



Welcome back

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Croft families a very happy new year. We are looking forward to another busy half term, with some fantastic sporting events coming up. I am delighted to announce that Croft is still in first position in both the participation and medals tables, for the Ashfield District. We have had more children than ever before taking part in sports both in and outside of school, which is great to see. Each class has now had their first PE lesson of the half term and the Class Championship is well underway. We are looking forward to seeing who wins it this half term. Please can I remind you that the children need to bring their PE kit to school on a Monday and take it home again on a Friday. It is important that they come with the correct clothing and footwear in order to access their PE lesson fully. A polite reminder also that we are still missing kit. If you have any of the blue or white tops, given to the children to wear at sporting events, please return them to school as soon as possible. It should be another great half term for sport. Go Team Croft!
 If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Miss Thompson.

Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics



On the 6th December, 27 children from years 5 & 6, took part in the Indoor Athletics District Final, after finishing first in the qualifying rounds. The children competed in six different field events including javelin, speed bounce, chest push, vertical jump, long jump and triple jump. Each child gave 100% effort and achieved some great individual results in their events. It was then time for the track events with the children taking part in a series of different relays. As

always, the passion from the children was clear to see. Croft finished second overall, narrowly missing out on first place. Well done to everyone who took part, an excellent result!

Year 3 & 4 Indoor Athletics



After finishing first in the qualifying round, our year 3 & 4 Indoor Athletics team travelled to Holgate Academy for the District Final. The children were dominant from the start, winning many of their field events with some great personal records. The team were in a strong position going into the races. The determination was clear to see on the children's faces and there were some excellent baton change-overs. I am proud to announce that the children finished in first

place overall, making Croft the District Champions This is the first time Croft have become District Champions in this event. Congratulations to all the children who took part.

Change 4 Life After School Club



At Croft, we are constantly trying to promote healthy life styles and increase participation in sport. It is also important to build children's confidence when engaging in sport. Last half term, a group of children from across Key Stage 2, attended a Change 4Life Club, run by Miss Thompson. The children enjoyed playing a range of different sports including Boccia, New Age Curling and Dodgeball. The children had lots of fun over the four weeks and enjoyed themselves. Well done to all!

An Enjoyable Afternoon at West Notts College



Last half term, we were invited to take 16 children to West Notts College, to take part in a series of sporting competitions. The event was organised and run by the level 3 BTECH student. It was a fantastic afternoon and the children got to use new equipment they hadn't experienced before. The children competed against two other schools in Dodgeball, Handball and a series of relay races. Every single child had a smile on their face and were asking when they could return to do it all over again. We are delighted to have made a new partnership with West Notts College and I'm sure we will be returning in the near future.

Cancer Research

As you are all aware, at the end of last academic year, some of our year 6 children organised a Race for Life to raise money for Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone who has sent sponsorship money into school over the last half term. This is a cause close to our hearts and I am delighted to announce that we raised £415 in total. Thank you for your continued support.

Young Ambassadors



Each year at Croft, we invest time in the Young Ambassadors programme. This is a programme run for year 5 and 6 pupils, designed to promote leadership and organisation within sport.

At the beginning of the term, a group of children went to Sutton Academy to learn about the programme and how they could implement this in school. We have a fabulous group of responsible and reliable Young Ambassadors who work on their own initiative. Last half term they ran many level 1, interschool competitions, for each year group in school. The events were well organised and promoted throughout school. This was clear to see by the sheer number of children who wanted to take part.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our young ambassadors, your hard work and commitment is both appreciated and recognised.

Mini Tennis



Another of our mini tennis teams travelled to Holgate Academy to take part in another round of competitions. This was the first time some of the children had played a competitive game of tennis and they all did themselves proud. They became more confident as the games developed with some very good shots played. The children displayed all of the School Games Values throughout the competition and emerged victorious at the end of the night. Great job everyone!

New Age Curling and Boccia lunchtime clubs



Every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime Mrs Nicholson runs a Boccia and New Age Curling club. The money raised through 'Sports for Champions' last year, has enabled us to buy new equipment, including the New Age Curling set. The children

have all loved using the new equipment and have been introduced to a different sport. A huge thank you to Mrs Nicholson for running the clubs each week and making it such fun for the children.

