Mullion Primary Sports Cluster Autumn Term 2019

My role as Primary Sports Coordinator has enabled me to work with all nine Primary Schools in the Mullion cluster. These are Cury, Coverack, Garras, Grade Ruan, Landewednack, Manaccan, Mullion, Sithney and St Keverne. My role is to organise competitions and festivals as well as visit schools to work with the children in their care. This term the focus in schools was on leadership and I managed to visit the majority of the schools. I loved visiting every school and was made to feel extremely welcome. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our primary pupils and I have been impressed with how well they have worked as leaders. These children are now ready to lead activities for the children in their schools, hopefully playtimes will be a lot more entertaining for all.

Over the past term our Primary schools have been invited to take part in a KS1 Multi Skills event, a KS2 swimming gala and a KS2 Gymnastics competition. I organise the events but I couldn't manage them without the help of Mullion School Sports leaders. They have been a fantastic help and many of the Primaries have commented on how great they have been. Back in September we welcomed pupils from Cury, Garras, Grade Ruan, Landewednack, Manaccan, Mullion, Sithney and St Keverne to our Multi Skills event. Our KS1 event was open to our youngest children from Reception, Year 1 and 2. With the help of Year 10 Sports leaders, the children enjoyed a variety of activities that helped to develop their agility, balance and coordination. The leaders were brilliant and really helped ensure the games ran smoothly. For many it was their first experience of leadership but we had many positive comments from the schools about how well they did. All children took home a certificate of participation and all had big smiles on their faces. Manaccan school also took the opportunity to visit Penryn college to take part in a Multi Skills festival with other schools from across the Falmouth/Helston area. The children were a credit to their school and all enjoyed their morning out of the classroom.

Unfortunately the weather had an impact on events in October. We join together with schools in the Helston Cluster to run a Cross Country league. Many children from our schools regularly run in races at Helston Community College, Porthleven Primary and here at Mullion School. Out of the schools in our area Landewednack and Mullion lead the way in terms of results and participation. Let's hope the weather improves for races to be held at the beginning of 2020!

Our next competitive event was the KS2 Swimming gala, which took place at Helston Swimming pool on November 20th. Cury, Coverack, Garras, Landewednack, Manaccan, Mullion, Sithney and St Keverne all attended. Again I was joined by a team of Mullion School Sports leaders from Year 10 who helped to look after each school and collate results. Competition was fierce and in the end only 5 points split first and second place. This year the trophy went to Mullion, closely followed by Landewednack in second place and Manaccan in third place. Teams from these three schools will go on to represent the cluster at the Peninsula Swimming gala in January.

Gymnastics took centre stage in December and we welcomed Garras, Grade Ruan, Landewednack, Mullion, Sithney and St Keverne to Mullion gymnastics Centre. With the help of Vicky Lea and our Year 8 and 9 Sports leaders, 42 children competed on the vault and the floor. Mullion once again reigned supreme in the Club and Non Club competitions, showing great skill and gymnastic ability. A special mention to Grade Ruan and St Keverne for finishing as runners up in the Club competition whilst Sithney finished second and Landewednack and Grade Ruan came joint third in the Non Club competition.

It's been a busy term but I have enjoyed my work immensely. I have loved visiting the schools and keeping in contact with a dedicated team of Secretaries and PE coordinators, all of whom do an amazing job.

PE, School Sport and Physical activity is vitally important for pupil wellbeing and academic achievement, an extremely important part of the curriculum which shouldn't get overlooked. Thank you to every school that has taken part in the events this term and welcomed me in to your school, I look forward to working with you all in 2020!

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