



HOYLANDSWAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

22nd October 2021

Autumn 8

SPECIAL MENTIONS:

Class One: All Class 1

Class Two: Edward, Lily & Jack

Class Three: Jacob & Niamh

Class Four: Arabella & Mathew

Class Five: Freya & Sam

COVID RATES

Along with this newsletter please find a message from the council that schools have been asked to send out today. You will likely know that COVID rates are high around the borough and many local schools, including Hoylandswaine, have been in outbreak situations at some point this half term. We are all keen to drive down rates as quickly as we can so please do follow this guidance to support this aim.

SQUID GAME

It has come to our attention that some of our children have started playing Squid Game's 'Red Light, Green Light' on the playground. On the surface of it, this is a simple, fun playground game. Squid Game is a Netflix TV programme but can also be watched on YouTube. We are concerned that some of our children may be watching the programme, or accessing clips on YouTube that are not suitable for children.

The programme Squid Game has a high level of violence which is very intense. Characters are tortured and killed for the sadistic pleasure of a game master. Adults have sex and there are threats of sexual violence. Drug use is seen. I'm sure you will agree that none of those topics are suitable for children of primary school age. The games however are based on innocent children's games like marbles and tug of war which is likely to lead to children copying these games when playing and imitating the violence seen in the series. We wouldn't want any of our children to be watching, hearing about or recreating these games in the playground.

We have told the children that these games are banned but would like parents to reinforce this at home. Please also ensure your child is not watching Squid Game on Netflix or YouTube.

As a reminder, online safety is very important in keeping our children safe. It's important to make sure you have parental controls set on all devices your children use. Guides for how to do this can be found by following this link [Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#). National Online Safety have a free app (called the National Online Safety App) which has useful factsheets about all the apps, games, social media platforms etc that your children are able to use. It tells you what they are, any risks/dangers they may pose, how you can support your child to use them safely and how to alter settings.

Thank you for your support.

P4SPORT MULTISKILLS EVENT

Well done to the children and parents who went to the Multiskills event at Penistone Grammar School this week. Mrs Bromley reported that they did really well and we hope they had a great time!

POPPY APPEAL

After half term, the Royal British Legion Poppy Box will be taken around classrooms at 2.45pm each day so that children can purchase poppy related items for Remembrance Day. The items include traditional poppies, zip pulls, reflectors, wristbands and snap bands – suggested donations by the Royal British Legion range from 50p to £1.50 depending on the item. Please send money in a named envelope with your child if you would like them to support the Poppy Appeal.

COMMUNITY EVENT – A MESSAGE FROM PENISTONE ROUND TABLE

Bonfire night is nearly upon us again, and we are once again running the Guy Fawkes competition.

This year we have cash prizes:

1st - £100.00

2nd, 3rd and 4th - £50.00

If you have not entered the competition before, all you need to do is build a "Guy". You can use as much imagination as you like! The Community bonfire is on Saturday the 6th November at the showground and if you wish to enter the competition, please contact me by email or phone. Guys will need to be dropped off at the garages next to the bowling club in Penistone between 9am and 11am on the 6th. The 1st prize entry will have pride of place on top of the bonfire. If you have any queries, please email alalalwilson@gmail.com

HSA FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

We raised a fabulous total of £179.44 from the foreign currency fundraiser. Class 1 were the class to bring in currency from the greatest range of countries and a special mention goes to Sebastian Carter who brought in coins and notes from over 30 different countries. As the whole school did such a fantastic job we have decided to purchase some different sports equipment from the Amazon wish list that all the children in school will enjoy using. Massive thanks for everyone's support!

We hope that all the children attending will enjoy this evening's Halloween Disco. Thank you to the members of HSA and group of parents who organised and led this event – and for spending the time to decorate the hall so well. It looks amazing and has been the talk of the school for the last two days!

MESSAGE FROM WAKEFIELD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

I am writing to share a selection of inspiring and exciting masterclasses that we are hosting at Wakefield Girls' High School over the coming months, which may be of interest to some of the Year 5 and 6 girls. Each is designed for Year 5 and 6 girls who wish to try a new subject, learn more about a subject that they are passionate about or gain a taste of life and learning here at Wakefield Girls' which may be helpful as they approach the time to consider their next choice of school.

