



GREEN LANES PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

After a busy few weeks of sport (and a 3-page long newsletter!), the diary continues to be filled with sporting activities in the upcoming weeks too; including the County Finals for Turbo Cricket and the Girls Athletics Team, as well as two days of dance performances for the dance team, a Lacrosse tournament and the Maynard Cup semi-final! The dance team are also competing at Chance 2 Dance, a dance competition at The Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage, on Monday 24th April. Tickets are currently on sale, for only £3.50. It would be fantastic to gain as much support for the dancers as possible. Tickets are available from: www.gordon-craig.co.uk and are selling fast!

SPORTS LEADERS

The sports challenges have continued at lunch time, with last week's challenge being the same for both KS1 and KS2. Children were trying to roll, throw or kick a ball at 3 cones, with 3 balls balancing on top! The aim was to knock the balls off the cones! The cones were at varying distances, giving children the chance to score more points for knocking off the balls further away! Congratulations to Oak for winning!

Unfortunately, the weather put a dampener on the challenges this week. However, we hope to get them up and running in the coming weeks, and can complete the hockey challenge the leaders have planned!

Tuesday lunch time: Key Stage 1
Wednesday lunch time: Key Stage 2

FITTER FUTURE

Next week, Green Lanes are launching Fitter Future! Fitter Future is a programme which provides fitness workout videos, as well as short activity sessions which can be completed in as little as ten minutes. The aim is to encourage children to be physically active, and increase their levels of activity every day!

Classes have log ins, and will use the programme in PE lessons, as well as during the school day for a short active break between lessons!

After a launch assembly on Tuesday 14th March, led by the founder of the programme, the children will also receive individual log ins. This will work similarly to Mathletics, whereby the children can log in and take part in the activities at home, whilst staff can also log in to see who is joining in!

We hope to see lots of the children getting involved, both at home and at school, to encourage our pupils to have a fitter future!

YEAR 4 BISI BADMINTON

Year 4 were given the opportunity to attend a Bisi Badminton Festival, at Hatfield Leisure Centre, on Wednesday 1st March. The festival was an introduction to badminton, and provided the children with an opportunity to learn the fundamental skills, in a fun and friendly environment. The festival ran over two different days, with 170 pupils taking part. The children were still scoring points within their teams of 10, with Green Lanes team 1 scoring the most points overall over the two days, as well as Green Lanes scoring the most points overall out of all the schools! Well done! Lots of the children came away very enthusiastic about badminton, and were requesting a badminton club! Badminton sessions run at Hatfield Leisure Centre every Tuesday evening, 3.30-5.00pm, £2.50. Give it a try! Some photos of the event can be found on Green Lanes website > News & Dates > Sport News.

FOOTBALL MATCH V THE RYDE

Another home league game took place on Friday 24th February, against The Ryde, and the team were confident ahead of the match.

Within the first few minutes, Green Lanes were 1-0 up after a goal from Jaden. Minutes later, with a good assist from Sidney, Jaden secured a second goal. The play was all in The Ryde's half, with many attacking opportunities. Two more goals for Green Lanes came from Ben, as well as Jaden, who secured a hat-trick.

With the score line at 4-0 at half time, the boys were in high spirits, but were reminded not to get complacent, as we've been in this position before! Nevertheless, defence stayed strong with some brilliant tackles from Rothan, convincing pressure applied by Will and an all-

all-round fantastic game for Aloaye.

The Ryde had two attempts at goal, one from a free kick, but both were picked up by Harry in goal. Green Lanes continued to dominate the game in all areas of the pitch, with skilful and rapid runs up and down the wing from Sidney, tearing apart the defence to secure two goals! With the current score at 6-0, and only seconds left of the game, a final corner for Green Lanes led to a 7th goal, from Will. Overall, an impressive team performance today, to match an impressive score line. Congratulations!

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

MOTM: Jaden.

YEAR 6 TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

A team of Year 6s attended a tag rugby tournament on Tuesday 7th March. The team had previously been to the Saracens tag festival, and won all but one game, so they were feeling confident.

However, the standard was high, and as we entered into the first rounds of the tournament, we started with a 2 – 2 draw with Oak View. They had some very fast runners, and it was proving hard to tag them as they weaved in and out of Green Lanes' players. The next game against Countess Anne saw some brilliant tries scored by Harry, but unfortunately, Green Lanes lost the game. It all came down to the final game, knowing Green Lanes needed to win. Their efforts did not go unnoticed, trying everything they could to get through

To get through The Ryde's defence. The game finished as another draw. This meant Green Lanes and Oak View were level on points in the first group stage, placing 2nd. However, Only the top two teams could go through to the semi-finals, so the number of tries scored would decide Green Lanes' and Oak View's fate! Unfortunately, Oak View scored 1 more try than Green Lanes, meaning Green Lanes did not make it through. Nevertheless, the children enjoyed the afternoon and the opportunity to play competitive rugby.

