

A range of clubs available in year 3

Football

In football club with Mr Sullivan we train before any matches. The training is usually in small groups where we need to space out and practice our ball skills. We need to try to stop the ball with the inside part of our feet so that it doesn't roll behind us. When it comes to playing in matches, there are usually four teams who play against each other. Mr Sullivan will be deciding which children can join the school team and they will get to play off site matches!



Badminton



Badminton club is run in the hall by Mrs Mahoney. She is one of the ladies who usually works in the office. We need to change into our PE kit because you do get really hot. When we first begun the club we had to learn how to hold the racquet and the shuttlecock and learn how to serve aiming to get the shuttlecock over the net. I thought I was quite good at serving so I started to practise throwing the shuttlecock up in the air before hitting it with the racquet.

After several weeks of learning the skills, we now play in matches using a large net which is raised off the ground. Before we do this, we have to warm up our arms and stretch. I would love to do this club again next year and would recommend for you to try it!

Coding with ICT

Every Friday lunchtime, Mrs Tompkins runs an ICT club. She found a great coding website <https://code.org/> which has different levels that you can explore. You need to try to move different characters to get things. One of the levels is called the collector where you need to collect gems as you are moving the character around. There is even an angry bird level where you need to try to stop him crashing into the walls or being blown up. You need to try to get him to the green pig in order to get to the next level. This has been my favourite club this year because I don't really use technology that much at home (other than my x-box!) and a couple of my friends also come to this club with me. I would also do this club again if it was run next year.



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Netball

Netball is an early morning club so on a Monday I need to make sure that I am up really early! Mrs Kemp meets us in her classroom where we get changed into our PE kits. Once everyone is ready we go to the playground where we complete some practise drills which includes throwing the ball to



each other and warming up our fingers and feet. After this, we usually run around the playground to warm up our bodies and we finally do a match. I played wing attack three times and I've also tried to play wing defence. I like playing in wing attack as I like to catch the ball and pass it to other team mates but I don't like it as much when I have to try to get the ball off the other team.

Board games

This club is run at a lunchtime by Mrs Sanderson who is also my teacher! This is a great time to just chill with your friends and play some board games. Some of the games I had already played like 'don't panic'. I've recently learned how to stack cards into castles and I've also learned how to play a new castle game which is a game to play in 2 teams. The pieces in this game have pictures on the back of them but the other team is not allowed to see what these pictures are. The aim of the game is to capture pieces from the other team.



Swimming



There are around 24 children in years 3 and 4 who come swimming with Mrs Garner and Mrs Dillon on a Wednesday . I have been going to Wolverton swimming pool for lessons all year and I think I have improved. We have to get there on a coach and sometimes these are luxury coaches but other times they are just regular coaches. I didn't used to be able to swim at all but now I can swim around 2 lengths of the pool. I have learned how to use backstroke and also to curl up in a ball

when still in the water. I can also do a starfish under the water. I am confident to go in the deep end now but some children who are not as confident still stay in the shallow end.

A range of clubs available in year 5

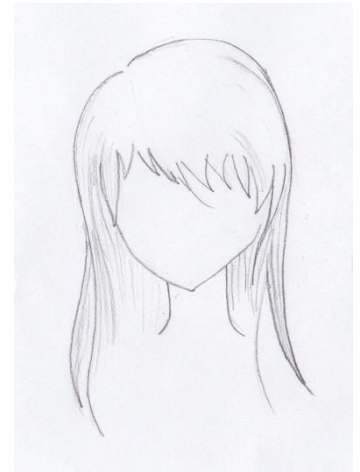
German



Mr Hodgson runs a German club at lunchtime on a Thursday. I joined this club because next year when I am in year 6 I am going to be going to Germany and I also love learning new languages. One of the most useful things we have learned is how to order an ice-cream in German and we have been told that we get to do this for real when we go to Germany in September. I will be ordering a lemon one which is zitronneeis. We do lots of fun and useful activities such as naming breakfast foods and learning numbers and greetings. If you love learning languages and want to go to Germany yourself when you are in year 6 then this is a really good opportunity.

Manga Drawing

Manga is a Japanese cartoon style of drawing and this club is run by Mrs Carter. When the club started, we got given our own books that we can draw in each week and we have learned how to draw clothes, faces and bodies. I really like going to this club because in art you can do different types of drawing and in this club you can explore with a new type of drawing that you wouldn't usually do in a normal lesson. This club would be good for anyone who likes to draw and learn about new styles.



Athletics



I love that you can try new sports in the clubs on offer. Mrs Vaike runs this club and we all know she loves sports too. The sessions are really fun because we have tried a range of throwing, running and jumping. I think I was really good at the throwing because I was picked to do this as part of the athletics team. I don't think I am as good at jumping because when I tried to do the triple jump I kept falling over! You don't have to be good at sports to come to this club because it's fun for anyone and there is always something you are good at.

A range of clubs available in year 6

Comic club

Mr Woodham runs comic club and it is a place where you can read comics, bring in comics from home to share, create a superhero character or even a whole comic strip. We got to discuss what we thought the club was going to be about and I was right. It was very enjoyable. Leo and I created our own comic character called Karate Kai and Mr Woodham said that if we produced enough comics we may have been able to sell them but we didn't manage this. I would recommend this club to anyone who enjoys reading or who want to get into drawing superhero characters.



Kwik Cricket



Mr George runs this club on a Tuesday after school. We used a new cricket set and Mr George was the umpire. There were some children who hadn't played cricket before that needed to learn the rules but I had played before so I knew what I was doing. Mr George was very helpful with the scoring and we all go a fair turn batting, bowling and fielding. This club is a good opportunity for children who haven't really got into a sport yet and want to find something new. It is really fun!

Life skills you need to know before secondary school

This club is a morning club run by Mrs Gates and Mrs Hobbs. In skills club, we learned about bus timetables, conversation starters, how to use times tables, tie tying and much more. We even practised yoga! Tie tying was great fun because it was a challenge. Recently, we played games in the hall with the children in breakfast club. Skills club is a really fun club and I think everyone who went enjoyed it. We did lots of activities which help us feel prepared for when we move up to our secondary schools in September.



Children's University



Year 6 were given the chance to sign up for children's university at the start of the year. This year there were 50 spaces available and even more than this wanted to join! You choose 3 modules (topics) out of art, computing, science, food, finance and business or modern foreign languages.

I chose science for my first module. These sessions included seeing if you can explode a jelly baby and we performed a lambs heart dissection! There were some people who didn't want to do this but I did. The second module I attended was food where we baked things such as cupcakes, vanilla cookies and put together a layered dessert for the final lesson. We got to take our creations home and eat them. The final module I did was finance and business where we learned about things such as identity fraud, budgeting, advertising our own tropical fruit drink called 'on point' and at the end we had to make up a product to sell at a barbeque and consider how to price it. My favourite of the modules was food as all the dishes were very tasty.

At the very end of the year, there is a ceremony where all of the participants get awarded a certificate. All of the year 6 teachers will be there to celebrate with us. I would recommend all year 6s to try to get on the program next year as there are 6 modules so there is something for everyone. It would be especially useful for anyone who thinks they are going to Denbigh as it means you get to find your way around the school and meet the teachers.