

AUTUMN TERM 2015 – SPORTS NEWS

Rugby World Cup

All the children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were involved in a tag rugby event on Friday 2nd October. Tag rugby is a fun and exciting form of non-contact rugby. There are no scrums or line-outs and tackling is not allowed. Each year group spent time with coaches learning how to defend by removing their opponents tags and to attack by dodging whilst running with the ball. The children were shown how to ground the ball for a try and how to celebrate! The event was enjoyed by all and was a great way to celebrate the Rugby World Cup.

Tag Rugby Event

On Wednesday 14th October, some of our Year 5 boys represented Green Lanes at a tag rugby festival held at Welwyn Rugby Club.

To begin the afternoon they were taught a range of rugby skills and drills activities that focused on dodging, defending, scoring try's, and the most important, learning to pass backwards!

After some practice they were able to take part in 3 real life tag rugby matches against other local schools. There was some great teamwork displayed with the boys having to work together to try and get past the opposing team! There was also some great defending and quite a few muddy knees as a result! The boys won one, drew one, and lost one, so overall a great result for their first time playing the game. Well done!

Saracen's Rugby Club – Year 6 Festival of Rugby

Green Lanes entered this annual tournament, at Welwyn Rugby Club, which saw its biggest turnout in years! Schools from across Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield had entered and the mixed teams of boys and girls were put through their paces in series of friendly matches. There was a real festival feel and the weather was unusually mild for the time of year.

Green Lanes played five games in the group stages, winning them all. Players showed some aggressive tagging and fine running skills, with passing improving all the time. We finished top of our group and joined the six other group winners and highest averaging runner-up in the quarter-final draw. There was only the cream of Welwyn/Hatfield rugby remaining in the competition and the team played some of their best rugby, but were outscored by a very strong team from Welwyn St Marys.

The team played well and improved throughout the tournament. A great job Green lanes – Well done!

Hatfield District Primary School Tournament

On Saturday 17th October, Green Lanes arrived with high hopes and two teams ready to take on the best of Hatfield. The University had laid out very long pitches and we had to adjust our style of play considerably. Neither team had played together before the tournament and both teams improved markedly as the morning progressed.

Both teams tried hard to play passing football and each game saw stand-out individual performances from Green Lanes players. Unfortunately, despite our brave, battling performances we were unable to progress to the semi-finals, but their collective team spirit and sportsmanship was rightly praised by the tournament organisers.

We would like to wish Ethan, Oliver and Charlie good luck on Thursday for the Hatfield district trials. We know you will do yourselves, and Green Lanes, proud!

Football League Fixture Green Lanes vs Countess Anne 11.11.15

Green Lanes kicked off their league campaign at home against Countess Anne on Wednesday evening. The visitors were full of confidence after an appearance in the final of the recent district tournament. However they came up against a Green Lanes team who played with a calm assurance and confidence in their own abilities.

Their slick brand of inter-passing and quick counter-attack, especially down the wings, led to an early goal by Giovanni E. Buoyed by this, Green Lanes began to assert their dominance, winning most 50-50 balls and restarts. They also weathered a tough opposition, which saw Oliver L, Green Lanes' greatest attacking threat, retire injured after 10 minutes. The defence of Tarun A and Luke B stood firm and were bolstered by Callum C later in the game and Ethan P had an assured performance between the sticks.

Two goals in the second half, with Giovanni E completing a hat-trick with a powerful shot from Charlie T's cross, a couple of minutes from the whistle, saw a 3-0 home victory. Captain Charlie T had motivated his team well throughout and lead the three cheers for the visitors. This was a proud result, but the team can take even more pride in the manner of their performance and we hope to continue that form as we travel to St Mary's Welham Green next week.

Football League Fixture Green Lanes vs St. Mary's Welham Green 20.11.15

Green Lanes Football Team took the long trip to St. Mary's Welham Green to play their first away league fixture. The players managed to continue their performance level from last week's game and raced to a three-goal lead by the end of the first half. Incisive passing and good positional play allowed for a great win! Well done Green Lanes!

B-Team Friendly Football Fixture vs De-Havilland (Away) 2.12.15

Green Lanes faced a confident and skilful De-Havilland side in their own back yard and were forced to withstand a great deal of early pressure. However, the players used their defensive skills and De-Havilland were unable to work a chance on target. Green Lanes' wingers proved a valuable outlet as the defence used their hard-won possession well. The wingers allowed the team to operate a fast-paced counter attacking game and one of those slick passing movements ended with one of our players scoring in the bottom left-hand corner.

De-Havilland were clearly rocked but showed great endeavour, but were unlocked again as our player's shot rebounded off a defender for an own goal, leaving the visitors 2-nil up and the home crowd silent at half time.

The second half was playing in ever fading light and Green Lanes began in the ascendancy. However, as the half drew on Green Lanes players began to lose shape as De-Havilland rallied and began to build pressure again. They were mostly limited to long range efforts, acrobatically dealt with by the goalkeeper. It was only a matter of time for De-Havilland as they pulled a goal back as more attacking players were left unmarked in the box.

It was virtually dark by the time that the referee blew his whistle for full time, signifying the end of a keenly contested and enjoyable game from the spectator's point of view. Well Done Green Lanes!

Football League Fixture vs De Havilland (Away) 03.12.15

Result 1-0 Home win

Green Lanes put in their finest performance of the season so far in this keenly contested, exciting match and they can be justifiably proud of their efforts. They faced a team that has ripped through the others they have faced in the league this year and had already scored 20 goals in their 3 games so far, and were bolstered by two players from Arsenal's junior academy.

De Havilland were very confident to begin with, but it was Green Lanes that began the brighter dominating the first five minutes. De Havilland gradually worked their way back into the game, but were limited to shots from way outside of the area, thanks to a determined Green Lanes defensive effort.

Green Lanes rallied after the half time break and showed their attacking threat and space began to open up for both sides. Clearly rattled by the skill and determination of their opponents, De Havilland became more animated and physical as they tried to break down the thin green line. They were able to use their home knowledge to full advantage as they by-passes boggy areas that Green Lanes had to discover for themselves and it is a credit to both teams that they played passing football on a pitch that was shaggy, slimy and boggy at the same time.

Green Lanes hearts were broken just two minutes from the end as, through the encroaching dark, De Havilland managed to work their way into the box keeping their feet while Green Lanes players floundered in the treacherous conditions, finally slotting past the excellent Ethan. Green Lanes tried in vain to find an equalizer in the dying seconds but to no avail.