Well done to the team for a valiant effort!

Team: Bella C, Jason H, Harry L, Noah L, Jasmin M, Rothan P, Jaden P, Tillie S, Amelie W, Chrissy W.

FOOTBALL MATCH V BIRCHWOOD AVENUE

As we near the end of the league, Green Lanes played away at Birchwood, and were in high spirits after last week's convincing win.

The game started fast; Birchwood were a strong and fast-paced team who didn't seem to have an off switch. Green Lanes were keeping up with the pace, but it took a few minutes to settle in to the game. The teams were evenly matched, and Birchwood took many chances, however, were not successful as they reached the box. Meanwhile, Sidney played fantastically, with continuous skill when weaving around the opposition. He was very creative on the pitch, and assisted two brilliant goals from Jaden. Sidney then secured a goal for himself, bringing the score to 3-0.

We had worked on applying pressure in our own half, pushing the opposition back when they had the ball, and this showed in Green Lanes efforts. Nevertheless, Birchwood managed to get a goal. Birchwood had several chances, particularly in the second half, but Harry made excellent decisions in goal, and saved many balls. The fast paced game that Birchwood had set was starting to take its toll on Green Lanes, but conceding a goal gave them an extra push to fight harder. Two further goals from Sidney and Ryan secured the win, leaving the score 5-2. Another win in the league, well done Green Lanes!

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

MOTM: Sidney

NETBALL MATCH V DE HAVILLAND

The Hatfield District Netball League started last week with a match versus De Havilland. The team were very excited to be playing their first competitive game, although Jaiden P and Jasmin M are veterans from last season.

The game was fast moving with lots of movement around the court. Green Lanes went ahead quickly with a goal from Tillie S, followed shortly afterwards by another. Chrissy W, as goal keeper, ensured that the ball rarely went into the opposing circle and after a great shooting opportunity from Freya D the score at half time was 3-0.

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With some accurate passing and end to end play it was an exciting game and the whole team worked well together. There was a further goal from Freya, and De Havilland got 2 quick goals back, but Green Lanes held on for their first league win 4-2. Congratulations to all the team.

Thank you to Mrs Lacey for umpiring our game.

Team: Tillie S, Freya D, Amelie W, Jasmin M, Bella C, Jaiden P (c), Chrissy W, Devyanshu S

NETBALL MATCH V ST PHILIP HOWARD

Our second league match took us in the Green Lanes minibus (very exciting!) to St Philip Howard. Unfortunately, Jaiden P was unavailable due to sickness but thankfully Harry L was able to step into his shoes. Harry is an experienced league player from last year.

The match was a close one with evenly matched players. Green Lanes had plenty of shooting opportunities but were frustrated by the rim on several occasions and luck did not go our way. Eventually Tillie S was able to put Green Lanes in the lead for half time. Freya D, Bella C and Chrissy W defended brilliantly and the opportunities for SPH to score were kept to a minimum. In the centre of the court Jasmin M and Amelie W passed the ball accurately and with pace to ensure the shooters had plenty of opportunities

opportunities to try for goal. SPH got one goal back in the second half and the game ended in 1-1 draw.

Well done to the whole team who are playing a more fluid game with increasing accuracy in their passing.

Again thank you to Mrs Lacey for umpiring.

Team: Tillie S, Freya D (c), Amelie W, Jasmin M, Bella C, Harry L, Chrissy W, Devyanshu S

We are looking forward to our next league games versus Howe Dell and Countess Anne. We are also entering a tournament on 29th March.

SPORTING STARS

Bobbi Murphy (3 Monet) took part in a sponsored swim on 5th March with her swimming club in Welwyn GC. She swam 52 lengths in just 1 hour at Hatfield Swim centre (a 33m pool), working out at approximately 1716m in total! She raised £900 for the Isabel Hospice in Welwyn GC. A fantastic achievement and something to be very proud of. Well done Bobbi! In the words of Dory, 'just keep swimming'!

Hertstoppers Cheerleading squad went to the Future Cheer: Circus Spectacular competition in Sheffield last weekend. Pupils Katy-Lily Bernasconi (Year 2), Joy Joseph (Year 3), Ellie Bond, Amelia Taylor (Year 4), Maiya King, Sarah Gordon (Year 5), and Paige Bowe (Year 6) are part of the squad, as well as ex-pupils Lilly Greaves, Leah Courtney, Abbie Cook, and Georgie and Kayleigh Elmer-Roads. Across 4 teams, the girls came back with two 1st places, two 2nd places, and were crowned Grand Champions in all the sections they competed in. Another successful weekend for the cheer squad. Well done all!

Darcy Wynne (3 Moore) won a competition to have a private tennis coaching session with Judy Murray! What an amazing opportunity! We hope you had a great time.

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!