



GREEN LANES PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

It has been a very busy two weeks of sport at Green Lanes. Lots has been going on, including sporting events within school, competitive events against other schools, and non-competitive festivals! We still have teams practising in preparation for the Hertfordshire County Finals too! Lots of the children are working very hard, which has been difficult in the heatwave! We hope you enjoy reading about the successes of Green Lanes in this week's 3 page Sports Newsletter!

We still have lots of spaces in the Year 3 and 4 Netball Club running on Mondays after school. The club is run by a netball coach, and is free of charge. If you are interested in your child joining for the last few weeks of term, please get a letter from the office or Miss Leach.

LACROSSE MATCH

A team of Year 5 and 6 children played a Hertfordshire County final match at Green Lanes on Friday 9th June against William Ransom School from Hitchin. Green Lanes had won the South Herts Lacrosse tournament and progressed to this final, with the chance of representing Hertfordshire at the National Championships in Manchester.

The team have only been playing Lacrosse for a short amount of time, and had only had one previous competitive match prior to this. In addition to this, the opposition were 2016 National champions!

The short 10-minute game was fast and furious, with lots of quick fire passing and shooting. Unfortunately, Green Lanes took a little bit of time to get into the game, and William Ransom used this to their advantage, scoring quite early. However, Green Lanes

learnt a lot from playing against a more experienced team, and quickly upped their game. Defending improved, and the team were more confident to make their attacking chances count.

Nevertheless, William Ransom showed their experience and well-drilled tactics, and won the match. We wish William Ransom the best of luck attending the National Championships for another year running.

Well done to the Green Lanes team who worked hard, learnt lots and enjoyed one of their first competitive matches in Lacrosse.

Team: Abigail Cavill, Will Clarke, Joshua Ellis, Jasmin Mac, Aloaye Mamudu, Jaiden Patel, Devyanshu Sinha, Chrissy Wilberforce.

YEAR 4 HATFIELD SUMMER GAMES DAY

Children from Van Gogh and Picasso Class took part in the Hatfield Summer Games. They had a fantastic time visiting Hertfordshire University and having the opportunity to participate in a range of sports and activities. These included tennis, badminton and street dance!

Children got the chance to work with group leaders and experts from different teams and clubs in the local area. They got tips to improve their technique and discussed rules for games they were unsure of.

For the second year running Year 4 were successful in leaving with one of the three trophies available! Coming 1st out of 24 other teams with a special road safety activity.

All children left happy, with their own goodie bag and medal.

There was a great attitude and effort shown by all the children who took part in the enjoyable day. It was a brilliant opportunity for children to experience a range of new sports. Well done Year 4!

YEAR 3 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A team of Year 3 boys attended the annual Hatfield Year 3 Football Tournament at De Havilland School.

Eight schools took part, with the hope of being crowned Hatfield champions 2017. After last year's team getting to the final and placing 2nd on penalties, the boys were desperate to get through the tournament without a dreaded penalty shootout.

The first game against The Ryde was fantastic. After Harvey's first goal, the team started to build confidence. With a goal from Lennon and a further two goals from Harvey, the team secured a 4-0 win, with Flynn only touching the ball once as goalkeeper! Fantastic work Green Lanes!

The success continued in the next group stage match against De Havilland. Green Lanes were clearly the stronger team, but conceded two goals due to unlucky mistakes near our goal. Nevertheless, Green Lanes continued to calmly and confidently score, with another 3 goals from the McKessick twins!

The final group stage match was against St Mary's. The boys moved the ball around the pitch so maturely, thinking carefully about how to weave around the many defensive players. St Mary's spent most of the match defending, but Green Lanes continued to strengthen and scored another 2 goals.

A dodgy tackle on Sam just outside the box gave Green Lanes a free kick. Sam knocked it perfectly over the opposition. The ball hit the crossbar and landed over the line before rolling back out. Dramatically, the referee did not count the goal, but play continued as the ball rebounded out of the net, and Lennon secured the goal anyway. The match finished 4-0, and Green Lanes knew they would progress to the semi-final stages with an unbeaten record.

De Havilland played Birchwood in one semi-final, whilst Green Lanes faced Hatfield Community Free School, who had secured a 7-1 win in one of their group stage matches. Green Lanes were not concerned by the opposition, and took everything in their stride. They approached the game with a positive attitude and fantastic sportsmanship. They were desperate to make

the final and showed that in their composed yet passionate performance. Lennon scored in the last few minutes of the game, so the boys knew to stay strong defensively, and ensure they did not concede. They did this with great success, and progressed to the final.

