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ASA SPORTS LEAGUES - WEEK 1 REVIEW

By Paul Major, Head of PE

What a fantastic start we've had to our ASA Sports Leagues this year! To make things even more exciting, we've revamped the leagues by introducing **team names, logos, slogans, and descriptions** - adding an extra layer of identity and pride for our students. And after Week 1, it's safe to say the competition is already off to a thrilling start!



KS1 FOOTBALL LEAGUE

A blistering start for the **Iron Eagles**, **Rhinos Raiders**, and **Riptide Sharks**, who all picked up maximum points with two wins each. The **Crimson Cheetahs** will be hungry for revenge next week as they look to get their first points on the board.



Captain:

Chloe Gu

Players:

Kian Akinci, Minato Akiyama, Malik Gur, Radu Mata

Bio:

The **Crimson Cheetahs** are a fast, energetic Year 1 & 2 football team who bring teamwork, skill, and enthusiasm to every match. Led by Chloe, the team's players—Kian, Minato, Malik, and Radu—show determination, clever tactics, and a love for the game, making them a formidable force on the field.

Tagline:

"Fast, fierce, and always chasing the win!"



Captain:

Aaron Dai

Players:

Jordan Cho, Tamay Gumusel, Eunwoo Jung, Alexei Zaitsev

Bio:

The **Rhino Raiders** charge onto the pitch with strength, strategy, and unstoppable energy. Led by captain Aaron, this team combines power and teamwork to dominate every match. Jordan, Tamay, Eunwoo, and Alexei bring skill, determination, and a fearless attitude, making the Rhino Raiders a tough team to beat.

Tagline:

"Strong, swift, and ready to raid!"



Captain:

Alexander Chung

Players:

Mahir Gur, Iris Hou, Ryan Li, Shashank Sharma

Bio:

The **Iron Eagles** soar across the field with precision, speed, and teamwork. Under the leadership of captain Alexander, this team blends skill, strategy, and determination. Mahir, Iris, Ryan, and Shashank bring agility, clever plays, and unstoppable energy, making the Iron Eagles a force that always aims high.

Tagline:

"Flying high, striking hard!"



Captain:

Jack Prabhu

Players:

Micah Gan, Sunwoo Kim, Ayaan Yashas, Bailey Zhang

Bio:

The **Riptide Sharks** slice through the field with speed, skill, and teamwork. Led by captain Jack, this team combines agility and clever tactics to stay ahead of the competition. Micah, Sunwoo, Ayaan, and Bailey bring determination, energy, and sharp instincts, making the Riptide Sharks a force to be reckoned with.

Tagline:

"Riding the waves, striking with speed!"





BSB BULLDOG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Four powerhouse teams kicked off the season in style, with players showcasing their skills for **Manchester United, Bayern Munich, Barcelona, and Real Madrid**. It's **Bayern Munich** who lead the way after Week 1, with **Cyprian Sasin** topping both the league table and the goal-scoring charts.



Captain: Erwin Sasin
Players: Alfie Bobyn, Stanley Farbenbloom, Jack Blewitt, Damien Ngan, Lenna McCarthy

Bio: Barcelona brings grit, determination, and relentless drive to the BSB Champions League. Captain Erwin Sasin leads a team that never backs down and battles for every ball. Alfie pushes forward with relentless energy, Stanley reads the game with sharp focus, Jack fights tirelessly in attack and defense, Damien showcases tenacity and speed, and Lenna inspires the squad with determination and commitment. Together, they aim to dominate through hard work and unwavering spirit.
Tagline: "Fast, fearless, and unstoppable."



Captain: Alma McAfferty
Players: Adel Lasloom, Haedam Shin, Liam Bendahma, Alan Liu, Toby Wang

Bio: Competing in the BSB Champions League, Real Madrid is led by the inspiring captain Alma McAfferty. Adel brings creativity, Haedam controls the game with precision, Liam dazzles with speed, Alan provides reliable consistency, and Toby adds skillful flair. Together, they aim to play with teamwork, passion, and confidence, thrilling fans and pushing for the ultimate glory this season.
Tagline: "Playing with heart, aiming for victory."



