

# 'DELIVERING THE DREAM'

Dacorum School Sports Network Newsletter

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In this newsletter you can read in more detail the work that DSSN Member Schools have been doing this term. You will also find enclosed details of our School Games Competitions and some information from our sponsors.

We would like to wish those leaving us good luck in their new roles, and welcome on board new staff and schools to the network. We look forward to working with you all next term with lots more exciting opportunities available to all 'DSSN' Schools.

Happy Christmas  
and a Happy New  
Year to you all.

Clare & Lilli



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## SANTA DASH 2020

On Friday 11th December 2020 several schools across Dacorum took part in the School Games Santa Dash— Just for FUN! -

Well done to everyone for taking the time to organise this, and to bring a smile to so many faces.



YEAR GROUP	TIME
YEAR 4	9.30
YEAR 3	10am
YEAR 2	10.30am
YEAR 1	11.15
RECEPTION	11.45
YEAR 6	1.30pm
YEAR 5	2pm

## Autumn Term Events

### Target Games

This year DSSN created a virtual version of our Target Games competition, this was for both year 1 and 2 pupils. Schools used the pack to create a mini festival within their school. Students took part in a range of target game activities such as ...

- o Boccia
- o Bowls
- o Archery
- o Tri Golf
- o Curling
- o Target Football
- o Skittles
- o Quoit throwing

All students were trying to score as many points for their class as possible. All schools sent their results through to DSSN where scores were collated to find an overall Dacorum winner for both Years 1 and 2. It was wonderful for DSSN to be able to get into some schools to help deliver on this event! Well done to all schools who took part, especially Holtsmere End Infants Yrs 1 and 2 who won

their year group.

### Bronze Ambassadors and Health Leaders

DSSN held its Ambassadors training for local primary's virtually this year. Whilst it was a change from the norm, it was great to be able to still deliver the training and see many schools engaged and taking part.

Throughout the session all leaders gained a clear understanding of their new roles and responsibilities within school. Students took part in small practical activities, what makes a good leader relay, frog yoga, star jump challenge and more. At the end of the session leaders were set their new tasks to complete within school before the end of term.

We hope all Ambassadors enjoyed the training and have been able to fulfil their new roles within school. DSSN look forward to hearing how it is going and all the great things that are being achieved.

Over the last few weeks South Hill have taken part in many Sport challenges such as golf, football and mini olympics - indoors and outdoors. Everyone that took part tried their hardest and did so well! They all should be very proud of themselves. A big success was how year 4 accurately played their golf. They put everything into the game. Well done team South Hill!

-By Felicity Aboma  
Sports Ambassador

Target Games	1	Holtsmere End Infants
	2	Holtsmere End Infants

### Olympics

This term DSSN created a virtual Olympics pack for KS1 and KS2, within the pack there were Olympic flag templates for children to complete and use in their own opening ceremony, there was also an explanation of all activities. Students competed in their classes to score as many points at each activity. Activities included

- o Athletics
- o Boccia
- o Long jump
- o Tap up tennis
- o Target Hockey
- o Basketball Dribble

Lots of schools took part and even had competitions within their schools. Once all activities were completed DSSN collated all scores to find an overall Dacorum winner for each year group. Well done to all the winning schools and all those who took part!

Mini Olympics	Year 1	Galley Hill Crystal
	Year 2	George Street
	Year 3	Gade Valley
	Year 4	Gade Valley
	Year 5	Gade Valley



## Autumn Term Competitions

### Virtual Football Skills League

Children for year 5 & 6 took part in 5 different football skill-based activities each week;

- Keep ups
- Dribbling
- Shooting
- Passing
- Target Football



Children completed the skills in a team of 7. In 4 categories – Year 5 Girls, Year 5 Boys, Year 6 Girls, Year 6 Boys. Results were then collated and an Autumn Term winner was announced and medals given.

Thank you to Brockwood, Bridgewater, Bishop Wood, Galley Hill, Greenway, Thomas Coram, South Hill and Yewtree for submitting results this term—230 year 5 pupils and 163 year 6 pupils took part. Well done to everyone that took part and to this term's winners.

Football Skills	5 Girls	Greenway A
	5 Boys	Bishop Wood 5 DR
	6 Girls	Bridgewater
	6 Boys	Bridgewater – on goal difference



### Virtual Netball Skills League

DSSN put together a year 5 & 6 girls netball skills virtual inter school competition. Children will take part in 5 different netball skill-based activities each week;

- Wall chest pass
- Shooting
- Footwork (figure of 8)
- Passing
- Squat Jumps

Children completed the skills as a team of 7. In 2 categories – Year 5 Girls, Year 6



Girls. Bridgewater, South Hill, Thomas Coram, Hobbs Hill Wood and Yewtree all submitted results and the winners were awarded with medals. Well done to all 153 girls that took

part, and to your staff for making it happen.



