**2017-18 Sports Roundup by Mrs Fawcett**

**Sporting News!**

What a fantastic sporting year we have had here at Oxenhope where we have had a great number of successes and introduced some new sports.

**Football** - Our Year 6 Boys kicked off the start of the year by taking part in the Bronte School cluster U11 Boys football tournament at Beckfoot Oakbank school. After some closely fought games we finished 6th out of 7 with only 3 points separating 4th and 7th. Great skills on show, superb teamwork and excellent support. Well done Thomas, Max, Zak, Tyler, Isaac, Harry, Noah, Archie and Jake. Player of the match, voted for by the team went to Max.

U11 Girls football tournament. With some well fought games and the girls displaying some new found skills we came 5th. Fantastic teamwork and support from all. Well done Faye, Lily, Abigail, Ella, Lola, Eleanor and Polly. Player of the match went to Faye.

U9 Boys football tournament at Beckfoot Oakbank. We played 5 games, won2, lost 2 and drew 1. Again some excellent skills on show and fantastic teamwork. The boys all really working hard together. Well done to Matthew, Alex, Eddie, Jacob, Josh, Dominic and Elliot. Player of the match went to Eddie.

**Table Tennis** - Our Table Tennis Team took part in a schools’ tournament at Bradford Grammar. We had some good wins with Jacob Haigh going through to the semi-finals but after a well fought match unfortunately lost. Well done to Thomas, Noah, Jacob and Zak.

Jacob also took part in the Inter-Regional Qualifying tournament. He played 8 games and won 5, coming 4th and securing a place in the Inter-Regional Finals.

**Hockey** - Our newly established Hockey club too part in a friendly tournament with Haworth School. This was a great opportunity for the children to take part in a friendly competitive environment and put into practice the skills they had learnt at hockey club. A good time was had my all! We have been fortunate enough to have 2 coaches from Airedale Hockey Club come down and take 2 training sessions. This has been a fantastic opportunity for the children. The hockey team qualified for the Bradford Schools Winter Games, which is a first for Oxenhope, where they played against schools from the whole of Bradford who had also qualified. This took place at Hanson Academy. We showed great teamwork, team spirit and great skills. These children had only started playing hockey in October so to see them play like they did made me very proud!

**Cross Country** – Results for the Schools Cross Country league – Year 3-4 Boys Team Won, Year 5-6 Boys came 3rd, Year 3-4 Girls came 4th.

James unbeaten all season and won the overall individual 5-6 Boys section with Zak finishing 2nd.

Alex came 2nd overall in the individual 3-4 Boys section.

Lily came 4th overall in the individual 5-6 Girls section.

James, Zak and Sophia and the Year 4 Boys Team qualified for the West Yorkshire Games at Temple Newsam. James qualified for The National Championships held in Leicester where he was part of the winning West Yorkshire Team. Fantastic results James!

I’m sure you will agree we have had some amazing results.

Our Cross Country Team and Running Club now have Oxenhope school running vests to wear when training and competing. This has encouraged Teamwork and a feeling of pride for our school.

**Boccia**- Boccia is very much like bowls with the competitors either rolling or kicking the ball whilst sitting down, towards a target ball. Our Boccia team of Amy, Clara and Maisie excelled themselves at this tournament. They won 2, lost 2 and drew 1.

**Cricket** – Our U9 Cricket team won the Bronte schools tournament, winning every game, qualifying for the West Yorkshire Finals. At the West Yorkshires we got through to the semi-finals where we were narrowly beaten by Brockholes primary. Such fantastic skill and teamwork showed by every member of the team. Well Done!

Our U11 Cricket Team took part in the Bronte Schools Kwik Cricket tournament held at Oakworth cricket club where we came 7th. The children displayed great skill and teamwork and really enjoyed the day. Well Done!

The School cricket club is newly established and we are grateful for the support from Oxenhope Cricket Club and the children have been very fortunate to have received coaching from Mr Dyson from the Cricket Club.

**Dance** – Sam Reeday ran a dance programme which culminated in a whole school dance. This was a huge success and was enjoyed by all the children. Even members of staff took part in this event and had a great deal of fun!

**Swimming** – Oxenhope again took part in the annual Schools Swimming Gala held at Shipley pool where we had some heat winners. Some excellent swimming on display and again great team spirit and support.

**Triathlon** – Oxenhope took part in the Brownlee Foundation Triathlon held at Bradford Grammar School. This is a great, non-competitive, event which enables children to have a taste of a triathlon event. It is incredibly popular and we had a large number of children take part this year. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event and they each received a goodie bag and a medal for their efforts.

**Daily Mile** – This year has also seen us take part in the daily mile which has been embraced by children and staff alike. Together we have run a mile a day, or for 15 minutes whichever comes first, and have covered over 38,000 miles between us. This has had a positive impact on fitness and a noticeable improvement in attitudes to sports and exercise, with the added bonus that exercise naturally makes you feel good.

I’m sure you will agree that we have had a great deal of sporting success throughout this school year with more children representing Oxenhope than in recent years. We have also been able to offer children a wider range of sports that, along with the increased participation, has lead us to achieve the Schools Games Silver Award moving up from the Bronze Award from previous years. This is a great achievement for Oxenhope, and one that we are all proud of.

I look forward to the 2018/19 sporting year!

Mrs Fawcett