Dear parents/guardians

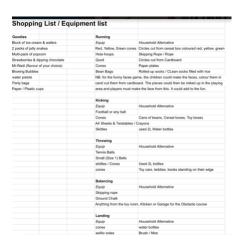
With all this fantastic weather we thought we would make the most of it and attempt to create a sports day/week at home.

As with all the work that is sent home this is only a suggestion and only to be used if wanted. The idea is to create a sports day like we would have done at school at home. It is all based around the fundamental movements and involves lots of what we would have done in P.E this year just with added fun. To access all the material you will need to go to www.ecsligo.ie website and click the link for Virtual Sports day. In there you will find everything you need, or it will give ideas to create your own.

Timetable (found in downloads on website)



The idea is to make it as child/family centred as possible and for you as a family to come up with the activities you would like to do for the day or each day of the week. Include times for break and lunch etc.



Lists

Having agreed on the activities you would like to do for the sports day, it's now time to make a list of what you will need. This can be done as a daily exercise or create one for the entire sports day/week. It's a chance to really use your imagination an think what could I use for, for example a hurdle? Maybe two chairs and a sweeping brush, or a person that you have to jump over. A rolled up pair of socks for a ball, a bucket for a cone or target, chalk to create an outdoor game of twister. Again on the website under lists you will find some suggestions to help get you started.

Shopping list, in school one of the bets parts of our sports day is the ice-cream van at the end, so include a goodies list as well, for after the event or day.

Music list, we all know one of the best ways to relax and enjoy ourselves is listening to music, so creat a sports day playlist to listen to throughout day as you enjoy yourselves.

Activities



On the website you will find ideas for each fundamental movement(running, kicking, balancing, throwing and landing) and a traditional sports day activity. When you click in to each activity it will give you 3 different task/levels with a description of how to play and a video demonstrating it in action. These are all just ideas and can be adapted as you feel is needed.

Assessment (Download)



Having completed each skill, the boys can then if they would like to asses how they did and think of a way of how they could improve at the skill. You might like to take a video of them throwing a ball, they can watch the video back and see were their feet in a good position?, did I throw too hard? How could I be more accurate? What did I do really well?

Togetherness

Having partaken in the virtual sports day if you would then like to send on photographs similar to the communion we could put it all together in a slideshow and share the experience together.

If you are stuck for ideas or equipment, please let us know and we will do our best to find a solution.

Kindest regards Clíona Smith and Susan Callan