

# END OF YEAR REVIEW

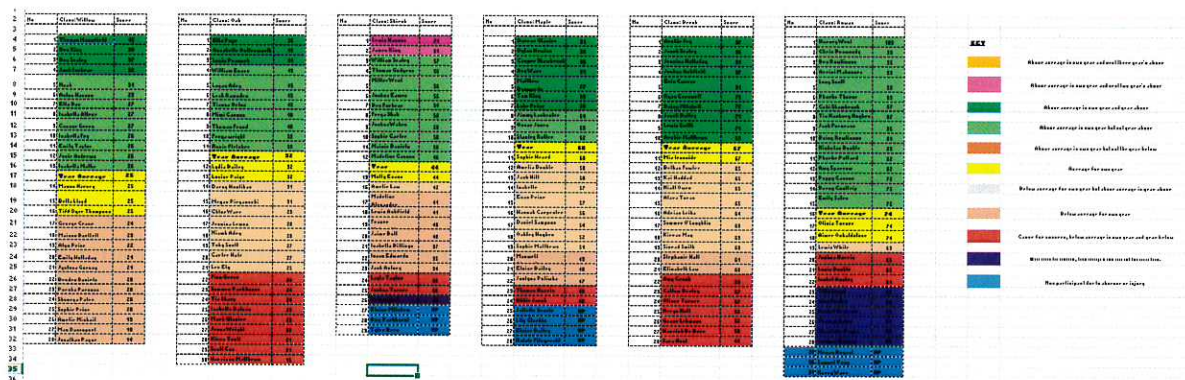
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As we come to an end of the school year, please see below an overview of what was achieved, also included are areas to improve based on this year's outcomes.

### Multi Skills Test:

Years 1 -6 have all been successfully tested in 4 skill challenges on two occasions, which involved; agility, balance, jumping and throwing. All results have been recorded and ranked for each year group, this has allowed me to analyse pupil development and also highlight certain students who are excelling or who may require additional support. During the selection process for some school events, the results were used to choose certain pupils who have been excelling. Below is an example of the analysis in place:



### Student Participation:

This year was a very successful period for Newlands Football teams, with a number of great performances and results. The boys year 5&6 team performed outstandingly in the Standing Cup, reaching the Quarter Finals before narrowly losing on penalties after a 0-0 draw. Along the way the boys produced some incredible performances, beating local rivals Westfields 4-2 in a thrilling contest and comfortably beating Hook, 5-1. The girls year 5&6 team had a less successful time in the Standing Cup, unfortunately, losing out in the first round, however, performed valiantly and never gave up. After some lunchtime training and a new sense of belief, the girls team played out a fantastic 1-1 draw against Hawley in a friendly match which highlighted the girls improvement and determination.

Another fantastic football achievement came from the year 3&4 team, who participated in a mini intra-school Euro 2016 style tournament held at Samuel Cody. The boys performed fantastically in the group stage and managed to win their group outright and qualify for the Semi Finals. Unfortunately, the boys couldn't replicate their performances in the Semi Finals but their performances and attitude throughout was a credit to the school and bodes well for future fixtures.

A small team of 4, year 3&4 students represented Newlands at a mini intra-school Tennis tournament and once again were a credit to the school and performed incredibly well. Due to large numbers, the tournament was split into groups and Newlands managed to outplay all opponents and win their group overall, which was a fantastic achievement.

Throughout the year a number of Tag Rugby events were participated by Newlands students. Newlands welcomed Cranford Park for a year 3&4 Tag Rugby festival, the event was a great success and it was great to see pupils learning a new sport and enjoying themselves. Year 5&6 competed in an intra-school tournament held at Samuel Cody and performed valiantly against a number of schools, in an extremely competitive competition.

Newlands were represented at both KS1 and 2, Multi Skills festivals, where a group of 8 students competed in a variety of events against a number of schools from the local area. Students were selected based on their testing/analysis scores obtained throughout the year and every student involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves and attempted each event with maximum effort and commitment.

Coinciding with Mr. McCarthy's lunchtime running club, a number of students represented Newlands at a Festival of Running event. One student, in particular, performed so well at this event that he was selected to represent the district, which is a fantastic achievement.

At the start of 2016, an opportunity arose to provide Newlands with some cricket coaching, through the 'Chance to Shine' program. This included weekly cricket coaching sessions from a County qualified coach for years 4 & 5, an inclusion assembly and entrance to a county tournament which a team from Newlands will compete in before the end of the year. This was a fantastic opportunity for the school to benefit from some high-quality provision and provide the pupils a chance to develop and learn a new sport/skills.

As a culmination of the school year, Newlands organised an extremely successful school sports day, which enabled pupils to showcase their skills and earn points for their designated house teams.

Newlands has successfully submitted an application for Sainsbury's School Games Mark and are hoping due to the opportunities offered to students and provisions in place will successfully achieve either a Bronze or Silver Mark.

**PPA:**

I have now successfully completed a whole year of PPA cover for years 2 and 3. We have been learning and practicing rugby, netball, football, hockey, tennis and cricket skills throughout the year and both years have shown fantastic improvement in all areas.

When delivering Rugby, my aim was to develop pupil's motor skills, focusing on speed and agility in dodging activities. As those skills progressed, a ball was introduced and the pupils worked on hand-eye coordination in passing/dodging practices. Towards the end of the term, pupils were placed in opposed practices learning key team dynamics and teaching them the rules of rugby.

After half term, I decided to continue working on hand-eye coordination and chose Netball as the next sport. The first few weeks we focused on varying types of passing and how and when to use the pivot successfully. Once progression was shown, pupils were introduced into opposed practices that have helped them further develop team dynamics and most importantly, how to move into space to help support teammates.

The next sport I delivered at Newlands, was football. The main focus for the first few sessions was dribbling and ball control, getting the pupils used to running with the ball and using a variety of touches. As we progressed through the sessions, I tested the classes with their passing accuracy over a number of distances. Towards the end of the term, I introduced the students to small sided games, allowing them to gain a better understanding of team dynamics and the rules of football.

After football, Hockey was the next sport to be delivered. The students initially started learning on how to run with the ball and how to control the ball with a stick at various speeds. After the pupils developed satisfactory control, I introduced passing and shooting accuracy sessions. The wrap up the term, the pupils were put into small games to continue their team dynamic development and grasp an understanding of hockey's rules.

For the last full term of the year, years 2 & 3 participated in Tennis and Cricket lessons, the main focus of the tennis syllabus was to improve hand-eye coordination and ball to racquet contact. Once students showed a good level of control, they were introduced to a variety of different shots, working pairs trying to develop teamwork.

#### **Areas for Improvement:**

Organise more Intra and inter-school events

Create better school links so friendly matches could be organised

Offer more opportunities for pupils

Provide more training opportunities for school teams prior to an event

Make better use of the sports noticeboard

Involve Year 6 students in the organising and officiating of events

#### **Summary:**

Overall I believe this school year has been a success, after a slow start in terms of participation, I believe the number of opportunities increased throughout the year and participation levels therefore grew. Newlands were well represented at a number of intra-school events throughout 2016 and performed respectably in all events. As listed above, I believe more inter-school events would have been beneficial, creating more opportunities and therefore developing the skill sets of a wider range of students. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as Sports Coordinator and believe it is a fantastic provision for Newlands School.