



GREEN LANES PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Welcome back to Green Lanes Sports Newsletter in 2017! We have had a busy first week of sporting activities, and long may it continue this year!

Please may we remind you that PE kits should be in school every day. Due to the large number of sports clubs before and after school, it is understandable that PE kits often go home, but please ensure they return to school the next day. Please also pack socks for those children wearing tights with their school uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 begins 25th January. If you receive any vouchers after shopping and would like to donate them to the school, please forward them to the school office. They are a huge help in buying new sports equipment and are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SPORTS LEADERS

The lunchtime challenges are back this term, and the sports leaders are now working on both Key Stage One and Two playgrounds.

Key Stage One children were challenged to how many jumping jacks they could do in 15 seconds! This encouraged the children to keep active on the playground, and the challenge was met with lots of enthusiasm! Every two jumps earned them one point for their house.

Key Stage Two children were completing long jump challenges. The longer the jump, the more points earned.

Find out the winning house in Monday's assembly!

Tuesday lunch time: Key Stage One
Wednesday lunch time: Key Stage Two

CLUBS

As a school, we are aiming to increase the participation of all pupils in extra-curricular sporting activity. We now have sports clubs running from Foundation to Year 6 by both Super Sports and teaching staff. This term has seen the introduction of Yoga Clubs for Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2, as well as a Year 1 and 2 Fitness Club, and a Year 3 and 4 Speed Stacking Club!

We also have a local netball coach running a Year 3 and 4 Netball Club on Mondays after school. There are limited spaces left. There are also places still available in the Foundation Stage Yoga Club on Thursday mornings. If your child is interested in joining either of these clubs, please get a letter from the office or Miss Leach.

Unfortunately, due to the low numbers wanting to participate in the Lacrosse Club, we have had to cancel the club this term. However, we plan to run Lacrosse taster sessions for higher up the school, later this term, to interest the children in this sport.

A big thank you to all the teachers who are giving up their time, voluntarily, to run a club. It is greatly appreciated.

From time to time, clubs may be cancelled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. You will be notified via Parentmail.

Please may we remind you to refer to the original letter regarding each individual club, to clarify drop off/pick up times and locations, as well as which kit is required for each club.

MINIBUS

Green Lanes are very lucky to have a school minibus which has been donated by the GLSA, and sponsored by Village Vet (Cayton). The minibus will be used for trips and visits, as well as the many sporting events the school attends. This will make such a difference to the organisation of out-of-school activities, and will also relieve parents from taking children to events. We hope to be using it for most visits once the relevant staff members are trained to drive it.

On behalf of the school, we would like to say a huge thank you to the GLSA, particularly Gill Taylor and Andy Noble, as well as Mrs Harcombe in the office, for all their help in the organisation of the minibus.

TURBO CRICKET

A team of 6 Year 4s attended the first ever Turbo Cricket tournament in Welwyn and Hatfield. Turbo Cricket is a new sport, introduced this year, which is a simplified version of cricket, suitable for younger years. It aims to get children used to batting and fielding in a cricket context.

The children were excited to be the first ever pupils to represent Green Lanes in Turbo Cricket. Naturally, there were nerves from all 10 schools participating. Green Lanes worked together as a fantastic team. They communicated brilliantly when fielding, and supported each other when batting.

Green Lanes won their group stage, with 67 runs in total, and progressed to the semi-finals, where they played Peartree School. The children were desperate to get to the final, and this showed in their hard work and dedication in the match. It finished 44 – 31 to Green Lanes, meaning Green Lanes made the final against Creswick School.

The extremely excited team were even more determined to win. They supported each other throughout, showing great team spirit. Sophia and Dušan were the last batters of the game, and hit the ball fantastically. The game finished 22-9 to Green Lanes, meaning Green Lanes are the first ever team to win the Welwyn and Hatfield Turbo Cricket tournament! The children were so pleased, and very proud of their gold medals.

The team are likely to progress to county level next, representing Welwyn and Hatfield against other teams from across Hertfordshire.

With another brilliant sporting win for Green Lanes, the rest of the year is looking promising!

A huge well done to the team: Sean A, Sophia C, Dušan C, Emily M, Rayan P, Olivia T. Check out their winners' photo on the Green Lanes website!

YEAR 4 AND 5 PE

Year 4 are lucky to have 3 weeks of a UEFA trained football coach attend their PE lessons, to work specifically with the girls. The aim is to improve girls' attitude and ability within football, as well as increase participation. Meanwhile, the boys have been working with Mr Willis from Onslow St Audrey's School.

Year 5 had their first Judo session this week with a local Judo coach. Those who have done Judo, Karate and Tae Kwon Do were sharing their knowledge, whilst the beginners enjoyed the opportunity to take part in a new sport. Check out some photos of Judo on Green Lanes' website > News & Dates > Sports News.

SPORTING STARS

Whilst we have lots of sporting success in school, we would love to hear your achievements outside of school too! 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!