Captain: Ethan Cheung
Players: Jacob Hah, Jordan Guevara, Nathan Chui, Enno Xu, NJ Hlatshwayo

Bio: Manchester United enters the BSB Champions League with creativity and elegance. Led by captain Ethan Cheung, the team combines artistry with precise execution. Jacob directs the attack with vision, Jordan glides forward with finesse, Nathan organizes the defense with composure, Enno orchestrates tactical movements, and NJ adds flair and agility that keeps opponents guessing. Together, they aim to play with style and intelligence, delighting fans and controlling the pitch.
Tagline: "Driven by teamwork, destined for victory."



Captain: Miral Almutairi
Players: Yudam Shin, Kareem Mjata, Samuel Yang, Cyprian Sasin, Kevin Tabacchi

Bio: Bayern Munich brings power, pace, and teamwork to the BSB Champions League. Miral Almutairi leads a squad focused on high-intensity play, relentless pressing, and fast transitions. Yudam weaves through defenses with skill, Kareem dominates physically, Samuel sprints with lightning pace, Cyprian orchestrates attacks with creativity, and Kevin provides consistent, dependable play in every zone. They are built to overwhelm opponents with energy.
Tagline: "Speed, skill, and unstoppable teamwork."



YEAR 3 AND 4 HANDBALL LEAGUE

The **Turbo Toads** set the pace early, led brilliantly by captain **Savanah**. They share top spot with **Alex's Bowser Blasters**, thanks to a blistering debut from **Daniel J**, who netted five goals. The **Mario Masters** and **Yoshi Yo-Yos** will be determined to climb off the bottom next week and kick-start their season.



Captain: Yoshi

Players: Johannes, Daniel, Thomas, Abdulaziz, Mohammed

Bio: The Yoshi Yo-Yos are a lively and dynamic handball team led by the enthusiastic captain Yoshi. Johannes provides speed and agility, Daniel brings strength and precision, Thomas adds clever tactics and sharp decision-making, Abdulaziz drives forward with energy, and Mohammed showcases skillful play that keeps opponents on their toes. Together, they aim to play with teamwork, creativity, and excitement, making every match a thrilling challenge.

Tagline: "Fast, fearless, and full of flair."



Captain: Lindsey

Players: Luis, Sam, Fiona, Ignas, Jeremy

Bio: The Mario Masters combine boldness and versatility, leading with a classic all-rounder approach. Captain Lindsey guides the team with determination, ensuring every player brings their best. Luis charges forward with strength and precision, Sam delivers reliable and calculated plays, Fiona navigates tricky situations with smart tactics, Ignas accelerates with energy, and Jeremy adds creative moves to outmaneuver opponents. Together, they aim to overcome obstacles and keep their opponents on their toes.

Tagline: "Bold, versatile, and unstoppable."



Captain: Alex

Players: Usnah, Jared, Harrison, Daniel Jiang, Erick

Bio: The Bowser Blasters bring power and intensity to the court. Led by Alex, they dominate with strength and assertiveness, striking fear into the competition. Usnah moves with forceful agility, Jared delivers heavy, precise plays, Harrison reads the game with tactical sharpness, Daniel Jiang drives forward with unstoppable energy, and Erick adds unpredictable skill to shake up the defense. Together, they aim to overpower every match while maintaining strategic teamwork.

Tagline: "Strong, fierce, and unstoppable."



Captain: Savannah

Players: Daniel Mlynek, Andrew, Leo Phil, Olivia

Bio: The Turbo Toads are fast, nimble, and relentless. Led by Savannah, this team thrives on speed, quick thinking, and constant movement. Daniel Mlynek darts across the court with lightning reflexes, Andrew strikes with accuracy, Leo Phil anticipates plays like a master tactician, and Olivia spins past defenders with skillful agility. Together, they aim to blitz through the competition, using speed and precision to gain the upper hand in every game.

Tagline: "Fast, focused, and relentless."



YEAR 5 AND 6 HANDBALL LEAGUE

Three brand-new teams entered the **BSB Handball World Cup**, and the competition already looks fierce! **Zack Major's Newcastle Warriors** started strong before tiring late in the day, while **Cyprian Sasin's Great Gods** impressed with consistency throughout. The **Madrid Oilers**, captained by **Keyan Joshi**, bounced back after an opening loss and look set to be real challengers moving forward.