In summary, we are offering the following so please contact the school for more information:

- STEM Experience - Thursday 4 November 2021
- A Festival of Sports - Friday 12 November 2021
- A Taste of Wakefield Girls' - Friday 4 February 2022

HARVEST

Thank you to everyone for sending in all the tins and packets this week. They were collected by Barnsley Foodbank and were very much appreciated.

MRS POWDRILL'S DONATION

Most of you will know Mrs Powdrill who was our Y6 teacher who left to work in a high school in the summer. She has undertaken a sponsored swim of two channel distances and chosen our school to donate some of the money raised. She has donated a cheque for £305 to the school. Given Mrs Powdrill's love of music it seemed very fitting to use it to buy a new music programme for all the children in school. We know Mrs Powdrill would love to think she was having an impact on music in the years to come!

CLASS FOUR SPONSORED EVENT

Well done to class four for completing their sponsored event today! We are very grateful to parents and family members who have sponsored the children and would request that money is collected and sent into school by Friday 5th November. Class four will then discuss and agree on resources to support them in their learning!

AMAZON WISHLIST

In order to support the provision of resources for the children in school please do take a look at our Amazon Wishlist. This is a list of items that we would be very grateful to receive as donations which would improve our resources for the children to use. These resources are used directly by the children and have been worth hundreds of pounds that the school doesn't have. We appreciate them so much – and the children do too! So

please do visit <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1U1D0LF8HGBAL> if you can support us too. Thank you

UNWANTED CDS

Many of you will know that each week we play a CD in the entrance hall. This is to expose the children to a range of music as they walk around school and to bring a calm, welcoming atmosphere to the school reception area. As many people now use streaming services we would like to ask for any unwanted CDs as we could use them in school. We are looking for anything that you think would be suitable for the children and visitors of Hoylandswaine. Thank you

SCHOOL LOTTERY

As most of you know we have a school lottery. Over the last year this has raised over £600! Tickets cost £1 and the school will receive 40% of the ticket sales each month. This allows us to buy small gifts for the children for the children, party prizes and special treats for classes and a host of things not covered by the school budget. There will be a guaranteed weekly winner from our school and all tickets have a chance at winning a further £25,000 in a separate draw. Thank you to the many parents and staff members who support this lottery as a way of giving a little to the school each month. We really do need to get more parents (or friends and family!) signed up to help us to keep providing these things for the children. The more supporters we have and the more tickets we sell the more money we raise for the school and then the higher the weekly prize is. In order to sign up, please click on the link on the home page of our website or go to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hoylandswaine-primary-school> to sign up. Thank you for your support!

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Unfortunately due to a lack of interest Bruce Dyer is not able to run his morning football club. However, all the other clubs are running and we do have a small number of places available in most of the clubs if your child has decided that they would like to attend an activity. Payment for clubs should be made via Schoolmoney and to guarantee your child's place please make payments before Friday 29th October.

SCHOOL MEALS

Schools Catering Service - Barnsley MBC

Please find attached a copy of the School Meals menus from 1st November 2021 and the menu pattern.

INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS THIS WEEK

Extra-curricular club allocations

Class 1 & 2 trip

PAYMENTS REQUIRING YOUR ATTENTION

Class 5 trip by 29th October

Extra-curricular clubs by 29th October

Class 1 & 2 trip by 4th November

Class 4 Sponsored donations by 5th November

KS2 dinner money (if appropriate)

REPLIES REQUESTED FOR:

Class 5 trip by 29th October

Class 1 & 2 trip by 4th November

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER DATES

22nd October – break up for half term holiday

1st November – back to school

4th November – Class 5 trip

8th November – School Council Book sale from 2.45pm in hall

11th November – Class 1 & 2 trip

12th November – Individual Photo Day

15th November – Anti-Bullying Week

16th November – parents evening

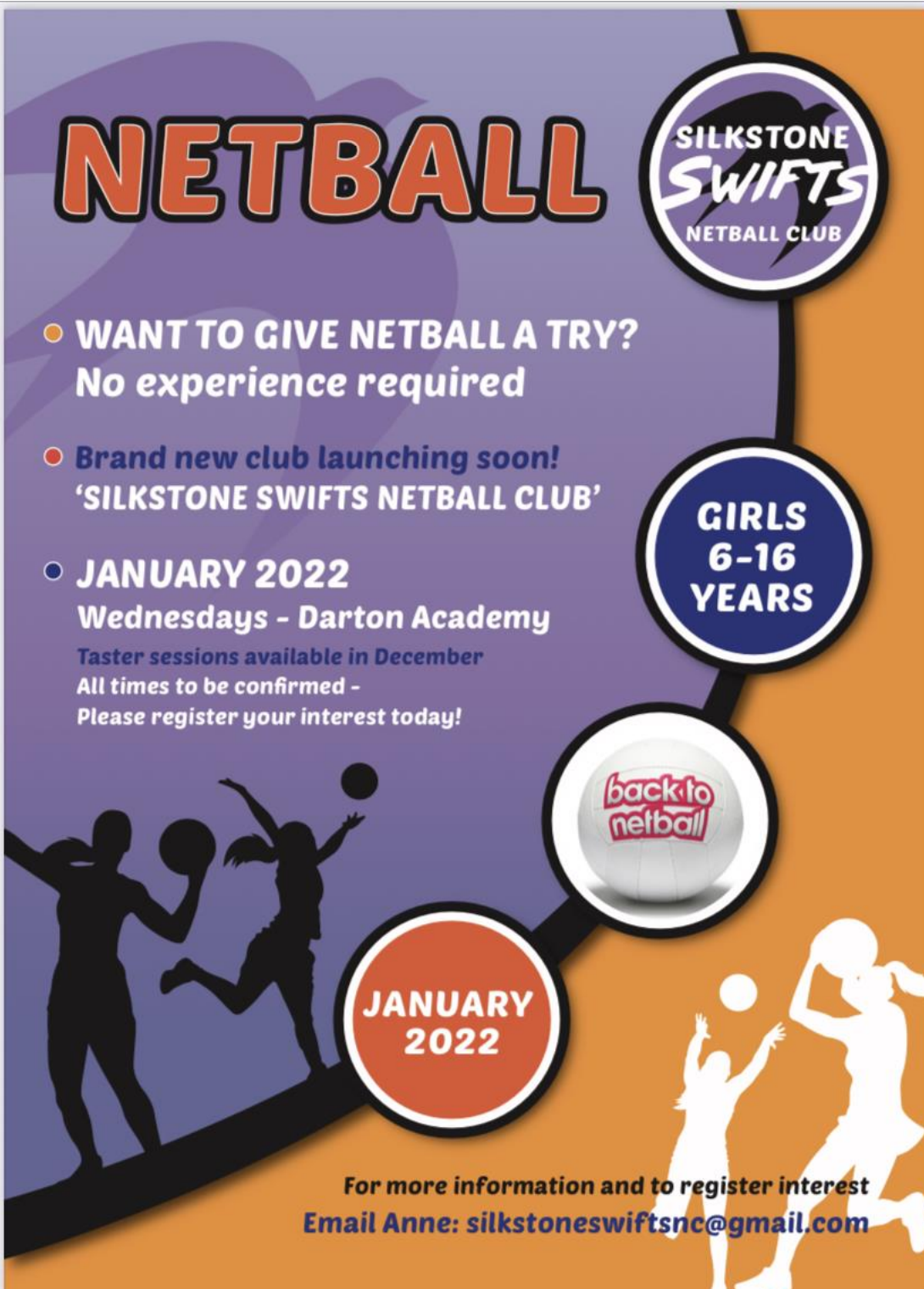
18th November – parents evening

19th November – Express Yourself Non-Uniform Day – wear anything you want that makes you feel happy!

23rd November – Class 5 sponsored event

24th November – HSA movie night
29th November – beginning of Book Fair Week

Have a lovely half term holiday



NETBALL

SILKSTONE SWIFTS NETBALL CLUB

- **WANT TO GIVE NETBALL A TRY?**
No experience required
- **Brand new club launching soon!**
'SILKSTONE SWIFTS NETBALL CLUB'
- **JANUARY 2022**
Wednesdays - Darton Academy
Taster sessions available in December
All times to be confirmed -
Please register your interest today!

GIRLS 6-16 YEARS

back to netball

JANUARY 2022

For more information and to register interest
Email Anne: silkstoneswiftsnc@gmail.com

The poster features a purple and orange background with a black silhouette of two netball players on the left and a white silhouette of two netball players on the right. A black line with white circles connects the club name, the girls' age group, the 'back to netball' logo, and the January 2022 session details.