Netball Skills	5	Thomas Coram
	6	Hobbs Hill Wood

### Tri Golf

Children took part in 8 different Tri Golf stations/activities, and were timed for 6 minutes—They needed to score as many points as they could in their team of 8 across all 8 stations

### Building Bridges

- Bullseye
- Dominoes
- Finders Keepers
- Splashdown
- Snooker
- Penalty Shootout
- The Putting Green



### Tri Golf

3	South Hill and Micklem B
4	South Hill

Thank you to the 528 pupils across year 3 & 4 from Tudor, The Reddings, St Albert the Great, South Hill, Micklem, Lime Walk, Galley Hill, Gade Valley, Thomas Coram, & Maple Grove for taking part and well done to the winners listed above.



## Autumn Term Competitions

### Results

Cross Country		Boys	Girls
	1	Micklem A	Gade Valley A
	2	Bridge-water A	Bridgewater A
	3	George Street A	Bridgewater A
	4	Kings Langley A	Kings Langley A
	5	St Alberts A	Thomas Coram A
	6	South Hill B	St Alberts A



Across all year groups 3275 pupils took part in cross country this term—Well done

### Cross country

We took part in cross country on Thursday 5th of November. 30 of us took part and had lots of fun. Year 3 had to run 800m, year 4 had to run 1200m, year 5 had to run 1600m and year 6 had to run 2000m.

I would have liked to have had the usual event at Ashlyn's school, but we still had a lot of fun running around our

own field! Everyone made their best effort and cheered on the other runners.



# CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Reported by St Paul' Sports Committee

**On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, all the children from St Pauls took part in a virtual cross country event on the common in Chipperfield.**

It all started with Year 6, who also set everything up for the day. They ran 2000m through the muddy woods and around the common and everyone worked hard. They supported each other very well too. Olly, a blond boy in year 6, said, "I was very proud of myself!"

Throughout the rest of the day, Year 6 leaders- including the Sports Committee, School Ambassadors and House Captains, took on a number of roles. Some were marshalls and had to stand at points along the route to give encouragement. Others were the hare and the tortoise- who had to work very hard throughout the day. Also, some were timekeepers- this was a real challenge!

All year groups worked hard at their races- running in boy and girl groups and Year 2 did particularly well motivating each other. Julian, a tall, dark-haired boy in Year 6, said it was a great event as it encouraged others to cheer each other on. Sophie and Olly, the Bronze Ambassadors, gave out stickers to celebrate the Spirit of the Game Values of self-belief, respect, determination, teamwork and honesty.

In an assembly, the following week, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners received certificates for their excellent running. We are very hopeful that we have done well as a school and hope to compare well to other schools in Dacorum. Sophie, 10 years old, said, "Come on, St Pauls (but it's the taking part that really matters!)"





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## Hertfordshire Virtual School Games



All School Games activities took place virtually throughout the Autumn Term commencing 27th November. Well done to all schools for taking part and submitting your results—



Event	Year Group	Winner	Pro-gressed to County Final	Place in County
Archery	Year 3	Bridgewater	X	
	Year 4	Bridgewater	X	
	Year 5	Bridgewater	✓	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Year 6	Bridgewater	✓	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Speed Stacking	Year 3	Bridgewater	x	
	Year 4	Bridgewater	✓	12 <sup>th</sup> Place
Football Skills	Year 3	St Albert the Great		
	Year 4	St Albert the Great		
	Year 5	St Albert the Great		
	Year 6	Bridgewater	✓	

This terms activities included Archery for Years 5 & 6 in which 216 pupils from Bridgewater, Potten End, Tudor and Yewtree entered—Well done to Bridgewater who won the Daorum round and went onto win the County finals too.—Football Skills for Year 5& 6 with both StAlberts and Bridgewater taking part. Lastly for Primary schools we had the Speed Stacking competition—Dacorum had entries from St Alberts, Bridgewater, Yewtree and Galley Hill—149 pupils showing off their stacking skills. We unfortunately did not get any entries for the Primary or Secondary Bocchia, the Secondary Fitness or the Secondary Football. Lets hope the spring term events bring us more participation and success