Founder: Cyprian Sasin

Players: Samuel Yang, Kareem Mjata, Adel Lasloom, Raffi Zhou

Bio: The *Great Gods* are bursting with energy, talent, and ambition. With Samuel's lightning pace, Kareem's unstoppable power, Adel's clever playmaking, and Raffi's skillful flair, they're ready to take on any challenge. This season, they'll play with passion, push their limits, and prove they're a force to be reckoned with.

Tagline: "Rising higher, playing harder, chasing glory."



Founder: Keyan Joshi

Players: Atilla Kiss, Shane Farbenbloom, Yuto Sakurai, Ricco Luhan

Bio: The *Madrid Oilers* thrive on flair, speed, and unstoppable energy. Atilla leads with sharp reactions, Shane brings raw power, Yuto dazzles with precision, and Ricco sparks creativity on the court. Hungry for success, they aim to play boldly, thrill the crowd, and make their mark as one of the most entertaining teams of the season.

Tagline: "Fast, fearless, and ready to ignite the game."



Founder: Zack Major

Players: Alfie Bobyn, Robert Mlynec, Hanut Verma, Zander Du

Bio: The *Newcastle Warriors* are built on grit, teamwork, and fearless play. Alfie drives with determination, Robert powers through opponents, Hanut delivers sharp precision, and Zander electrifies the court with speed and flair. With warrior spirit, they're ready to battle, play with heart, and rise above the rest this season.

Tagline: "Strong, united, and fearless in every fight."





DODGEBALL LEAGUE

"Dodge, duck, dip, dive... and dodge!" - with those famous words, Mr. Sharie launched our Dodgeball League into action! Students enjoyed a high-energy introduction this week, and the first round of official matches kicks off next week. Expect fireworks!



Players: Ian Chen, Ho Chi Han, Woobin Sim, Gavin Hu, Dustin Liu, Hannah Wang.

Bio: The Hasty Hawks are a fast, fierce, and focused dodgeball team known for their sharp reactions and quick thinking on the court. Led by the dynamic roster of Ian Chen, Ho Chi Han, Woobin Sim, Gavin Hu, Dustin Liu, and Hannah Wang, the Hawks thrive on speed and precision. With their lightning-fast dodges and strategic teamwork, they swoop in on opportunities and strike before opponents can react. True to their name, the Hasty Hawks play with intensity, always keeping the game in motion and their rivals on edge.

Tagline: *"Swift in flight, unstoppable in fight!"*



Players: Saif Alanazi, Sophie Kim, Aria Ao, Lily Baxter, Quinn Qiu, Leo Teng.

Bio: Monkey Mayhem bring energy, unpredictability, and non-stop action to the dodgeball court. With Saif Alanazi, Sophie Kim, Aria Ao, Lily Baxter, Quinn Qiu, and Leo Teng, the team thrives on creativity and quick movement, keeping opponents guessing at every turn. Their playful yet relentless style allows them to swing momentum in their favor and create chaos for rival teams. True to their name, Monkey Mayhem excel in turning the game into a wild, fast-paced battle.

Tagline: *"Swinging into action, bringing the chaos!"*



Players: Sia Jung, Zara Major, Nati Ontiveros Ramos, Isabella Feng, Marina Zheng, Skylar Lu.

Bio: Octopus Outburst are a versatile and strategic dodgeball team, using teamwork and adaptability to dominate the court. With Sia Jung, Zara Major, Nati Ontiveros Ramos, Isabella Feng, Marina Zheng, and Skylar Lu, they play with eight-way agility—always ready to dodge, strike, or defend from any angle. Their ability to stay connected and support one another makes them a tough opponent, turning every match into a coordinated surge of energy.

Tagline: *"Eight arms, one unstoppable force!"*



Players: Ahaan Jaisinghani, Saki Yatsui, Will Gao, Steven Liu, Ethan Ma, Jocelyn Xie.

Bio: The Victorious Vipers strike with precision, speed, and relentless energy. Featuring Ahaan Jaisinghani, Saki Yatsui, Will Gao, Steven Liu, Ethan Ma, and Jocelyn Xie, the team is known for their sharp instincts and coordinated attacks. Like their namesake, they wait for the perfect moment before unleashing a fast and decisive strike. Their teamwork and determination make them a formidable force, always aiming for victory with skill and confidence.

