

# Ely Family

# SSCo Newsletter



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Lots has happened since Christmas in the Ely Family. We have had numerous festivals and opportunities for young leaders. With summer around the corner the next school term has a lot to offer also. Read on to find out what events have taken place, what there is to look forward to and who is on top of the Olympic Table!!



### YA Training Day

During January Jonah Balmford and Molly Butler attended Young Ambassador (YA) training at Witchford Village College. The day was an opportunity for YA's to meet and learn about what their roles will be in the coming months. Students collaborated with other YA's from secondary schools in the Witchford Partnership. They set goals and created ways by which they could promote the Olympics to both primary and secondary school students. Well done Jonah and Molly!!

### Gifted and Talented Exchange with Witchford Village College

During half term three, Year 7 and 8 students from Ely College attended a gifted and talented exchange at Witchford Village College. Students were introduced to the sport of Table Tennis and a challenging level of Gymnastics. They somersaulted their way through the afternoon and enjoyed the experience. Our Triple A club is an opportunity for students who demonstrate high ability, great attitude and good attainment in other areas to compete and be challenged against students of similar ability. All Triple A club members have a summer Athletics Gifted and Talented Festival to look forward to!!

### Virtual Athletics

During half term four, the Lantern Community Primary School, Littleport Community Primary School and St Johns Community Primary School all competed in Virtual Athletics Competitions. The Virtual Athletics Competition allows students to compete in small teams through a series of five tests. Students are challenged in agility, balance, speed, power and accuracy. These can be run in any PE lessons and if teachers would like to run these activities in their classes they should contact Kellie James the SSCO for the Ely Family.



## **Multi skills Festival KS1**

We held our KS1 multi skills festival this past term with over 180 KS1 primary students in attendance. Year 9 young leaders created 16 stations of which the primary students worked through. Activities focused on areas of co-ordination that can be developed through participation in sport. The day was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

## **County Tag Festival - East Cambs Partnership Tag Rugby Finals**



Once again the East Cambs Partnership Tag Rugby Festival saw teams from Ely family perform with great results. Both Littleport Community Primary School and Downham Feoffees Primary school both attended the day with Downham coming away with second place. This gave Downham the chance to compete at the County Rugby Festival. Congratulations need to go to Downham who walked away with a third placing from the day, this was a great effort from the team! Well done!

## **Girls Football Festival**

This term also saw the Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Festival take place. 90 Girls from the Lantern Community Primary School, St Johns Primary School and Millfield Primary School participated in a training session run by year 10 BTEC Students from Ely College. The day finished with a tournament with Lantern A winning the 1<sup>st</sup> Division and St Johns B winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. Both Schools will get to go through to the next level of competition.



## **Young Leader opportunities**

There has been numerous opportunities this term for Young Leaders. We have had 34 year 9 students design, organise and run a KS1 festival. The students acted in a very professional manner and created great activities for the primary school students. We also had 18 BTEC Students create and run football training sessions for the Year 5 and 6 primary girls. Congratulations to all these students.

## **Sportivate**

This half term has seen over 25 Key Stage 4 girls get involved in Aerobics. Through Sportivate the school was able to employ a qualified Aerobics Coach who has worked on yoga, pilates and general aerobics. Well done to these girls for choosing to get active!!

## **What is coming over the next term??**

### **100's Day**

The 18<sup>th</sup> April marks 100 days to the Olympic Games. Ely YA's will be running a 100's day for Year 7 and 8. Students can participate in a range of competitions related to the number 100.

### **Virtual Athletics**

Any schools wishing to take part in the Virtual Athletics competition should contact Kellie James to arrange a date and time.

### **National School Games**

25 Young Leaders will be trained to run the Quad kids at the National School Games on the 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### **KS1 Leadership in Spring Meadow**

Year 10 students will be electing to take part in a leadership course for 6 weeks. They will be delivering 2 sessions to Spring Meadow students over half term 5.

### **Mini tennis – 11 May**

A Mini Tennis festival will run on the 11<sup>th</sup> May for Year 3 and 4 students from all Ely Primary Schools. Please get in contact with Kellie James to register.

***1<sup>st</sup> – Lantern Community School – 94 points***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Downham Feoffees — 71points***

***3rd – St Johns – 65 points***

***4<sup>th</sup> – Millfield Primary School– 64 points***

***5<sup>th</sup>– Littleport Community Primary School – 63points***

***6<sup>th</sup>- St Mary's Primary School – 48 points***