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## PE Report – Northburn 2021-22

This year at Northburn we have continued to adapt to ongoing changes in restrictions, and thanks to the support of school staff and external coaches, we have still been able to offer pupils a range of experiences and opportunities to encourage them to be active. As the year progressed and restrictions have eased, we have been able to reintroduce the many sporting opportunities that we have offered in previous years.

During the Autumn Term, we held a year 3 Hoopstarz Festival. The sessions were school-based but used a live internet feed to allow a virtual competition with other local schools. Tracey from KidzRFit visited Northburn to deliver a fun and active hula-hooping session to the year 3 classes. They learned hooping skills and tricks such as criss-cross, slinky and munchkin, as well as trying to use the hoop on different parts of the body, and as a skipping rope and lightsaber! All year 3 pupils were involved in the competition and enjoyed a chance to compete with other schools again. As an outdoor sport, football has continued to be played throughout the year. Our year 5/6 football team has played a number of fixtures against local schools and has competed amazingly, showing great resilience and ambition during a tough season.

During the Spring Term, our year 5 classes worked with Skip4Fit as part of our new skipping project. Both classes enjoyed a skipping workshop, where they were shown individual, pair and group skipping skills which they could practise and then record their progress over the term on a “Personal Challenge” sheet. Every year 5 child received their own skipping rope, so skipping could take place in PE, in the playground, and at home.

In March, every girl from Northburn joined 90,000 girls from across England in the FA and Barclays’ inaugural Biggest Ever Football Session as part of their *Let Girls Play* campaign. Through their “Wildcats on Tour” roadshow, coaches from Cramlington United visited Northburn and worked with girls from Year 1 up to Year 6. Twenty girls from year 5 and year

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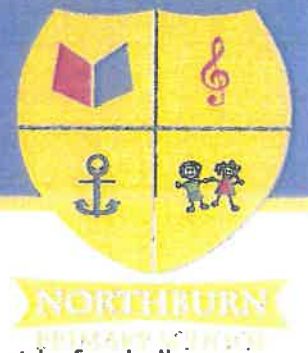
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6 went on to represent Northburn at the Cramlington Sports Partnership girls football tournament in June. Our girls had a fantastic tournament and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place from eight teams. Many of the girls have since signed for local girls football teams and are thoroughly enjoying taking part in the sport.

In June, there are many sporting events happening in school. We have teams competing in the Cramlington Sports Partnership Quadkids athletics tournament. Our year 4 team competed in early June and amazingly won the competition. They will now compete in a county competition at Alwick in July. Our Year 5/6 team will compete in a Quadkids and a cricket competition in late June and we wish them the best of luck. Key Stage 1 will be holding a multi skills intra school tournament hosted by Cramlington Sports Partnership, and supported by our own year 5 sports leaders. Pupils will compete in a series of tasks that test agility, co-ordination and balance in a fun and friendly environment.

During the year, we have continued to offer a variety of extra-curricular activities including basketball, football, gymnastics, dodgeball, tennis, multi-skills and summer sports. Since September, all pupils across the school have been offered the opportunity to take part in two, free of charge, after school clubs. Some of our younger pupils have had the opportunity to work with local community partners during their PE lessons - Next Generation NE, Little movers, Northumberland Cricket Board and Yogabugs have worked with pupils in Reception and key stage 1 to help children catch up on basic fundamental movement skills that had fallen behind during Covid lockdown restrictions. In July, we will finally 'get back to normal' and hold our end of year sports day events for all pupils at Northburn. Happily, parents will once again be invited to watch their children enjoying participating in healthy, fun competition.

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PE Leader

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