Tagline: *"Fast to strike, destined to win!"*





TENNIS LEAGUE

The opening week saw players testing their skills in friendly matches as we assessed levels and groupings. From next week, students will be placed into their mini-leagues against opponents of similar ability - all building toward the exciting **ASA Cup Finals** at the end of the season.



It's been a brilliant start, and we can't wait to see the leagues continue to grow in excitement, competition, and sportsmanship over the coming weeks. Well done to all of our players!

LEARNING GRAMMAR IN A FUN AND INTERACTIVE WAY

By Valeria Hammami,
Head of German

It's no secret that German grammar can be a bit challenging. To make it easier for children to understand, learn, and practise, there are creative approaches - one of which is the Montessori method. Using this method, children can learn the parts of speech in German in a fun, imaginative, and interactive way, which also makes their learning and thinking visible!

In the Year 2 German programme, children were first introduced to the story "**The Land of Speech Parts.**" In this story, each part of speech has its own symbol - for example, the noun is represented by a black triangle. Each part of speech is presented through an interactive story or game, leaving a lasting impression on the children.





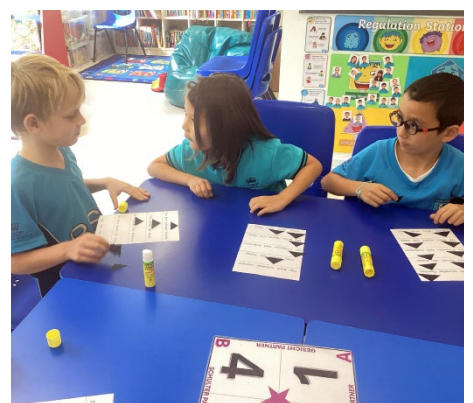
At the beginning, the children meet **Prince and Princess Noun**, who rule the Land of the Parts of Speech. They give names to all objects, people, feelings, animals, and plants. All nouns are divided into different categories, and each category has its own castle. This imaginative setting helps children understand that all people, animals, things, plants, and feelings have names, live in a castle in this story, and must be written with a capital letter because they are names.



But Prince and Princess Noun don't like to be alone - that's why they always have a little guard with them: the definite or indefinite article.

So far in Year 2, the children have learned only nouns and articles. There are many more parts of speech to discover, and I can't wait to continue the story and show the children the rest of the exciting adventures in the Land of Speech Parts!

A set of exercises complements the story, helping children practise their knowledge of the parts of speech. These exercises follow the same symbols and story, reinforcing grammar and sentence structure in a fun and memorable way.





LITTLE EXPLORES, BIG ACHIEVEMENT

By Echo Li, Pre-Nursery Seahorses Class Teacher



Our Pre-Nursery children have had a wonderful week filled with exciting activities and opportunities for exploration. Continuing our topic *All About Me*, with a particular focus on community identity, we enjoyed an engaging tour around our Early Years building, discovering the different sea animals displayed outside each classroom. The children loved learning the names of the sea animals and had great fun imitating their movements.



They also enjoyed exploring painting and designing their own classroom sea creature pictures, as well as creating their own individual artwork. Through these activities, our little ones began to understand that they belong to a particular class and that this is our very own special little community.





In addition, the children experienced their first fire drill of the term, an essential activity for keeping everyone safe. To prepare them, we have been sharing stories and enjoying songs about fire stations. We were very impressed by both the Pre-Nursery and Tadpoles children - a massive well done to all of them! Everyone followed instructions carefully, moved to the playground calmly, and stayed composed throughout the drill. It was wonderful to see their confidence and understanding grow, and we are extremely proud of how well they managed the experience.





Overall, it has been a joyful and memorable week, full of learning, laughter, and celebrations. We are so proud of our little community and look forward to more exciting adventures and special moments together in the weeks ahead.

BEEGU'S BIG ADVENTURE IN YEAR 1

By Meera Cholera, Year 1 Leopards Class Teacher

Exploring stories, feelings, and the wider world through drama and writing

In Year 1, the children have been exploring the story *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon through our IPC and English work. They stepped into Beegu's shoes, using drama to imagine what it might be like to land on Earth and not be understood. Through activities such as "alien talk" games and hot-seating, the children developed empathy and confidence in speaking and listening, while meeting key expectations from the Year 1 National Curriculum.



