

# Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Throughout the school year the children of Oaklands Junior School take part in a number of extra-curricular sporting events and competitions and I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some background on these activities.

## School Games

The information shown in italics below has been taken from the School Games website.

*“The School Games aims to provide every child with a positive experience in an environment where the young person’s motivation, competence and confidence are at the centre of the competition.*

*The School Games, which is funded by Sport England National Lottery funding and delivered by the Youth Sport Trust, is a government led programme designed to deliver competitive school sport to all young people.*

*A network of School Games Organisers (SGOs) and School Games County Alliances have worked alongside the Youth Sport Trust in delivering three distinct levels of competition since the Games’ inception in 2010 - ranging from intra - inter school activity, in addition to the National Finals, which is supported by National Governing Bodies”.*

As a school, Oaklands Junior School is part of **Wokingham School Games** and our Primary School Games Officer is Mrs G Lappin, a very lovely, enthusiastic lady who runs each event. Many of the extra-curricular sports festivals and tournaments that we participate in are part of the School Games. These include:

- Netball matches - come and try, no skills needed
- Netball matches - best skilled team
- Leadership Academy - Training for Sports Captains
- Leadership Academy - Multi-skills event for Year 3
- Sports Hall Athletics for Years 3 / 4
- Sports Hall Athletics for Years 5 / 6

- Boccia Festival
- New-Age Kurling Festival
- Team Gym competition
- Smash Badminton competition
- Inclusion Multi-skills Festival
- Tri-Golf
- All-Stars Cricket Skills
- Dynamo Cricket
- Touch Rugby/Tag-Rugby Festivals

These events are carefully designed to be inclusive and range from being primarily for top sports children already in teams outside of school, to being for children who may find sport difficult for varying reasons or who may like the opportunity to represent Oaklands Juniors in a more accessible inclusive sporting event, to gain more experience.

### **Games Mark Accreditation**

School Games also run a Games Mark accreditation system of bronze, silver, gold and platinum levels that schools can enter. We are proud that for the last two years, Oaklands has achieved gold.

### **Friendly Leagues**

Our school also takes part in the following friendly league events:

- Thames Valley Cross Country League (please refer to the Cross Country document which accompanies this letter)
- Wokingham Football League – Mixed
- Wokingham Football League – Girls
- Tag-Rugby cluster competitions
- Netball League

### **One-off Events**

From time to time, our children may also participate in the following one-off sporting events:

- District Sports
- Other one-off events

We are currently involved in all of these events. However, this may change as new events present themselves or opportunities change. As you can see from the list above, our children are given many opportunities to take part in a wide variety of sporting events which they and the staff, very much enjoy.

Kind regards,

Mrs Alexander  
PE Subject Lead