### Buxton Schools' Cross Country Competition

Buxton Junior School hosted the ever popular 'Buxton Schools' Cross Country Competition', on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Buxton Junior School entered four teams of children and in total over 80 children took part! The children competed against teams from three other local schools. Our Year 3/4 teams ran a lap of the school field, and our Year 5/6 teams completed two laps. Despite this being their first experience of participating, our Year 3 children were very keen to take part and performed extremely well against some experienced competition. Some of our children finished in the top 3 places: Jack, Dylan and Reggie finished in the top 3 positions in the boys' Year 3/4 competition, and in the Year 5/6 competitions Rory finished in second place and Leo and Louisa in third place. Overall, as a school we finished in first place in the Year 3/4 boys and Year 5/6 boys competition and those teams have secured a place in the High Peak Cross Country Final next month.



## 'Map Quest' High Peak Schools' Orienteering Festival

This term, 6 teams of Y4 children attended a 'Map Quest' orienteering competition at The Pavilion Gardens in Buxton. The event was hosted by The High Peak School and Sport Partnership and our children competed against other primary schools from across the High Peak. One of our teams came away with silver medals for finishing second in the competition. All the children had great fun and improved their map reading skills – well done everybody!



afternoon of hockey familiarisation – giving children from schools across the area the chance to learn new skills, take part in fun drills, and enjoy some exciting mini-matches. Everyone had a brilliant time developing their confidence with a hockey stick, improving their teamwork skills, and discovering just how much fun hockey can be.



If your child would like to give hockey a try, Buxton Hockey Club runs regular training sessions for ages 4-13 every Wednesday, from 6-7pm at Buxton Community School Astro turf.

## Buxton Hockey Club Hockey Event

Two teams of Year 6 children took part in a hockey event at Buxton Community School on Wednesday 8th October. High Peak School and Sport Partnership teamed up with Buxton Hockey Club to deliver a fantastic

**JUNIOR HOCKEY**  
@ Buxton Hockey Club

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!**

- £4 a session
- Equipment available to borrow

**Buxton Community School Astro**

6-7pm

Ages 4-13

Everyone welcome!

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## BJS School Sports Crew



We continue to encourage our children to take a more active leadership role in the development of PE and sport across the school. We have a 'School Sports Crew', which comprises of a boy and girl from each class, who meet with me to discuss PE and sport issues. They act as a voice for their class and will take a leadership role during intra-school sports events. They have already helped me to order and organise new playground equipment and we have come up with a plan for a lunchtime badminton and ball games session next term.



## School Games Platinum Award



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Platinum Award (the highest award available) for the 2024/2025 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school engagement (provision and uptake) and to celebrate keeping young people active. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success. After previously achieving the Gold Award, we qualified to apply for the Platinum Award. To achieve this higher level, we had to demonstrate how we are engaging those young people that need it the most in the School Games and evidence how we know they are benefiting. Our focus was on inclusion within PE lessons and PE competitions and events. I spoke to children about what we could do to improve their experience of PE and we have invested in resources to help our teachers adapt lessons for our children with additional needs. We have particularly focused on

engaging pupils who haven't previously been active or represented school and have tried to ensure all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities in our community. A big thank you to Mr Wilshaw, Mrs Morton and all our teaching staff who have worked so hard to provide so many PE, sport and active learning opportunities for our children. Also to Mr Wentworth at Buxton Community School and High Peak School and Sport Partnership for organising a wide range of sporting competitions, festivals and events for us to take part in.



## Year 6 Visit to White Hall October 2025

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful residential visit to White Hall, which is located on the outskirts of Buxton.

During their three-day stay they took part in a variety of on and off-site outdoor activities which included: caving, rock scrambling, low ropes course, zip line, leap of faith, climbing wall and taking part in a night-time games, 'Woods have

Eyes' and a carousel of fun team games and challenges. The children acquired new skills, challenged themselves and made new friends. They were praised for the way they tackled all the activities and demonstrated excellent organisational, team work and cooperative skills.

We would like to thank parents and carers for giving the children the opportunity to attend this residential trip, as the memories will last for years to come.

Here are just a small selection of photos. There are many more on our school Facebook page.



