



GREEN LANES PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Welcome back to the final term this academic year. Please can we encourage you to check children's PE kit and trainers to ensure they still fit. As we begin to head into the Summer weather, children will be going outside for PE a lot more, so please ensure your child has a suitable PE kit in school every day.

Thank you for your continued support with the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Please keep them coming in, they are a great help in buying new sports equipment.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

At the end of the netball season the team took part in the Hatfield Primary Schools Netball Tournament held at Sir Frederic Osborn in WGC.

After a sunny start to the week the actual weather was more like we expect for netball being cold, windy and rainy, however this did not dampen our enthusiasm.

A total of 8 teams participated in 2 pools. Our first game against St Philip Howard was a really fast moving one from end to end with tight marking and the teams were closely matched with a 0-0 score at the end.

Our next game was vs Howe Dell. Jasmin, Jaiden, Amelie and Bella played well in the centre of the court with some accurate passing and intercepting.

Chrissy defended well in the circle but we were beaten by some very accurate shooting, losing 1-5.

Working out that we could go through in the pool if we won our last game by 8 goals, the whole team stepped up a notch vs De Havilland B. Play was fast and furious with Freya and Tillie getting plenty of goal scoring chances. Green Lanes dominated and won through to the semi-final on goal difference by winning 9-0!

Our semi-final against De Havilland A was again fast moving with DH dominating the first half. Poppy and Laura contributed to the more controlled second half with accurate set moves and tight marking in the worsening weather. Unfortunately, we were defeated 3-1. Howe Dell won the tournament. Great team work and team spirit from all the players. Well done. Team; Freya D (C), Tillie S, Amelie W, Jasmin M, Jaiden P, Bella C, Chrissy W, Laura P, Poppy K.

LACROSSE WORKSHOPS

During the week before the Easter holidays, Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in some Lacrosse workshops with a coach from Welwyn Warriors.

The playing of Lacrosse is increasing in primary schools, but many children this age do not know about the sport. Therefore, the workshops were put on to improve children's awareness of the sport, and hopefully encourage them to take part in future Lacrosse opportunities at school.

On speaking to some of the children after the sessions, they seemed to really enjoy it and throw themselves into learning a new sport.

Please find some photos of the workshops on Green Lanes' website > News & Dates > Sport News.

The coach was impressed with the sporting talent at Green Lanes and would like to see this flourish within Lacrosse further.

He will be running a Lacrosse club before school on Fridays. Letters have been sent out this week. Please understand that clubs can be very popular, therefore, names may need to be drawn at random if demand exceeds capacity.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Firstly, congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 Football Team who finished 2nd in the Hatfield League this season! A great achievement! Well done boys.

Drawing the football season to a close, the final event of the year was a large football tournament between Welwyn and Hatfield schools. There were 17 schools taking part, and the boys knew it would be a difficult day of games.

The tournament began with 3 group stages. Several goals were scored at this stage, with 3 from Sidney, 2 from Ben and 1 from Will. Goalkeeper, Harry, only touched the ball once in two different matches, showing the strength in Green Lanes' defence! A tough match against Watchlytes really tested the team. They were very evenly matched, and both teams had to up their game.

Green Lanes (GL) worked really hard to earn their way out of the group stages and through to the quarter finals, where they then played Bookman's Park (BP). They attacked fantastically, but GL matched this and were defensively brilliant. The boys worked hard to attack, and had some promising moments when catching them on the break, but unfortunately, they couldn't quite get their shots on target. Finishing 0-0, the game turned to sudden death penalties! GL have faced this situation in previous years, and the boys were extremely nervous. BP scored first, but Sidney held his nerve and scored a fantastic penalty. BP then attempted a second penalty, but an outstanding save from Harry put the pressure on Aloaye to score his penalty, to make it all worthwhile. Aloaye put his boot through the ball and scored another great penalty for GL, meaning GL made it to the semi-finals!

The boys were desperate for medals, and to get to the final. This showed in their tenacity and resilience throughout the game against St Michael's Woolmer

Green (SMWG). The boys played the best I have seen all season. Their teamwork was second to none. Every single player contributed and gave their all. GL certainly appeared the stronger team, with many attacking opportunities, but couldn't quite get it passed their excellent keeper. In the final minute of the game, after a tackle on Sidney just outside the box, GL continued to play on, and Ben scored a fantastic goal, however, the referee blew his whistle for a free kick just moments before the goal, and it was disallowed. This was extremely frustrating for the team, and although they continued to impress during the game, they couldn't get another goal, meaning another 0-0 finish and another sudden death penalty shootout! SMWG went first, and scored 3. Sidney, Aloaye and Ben also scored 3 brilliant penalties. Another marvellous save from Harry meant Green Lanes just needed to score the next penalty. Will composed himself and netted the ball brilliantly to earn GL a place in the final. The boys were elated!

After 6 games with no subs, several of which were back to back games, they were exhausted. They knew they just had one more game to play and needed to give their all. With a mix of feelings, they battled through, giving every last bit of energy into the game against Welwyn St Marys (WSM). Unluckily, they went 1-0, giving WSM the confidence they needed to stay strong defensively and push GL back. Unfortunately, the game ended 3-0, and although very disappointed to fall at the final hurdle, the boys should be extremely proud to have made it so far, out of 17 teams, and come away with silver medals. Huge congratulations to the team, and a brilliant way to end this year of football.

Team: Harry L, Rothan P, Aloaye M, Will C, Ryan F, Ben P, Sidney (c).
MOTM: Harry

SPORTING STARS

Kamron Watkins, Yr 5 Hockney, played in the semi-final for the divisional cup for Welwyn Garden City U10s football team. The team won the semi-finals, with a goal from Kamron too! They now progress to the finals, taking place at Barnet Football Ground on 7th May. Huge congratulations to Kamron and his team, and good luck for the final!

Amelia Taylor, Yr 4 Picasso, took Grade 6 Gymnastics on 2nd April, and passed with distinction! Amazing, Amelia!

Charlie Taylor, ex-pupil from last year, played in the District Football Cup for the Verulam School team, who brilliantly earned their way to the final during the last week of the Spring term. The final score resulted in Verulam winning 7-0, and lifting the District Cup! Congratulations to Charlie and the rest of his team. He also represented Verulam at Herts County Rugby Tournament, and finished 3rd out of 20 teams. It's fantastic to see Charlie's sporting successes continue into secondary school. Well done Charlie!

Know any ex-pupils taking part in a sporting event? Is your child currently training for a big tournament or competition? If you have some news about a past or present pupil achieving sporting success, please speak to Miss Leach, or alternatively, email the school office at admin@greenlanes.herts.sch.uk, with the email subject 'Sporting Stars'. We would love to share this with the school!