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SSCO Message - A fantastic second half term to finish 2019!

After a brilliant first half term, it was excellent to continue this into the second half of the autumn term, which is our longest term of the academic year.

Over 300 students visited Ridgeway to participate in a range of different competitions including: Table Tennis, Basketball, Rapid Fire Cricket and Dodgeball. My stand out moment from this half term was the Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Dodgeball competitions which saw 4 schools compete, and each school taking away a gold medal across the 4 competitions. All students gave maximal effort and contributed to a fair competition—it was excellent to see!

I have also regularly taught in the schools, being able to teach a huge number of students, getting to know them individually from our six primary schools. I look forward to this continuing into the Spring Term.

We again have an exciting programme of events for the term ahead centred around a range of different sports, which again focus on mass participation and giving students across the partnership new opportunities.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the School Sports Co-Ordinator at Ridgeway Academy and the opportunities available to your child, please do not hesitate in contacting me at the school on 01707 351350 ext 383 or via email to [**Regan.Carolan@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk**](mailto:Regan.Carolan@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk).

I do hope you enjoy reading this edition of Ridgeway Academy's Primary School Sports Partnership e-newsletter. Have a brilliant half term.

Mr R Carolan

School Sports Co-Ordinator—Ridgeway Academy



Level 1 Year 6 Basketball Competition **@ Ridgeway Academy**

A Students view!



On 26th November, Year 6 went to Ridgeway Academy to compete in a Basketball competition against other local schools such as Waterside, Panshanger and Springmead.

We were split into 3 teams and played very well. One of our teams reached the finals and finished 2nd overall out of 9 teams.

A week later, that team represented Ridgeway in the finals against other finalists from Welwyn Hatfield. They didn't progress but still really enjoyed playing in another competition.

Year 6 Student Paige
Watchlytes

School Sports Co-Ordinator Contact Time



Mr Carolan has worked with all of the year groups at Swallow Dell this Autumn term.

He has planned and delivered lessons alongside the class teacher. We have focussed on developing stamina in preparation for the off- site fun runs and worked on developing gross motor skills in KS1.

These lessons have allowed students to compete at competitions run at Ridgeway Academy, and feel confident to do so.

He has settled well into Swallow Dell life and the children now recognise him as a specialist PE teacher.

Ms C Stewart
Swallow Dell Primary School

Dodgeball Competitions @ Ridgeway Academy



This half term we have been lucky enough to have some of our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils attend a Dodgeball competition at Ridgeway Secondary School! We all had a great time competing against other schools in the Welwyn area and enjoyed working as a team.

We all tried our best at aiming at a moving target as well as having quick reaction times to try and be the first team to get a ball when the buzzer went! There were some very impressive dodging moves on the court as well as some fantastic sportsmanship!

Congratulations to Year 3 Panshanger and Year 4 Springmead who were the winners of their competition. Well done to Year 5 Commonswood and Year 6 Watchlytes who won their competitions.

A huge well done to everyone who took part!

Miss J Ray
Springmead School

Level 1 & 2 Year 6 Basketball Competition @ Ridgeway Academy

On Tuesday 19th November, Ridgeway Academy held an U11 Basketball Competition. All schools from the Ridgeway family where invited and there was a good turnout of schools.

All the school teams played fairly with excellent sportsmanship, showing great skill and teamwork. The Ridgeway sports leaders refereed the games which were incredibly quick; due to this it was not an easy job and they deserve huge respect for the fantastic job they did!

Commonswood and Watchlytes went through to the next round which took place on Tuesday 26th November at Ridgeway.

The District finals brought together all the winning teams across the Welwyn Hatfield School Sports Partnership. Consequently, it was a brilliant and highly skilled competition. Again, the Sports Leaders did a fantastic job refereeing the games. Our students thoroughly enjoyed competing and challenging themselves in a Level 2 event.

We look forward to the next Basketball event at Ridgeway.

Mr L Marshment
Commonswood School



Year 6 Dodgeball Competition @ Ridgeway Academy

On Tuesday 17th December, Years 5 and 6 were invited to a Dodgeball competition at Ridgeway Academy.

We played some games first, 3 rounds in every game and at the very end when the timer went the leaders counted how many people were still on the court and you were given that number of points. The two teams with the most points played each other in a final to see who came first and second.

It was very fun and very competitive. It is really hard when you are the last person in and have to dodge lots of balls! It was a new game for us, so it was really good learning new skills. Even though we didn't win, we still had so much fun. Thank you Mr Carolan.

Well done to Year 6 from Watchlytes and Year 5 from Commonswood who won the competitions.

Year 6 Students Annabelle and Corby
Panshanger Primary School



January and February 2020 Calendar

January 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6 INSET DAY	7 SPRING TERM COMMENCES	8	9	10
W/C 6 th THIS WEEK – Indoor Athletics 'competition window'				
13	14 Year 4 Indoor Athletics @ Ridgeway 1:15-3pm (RWA Schools Only)	15	16	17
20	21 Karate Festival @ Ridgeway ALL DAY (45 minute time slots) 30 x KS2 students per school) (Active Hertfordshire Karate)	22	23 Year 5 Indoor Athletics @ Ridgeway 9 - 1045am (RWA Schools Only)	24
27	28 Year 6 Indoor Athletics @ Ridgeway 1:15-3pm (Level 1)	29	30 Cricket CPD @ Ridgeway 130 - 330pm (Hertfordshire Cricket)	31
W/C 27 th THIS WEEK – Speed Stacking practice sessions in schools (agreed with individual schools)				

February 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7 Dance Festival @ Ridgeway 130-3pm (30 Year 5&6 students per school) (Warrior Dance Academy)
W/C 3 rd THIS WEEK – Speed Stacking practice sessions in schools (agreed with individual schools)				
10	11 U11 Indoor Athletics Finals (qualified from previous event) 1:15-3pm @ Ridgeway (Level 2)	12 Gifted and Talented 6 Nations Rugby @ Welwyn Rugby Club 1:15-3pm. Team of 10 students for the Ridgeway partnership (Yr 5&6)	13 INSET DAY (Ridgeway Academy CLOSED)	14 INSET DAY (Ridgeway Academy CLOSED)
W/C 10 th THIS WEEK – Speed Stacking practice sessions in schools (agreed with individual schools)				
17 HALF TERM	18 HALF TERM	19 HALF TERM	20 HALF TERM	21 HALF TERM
24	25 Dance Festival Practice @ Ridgeway (Sports Hall&Dance Studios) 1:30-3pm	26	27	28

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Ridgeway Academy's School Sports Partnership:



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