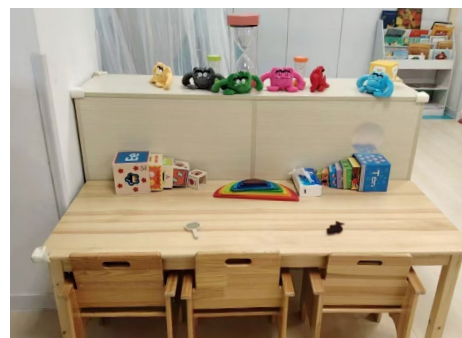
Building on this, the children planned brand-new adventures for Beegu, imagining her visiting famous landmarks around the world such as the Eiffel Tower and the Great Wall of China. They enjoyed sequencing events, drawing pictures, and writing diary entries from Beegu's point of view. The work was fun and engaging, but it also supported important skills in literacy and geography - helping children practise writing sentences, using time words, and describing feelings, while developing a sense of global awareness.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW SENSORY SPACES: THE DEN AND THE CALM COVE

By Rhiana Mitchell, Inclusion Lead, Year 4 Kangaroos Class Teacher

This year, our Inclusion and Early Years teams are delighted to share the development of two dedicated Sensory Spaces in school - The Den in Primary and The Calm Cove in Early Years. These calm, supportive environments provide children with safe places to regulate their emotions, build confidence, and prepare themselves for successful learning.



[Click here to check "Before/After".](#)

Why Sensory Spaces Matter

Research shows that sensory-friendly environments have a profound impact on children's development. When children are provided with calm, structured opportunities to regulate their nervous systems, they are better able to:

Manage emotions - lowering stress and anxiety and reducing the likelihood of emotional overwhelm.

Improve cognitive function - regulation activates the "thinking brain," making it easier to concentrate, solve problems, and retain information.

Build self-esteem - being given a safe, welcoming space communicates that children's feelings are valid and manageable, which boosts confidence and resilience.

Develop social skills - calm spaces provide the foundation for positive interactions with peers, as children are more able to listen, share, and communicate when regulated. Neuroscience research (Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University) shows that children learn best when their brains are calm and organised. A regulated child can engage their prefrontal cortex (responsible for reasoning, memory, and focus) rather than being stuck in a stress-response state. This means that the benefits of sensory spaces extend far beyond wellbeing - they directly support academic learning and long-term development.





How We Use These Spaces

The Den and The Calm Cove are already being used as hubs for learning and support, used in many different ways:

Academic Support Groups - small group interventions, memory and recall practice, and targeted learning.

Motor Skills Development - activities to strengthen both gross and fine motor skills, supporting handwriting, coordination, and independence.

Social Groups - guided opportunities for children to practise turn-taking, teamwork, and building friendships through Lego and other activities.

Reflection and Emotional Regulation - a safe, welcoming place for children to take time out, manage big feelings, and return to class ready to learn.



Supporting the Whole Child

Our goal as the Inclusion team, and indeed as a whole school, is to nurture every child emotionally, socially, and academically. The sensory spaces allow us to meet children where they are, offering both proactive support (through groups and targeted teaching) and responsive support (through safe reflection time when emotions run high).

Our hope is that these spaces give children the message that they are valued, capable, and supported - an ethos that is one of the foundations our school community is built on. By helping them feel calm, confident, and connected, we are unlocking their ability to succeed - not only in their learning today, but in building the self-esteem and resilience they will carry into the future.

If you have any questions or require any further information or advice regarding sensory support for your child, please contact your child's class teacher as well as Miss Mitchell and the Inclusion Team.



SAVE THE DATE

DATE	TOPIC	LEAD(S)
15 Oct	Reading and Phonics in Y1&Y2	Ms. Wang, Ms. Tyghter
22 Oct	Nursery Phonics	Ms. Thompson
29 Oct	Primary Assessment	Ms. Barnard
12 Nov	Reception: The Importance of Early Reading	Ms. Henderson
19 Nov	Pre-Nursery & Nursery: The Importance of Early Communication and Reading	Ms. Thompson, Ms. Hitchin
26 Nov	Chris Witney: Encouraging Writing	Mr. O'Leary