## Dacorum School Sports Network Spring Term Calendar

### DSSN Events

KS1  
Sportshall Athletics  
Gymnastics  
Skipping

KS2  
Gymnastics  
Skipping

Active Challenges and Class challenges throughout

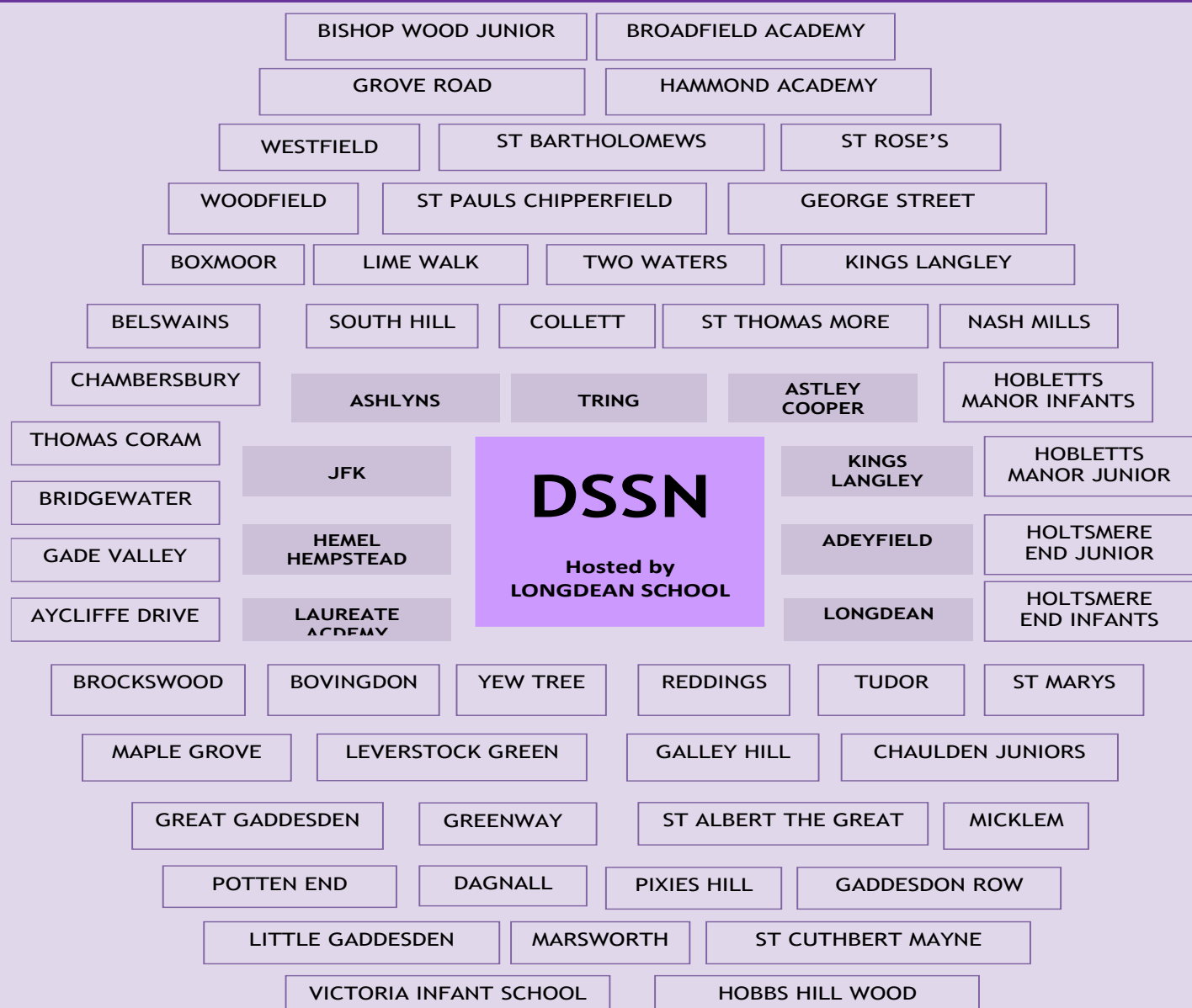


### School Games Events

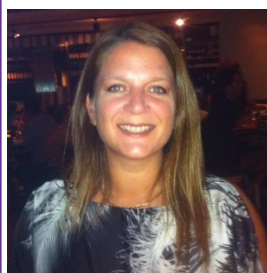
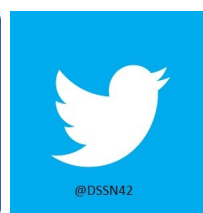
Year 4/5 Basketball  
KS2 Sportshall Athletics  
Year 5/6 Hockey  
Year 3/4 Rapid Fire



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