



GREEN LANES PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

We still have lots of spaces available in the Yr 5 and 6 Cricket Club, running on a Tuesday after school, 3:15 – 4:30pm. The club is run by a professional cricket coach. There are a few cricket tournaments happening in the Summer term, and the team will be selected from those attending the club. We also have spaces left in the Yr 3 and 4 Netball Club on Mondays after school, 3:15 – 4:15pm. If your child is interested in either club, please obtain a letter from the office, Miss Leach or Mrs Roche. It would be great to see more children taking part in a wider variety of sports.

Thank you for all your kind donations towards the Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme. Although Sainsbury's are no longer giving them out, we are still collecting them. So please bring in any last vouchers you may have around the house. The more vouchers we receive, the more we can provide for the children's PE lessons. Thank you.

Please may we remind you that a register is taken at every club, to ensure the safety of the children. If your child is not attending a club they have signed up for, please let the office know, or the teacher running the club. This can be done by note/letter, phone call, email, or speaking to the staff directly. If your child no longer wants to attend a club they have signed up for, please also let the relevant staff know, as many clubs have waiting lists. Thank you for your cooperation.

KEY STEPS GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

Green Lanes attended a gymnastics competition on Wednesday 3rd May at Gosling. The competition was split into Key Stage 1 teams, and Lower Key Stage 2 teams.

Key Stage 1 were required to learn a group routine to music, including set movements, as well as a vault. The group had been practising for many weeks. Some were very new to gymnastics, and were feeling nervous about the competition. However, the children began to get more excited as they arrived at the competition, dressed for the occasion in their team leotards. The team first performed the vault section, before presenting their team routine. The judges were looking for timing, presentation and technique amongst many other judging criteria. The KS1 team placed 2nd. They were very pleased to get a medal, and were unlucky to miss out on 1st place, however, they certainly had a fun afternoon and enjoyed the opportunity to perform their gymnastic skills. Well done KS1!

KS1 team: Katy-Lily Bernasconi, Marco Esposito, Erica Jones, Laila Nelson, Eva Papadopoulos, Jake Teixeira.

The KS2 team also had to complete a vault, as well as perform individually. Each gymnast had to perform either a floor routine or body management sequence. Both sequences were set routines, where the children were required to show their skills, being judged on their balance, control and flexibility. Their hard work in all their practices had clearly paid off as they performed with confidence and precision. Each individual performance was scored and added together to create a team total. The KS2 team placed a well-deserved 1st place, and will be representing Welwyn and Hatfield in the County Finals, against all the other winning teams from the 12 Hertfordshire districts. Well done!

KS2 team: William Bernasconi, Ellie Bond, Sophia Christodoulou, Joy Joseph, Amelia Taylor, Phoebe Ware.

Both teams showed that hard work pays off, with all 12 competitors returning to school with medals! They supported each other and showed great team spirit throughout, which was lovely to see. Congratulations to both teams!

INTRAHOUSE TOURNAMENT

During the school year, not only do children compete against other schools in the local area (level 2), and compete at the Hertfordshire County Finals (level 3), they also compete within Green Lanes (level 1). As well as the level 1 intrahouse lunchtime challenges, Key Stage 2 took part in intrahouse tournaments, competing in house teams playing either Netball or Tag Rugby. In the Year 3 and 4 tournaments, 1st place went to Oak, 2nd Ash, 3rd Elm and 4th Fir. The year 5 and 6 tournament ended with Ash taking 1st, Fir 2nd, Oak 3rd and Elm 4th. More intrahouse tournaments will be taking place before the end of the school year, including sports such as rounders and athletics for KS1 and KS2.

MINI RED TENNIS TOURNAMENT

After successfully winning the last round, four children progressed through to the next tournament, against other winning schools from the different Welwyn and Hatfield clusters. The tournament is aimed at children without an official tennis rating, who are new to competitive tennis.

The children played 2 single games each, and their points scored were added together to find a total for each school. The 6 teams were split into two pools. The first games were successful, with 3 wins out of 4, with a particularly strong win from Emily Mann with a 12 – 2 victory! They then continued to play a second match, again, scoring many points.

Unfortunately, the team were 1 point short of the winners in their pool. Placing 2nd in the pool meant they were in the 3rd place play offs against 2nd place from the other pool of schools. The children played Our Lady's School, but unluckily scored slightly less points, placing them in 4th overall.

The children still enjoyed their afternoon of Tennis, all coming away from the tournament having won at least 1 game each! Well done for a brilliant upbeat and positive attitude.

Players: Dušan Crompton, Ilija Crompton, Alyssa Kobylanskaya, Emily Mann.

SPORTING STARS

Jarod Cole (ex-pupil – leaving Green Lanes in 2011) currently plays Darts for the England Youth Team, and has been selected to go to Sweden for the European Youth Cup. An amazing achievement, and something he wanted to do from a young age. A great role model. Congratulations Jarod!

Oliver Gordon recently competed in an U17 crew at the UK Street Dance Championships and won! He is also through to the regional rounds of the Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts, dancing both contemporary and modern ballet. Well done Oliver! Keep up the amazing dancing!

Ellie Bond, Amelia Taylor, Bailey Sinclair, Sophia Christodoulou (Yr 4 Picasso) and Bella Christodoulou (Yr 6 Da Vinci) took part in the WAR fun run, involving a 5k run through obstacles and lots of mud! Amid the mud, it sounds like great fun! Well done girls!

Charlie Taylor (ex-pupil – leaving Green Lanes in 2016) played for Verulam School in the County Cup Final. 56 schools started in the tournament, but after Verulam won the District Cup Final 7-0, they played Tring School to determine the County winners. Verulam demonstrated pure class on the pitch; many people commented on the high standard Verulam brought to the game, and the team achieved another well-deserved win, lifting the County Cup with another 7-0 victory. Watford FC scouts then requested for the team to play the Watford Youth team in the next few weeks! Charlie is having great success in football, we wish him the best of luck in future football seasons.

Lennon McKessick (Yr 3 Monet) has been offered a football contract for Stevenage Borough FC! He plays up to 9 hours of football a week, and has worked hard to achieve his dream. Well done Lennon! A future football star in the making!

Know of past or present pupils achieving sporting success? If so, we would love to hear about it! 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, right here!