They faced De Havilland in the final. By this point, most of De Havilland School were out to support De Havilland's team. The chanting and shouting could have been intimidating but Green Lanes bounced off it and rose to the occasion. Their experience they had gained, just through the afternoon, was evident. The boys had learnt so much in such a small amount of time, and pulled it all together when they needed to. Sam's fearless defending ensured yet another game where the goalkeeper barely touched the ball. Lennon, Harvey and Zac attacked with ease and confidence. A few missed chances didn't worry them, and Lennon soon scored to make it 1-0. Now, more than ever, Green Lanes wanted to secure the win a little more, and Lennon soon did so with a fantastic second goal. By this point, we were counting down the minutes for the game to end. Zac had made so many fantastic runs throughout the afternoon, but hadn't managed to score, however, in the final moments of the game, he timed his shot perfectly for a 3-0 win! The boys were ecstatic. An afternoon unbeaten, only 2 goals conceded all tournament, and a win for Green Lanes! Enormous congratulations to all the team. They are clearly going to be fantastic contenders for the Year 5 and 6 league in a few years' time! Special mention to the McKessick twins for scoring 14 goals between them! A force to be reckoned with!

Well done to all the boys for such a fantastic afternoon. The boys were positive and confident team players with a brilliant sportsmanship attitude. It was lovely to see them out of the classroom doing something they love. A proud moment. Go Green Lanes! Another trophy and more gold medals to add to the collection!

Team: Zac Atsutse-Asamoah, Flynn Coughlan, Thomas Lindars, Harvey McKessick, Lennon McKessick (c), Sam Price.

SPORTS AFTERNOON

Monks Walk School hosted a fun non-competitive multi-sports afternoon, where the children were able to try sports such as dodgeball, softball (a version of rounders), hand ball, archery and team building activities. 6 children from Year 5 took part in the event, and enjoyed playing the sports whilst making new friends from other schools. Well done to the children for a positive and open attitude throughout the afternoon. Children attended: Ana Ciungu, Grace Harper, Henry Hayes, Samuel Love, Finley Mitchel, Sophie Webster.

YEAR 5 AND 6 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

What great weather for cricket when the team set off to Welwyn Garden City Cricket Club for their first competitive matches in the Partnership Competition. There were 11 schools attending and we were drawn in a pool with Watchlytes and Brookmans Park.

The team were nervous and excited as they warmed up, whilst keeping a close eye on the first match, which resulted in a Brookmans Park win vs Watchlytes.

In the second match we played Brookmans Park and put them in to bat first. Jaiden captained the side and chose the bowling order tactically. Alfred bowled a maiden over and we managed to keep the scoring down, so with 2 outs they were kept to 236 runs (teams start on 200, as batters lose 5 runs for an out). Green Lanes then batted in pairs, each for 2 overs and managed to score enough boundaries for Jaiden to protect his wicket in the final over and we won with 242 runs.

Having won our first match, spirits and confidence were high as we then put Watchlytes in to bat.

Jack captained this match and Bella came on as a substitute getting 3 wickets in her first over! Joshua and Devyanshu also kept their bowling tight. Watchlytes scored 246, after some recounting of runs scored. Jasmin, Jack, Jaiden, Harry and Aniket all batted well and contributed to the run rate. Unfortunately, we lost by 5 runs.

This left our pool drawn and after the number of outs and then run difference was taken into account we narrowly lost out to Brookmans Park. They went on to play in the semi-final and then final, losing out to St Michaels Woolmer Green, who will represent the partnership in the county final. We were proud to have played and won against a team in the final. We finished our day of cricket by beating Creswick in a friendly game. Well done to the whole team for great sportsmanship and team work.

Team: Jaiden P, Jack M, Jasmin M, Bella C, Devyanshu S, Harry L, Aniket S, Joshua J, Alfred M

SPORTS DAY

Well done to all the children who took part in Sports Day this year. There was a range of activities taking place, such as obstacle races, long jump and sprint relays. House captains behaved fantastically, recording results for KS1 and supporting their houses in KS2. As always, the year 6 sprint relay was a fantastic last race to finish the day, with an electric atmosphere and brilliant sportsmanship from all the year 6s.

Congratulations to Ash for winning the KS1 Sports Day, beating Fir by only 2 points! Well done to Elm and Oak who came joint 3rd with equal points. The KS2 results were also tight, with Ash winning again, with only 6 more points than Fir! Elm placed 3rd and Oak placed 4th. We hope all the children had a fun-filled day of sport in the sunshine, and well done to all the children for trying their best in their event.

KS1 INTRAHOUSE MORNING

A new event for the calendar this year was an Intrahouse Sports morning for KS1 led by the Sports Leaders and Sports Ambassadors who came up with 6 different activities for the children in year 1 and 2 to compete in. Activities included long jump, tunnel golf, an obstacle course, bean bag shuttle, distance throw and target throw. Year 1 and 2 were in mixed teams of ten and competed to gain points for their houses.

Congratulations to Oak who won the event with 1186

points, followed by Ash with 1155, them Elm with 1070, and Fir with 1026!

An extra award was given out to the team who showed the most enthusiasm, best behaviour and teamwork. Well done to groups 6 and 10 who won this!

It proved to be a great event; all the children were amazing, the weather was not too hot and the Year 6 organisers were truly fantastic role models. A proud teacher moment! Well done everyone.

SPORTING STARS

Oliver Gordon (year 5 Sanchez) struck gold in the Under-21s Contemporary Dance Regional Final of the All England Dance Competition. He and his duet partner will now compete in the National Finals at Hackney Empire in London! Well done Oliver! An amazing achievement. We wish you both the best of luck.

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!