



GREEN LANES PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2017
ISSUE 10

WELCOME

As we come near the end of a busy Spring Term, some clubs will be coming to an end, such as Year 5 and 6 Football Club, Girls Football Club, and Year 5 and 6 Netball Club. Summer term brings new sports clubs, so please keep an eye out for letters about these (some letters will be sent before the Easter break, some will be sent after).

Thanks 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.

DANCE FESTIVALS

The Year 5 and 6 Dance Team have been rehearsing since October for various dance events this academic year. The first event of the year was on Tuesday 14th March, at a festival for primary schools in Welwyn and Hatfield at The Hawthorne Theatre in Welwyn Garden City. A total of 18 schools took part over three evenings of performances, and for some of the Green Lanes team, it was their first time performing on a stage!

Unfortunately, one of the dancers, Freya N, injured herself two days before the performance, and could not dance. We wish Freya a speedy recovery, and hope she can return for the competition.

However, this did mean making slight changes to the dance so close to the performances. That being said, the children rose to the occasion and put their all into learning the changes in time. The children had a dress rehearsal a few hours prior to performing, which, admittedly, wasn't their best performance. Nevertheless, they knew to leave their mistakes in the dress rehearsal, and turned their nerves into adrenaline as they performed the piece for the first time to a sold out theatre! The children performed confidently and with pride, and were very pleased with how it went.

However, their thoughts quickly turned to tomorrow, as the following day was another day full of rehearsals and performances! On Wednesday 15th

March, they travelled early to The Alban Arena for the County Dance Festival. This festival was a celebration of dance from 45 schools from across Hertfordshire, ranging from infants to sixth formers. The standard was high and the children had some fantastic GCSE and A-Level curriculum pieces to watch and admire.

The team felt more confident about performing after the experience of the Welwyn and Hatfield festival the day before, and had both a matinee and evening performance to show off their fantastic dance. A special mention goes to Tomisin who felt unwell throughout the day, and even went home after the first performance, but was adamant she wanted to dance, and returned to the Alban Arena, just moments before we were going on stage. A fantastic team effort. It was a brilliant two days with a lovely group of dancers who represented Green Lanes magnificently.

Well done to the whole team: Tomisin A, Maisy B, Alice C, Bella C, Freya D, Josh E, Oliver G, Lola J, Kayleigh N, Emily P, Laura P, Lily R, Tillie S, Amelie W.

The dance team are competing at their only competition of the year, Chance 2 Dance, 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!

TURBO CRICKET COUNTY FINALS

A mixed team of six Year 4 students won the district Turbo Cricket tournament in February and got through to the County finals being played at Sir Frederic Osborn School in Welwyn Garden City last week. Representing Welwyn and Hatfield the team were against 7 other partnership areas in 2 pools.

Turbo cricket is a very fast moving version of the outdoor game and involves the players working in pairs to hit 6 balls from tees. The fielding team are not allowed to move until all the balls have been hit. Extra points are gained for hitting between 2 cones in the playing area and the batting pair then

run between the wicket gaining extra runs until the fielding team have returned all the balls to the tees. Green Lanes played well as a team especially when organising themselves in the field. They lost the first game due to a lost ball! Unfortunately, the next 2 games were also lost but the scores of 28-25 and 48-46 show how hard the whole team battled. Well done to everyone for representing the Welwyn Hatfield partnership in the first Turbo Cricket competition!

Team: Rayan P, Sophia C, Dušan C, Olivia T, Sean A and Emily M

FOOTBALL MAYNARD CUP SEMI-FINAL

The football team have come to the end of the league, winning all but 2 matches. A huge congratulation to the boys, the league standings are soon to be announced once the last few fixtures are played between some of the other schools.

Meanwhile, the Maynard Cup is in full swing, and Green Lanes were part of the semi-final play-off. The Maynard Cup is a knock-out tournament for primary schools in Hatfield, which has been running over 20 years. However, for the first time ever, there were 9 schools wanting to participate. An odd number of teams in a knock-out competition was difficult to organise, so the organisers decided to have a 3 team play-off semi-final to identify the two teams for the final.

Green Lanes faced Birchwood Avenue and De Havilland on neutral ground at Oak View School. Green Lanes have gelled well as a team, and both their skill and attitude has improved as this year has progressed.

They entered the first game against De Havilland raring to go, knowing they needed success in at least one game to get through to the final. De Havilland were a strong team, but Green Lanes did not get disheartened after conceding a goal and came back fighting. Fantastic play from Sidney created a chance for Jaden to score. This gave the

boys a boost in a tough game, but unfortunately the final score didn't go in Green Lanes' favour.

Nevertheless, they refreshed themselves and sustained positive attitudes as they played Birchwood. They felt confident, particularly after winning a league match against them a few weeks before. Green Lanes dominated play, and had many shots at goal, but unfortunately none of them reached the net. Birchwood had very few shots, but one managed to roll over the line fairly early in the game, and Green Lanes were unable to level the scores thereafter.

It was a tough defeat, particularly as Green Lanes fought so hard and played brilliantly, but sometimes the score doesn't always reflect the game!

Sidney's performance and attitude on the pitch was second to none. He gave his all, and showed fantastic sporting attitude in every minute of every game. Well done Sidney!

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

MOTM: Sidney

We bid a sad farewell to Jaden Prempeh who has played in the team all season, but is moving out of the area, and with that, leaving Green Lanes. Good luck Jaden! You will be missed.

TAG RUGBY WORKSHOP – YEAR 3

Year 3 had a workshop with a rugby coach from Junior Sharks Rugby, who have teamed up with Welwyn RFC to develop and promote rugby in the local area. The children were able to learn new skills and play fun tag rugby games. If any children would like to take rugby any further, outside of school, please contact Jon Slade on Jwandkl@googlemail.com to find out more about rugby in the local area.

LACROSSE SOUTH HERTS TOURNAMENT

A team of year 5 and 6 pupils attended a Lacrosse tournament at Applecroft School last week. The team attended the Lacrosse Club last term, and were looking forward to playing the game competitively.

The first match they played saw a tight 1-1 draw at half time. The teams were still getting used to the rules in this newly learnt game, but Green Lanes soon got into the swing of it, winning the game 4-1. Jaiden P was very creative during play, and secured several goals. Aloaye also chased the ball at all opportunities, to keep possession.

The second game saw fantastic play from Will, and good attacking skills from Abigail, but unfortunately, the game ended 3-3. A winner needed to be decided, therefore, it went to Golden Goal, i.e. next

goal wins! It was a very tense few minutes, and both teams fought hard for the goal. Eventually, Green Lanes got the golden goal! The team now progress through to another tournament, playing winners from other areas of Hertfordshire.

The team left their first lacrosse tournament having enjoyed the afternoon and enjoyed playing a new sport competitively. The Lacrosse coach who ran the club in the Autumn term will be running workshops next week for years 4, 5 and 6 so pupils can also try out Lacrosse, as its popularity is increasing in primary schools. Lacrosse Club may return in the Summer term, depending on uptake.

Team: Abigail C, Will C, Josh Ellis, Aloaye M, Jaiden P, Devyanshu S, Chrissy W.

ATHLETICS COUNTY FINALS

Writing this report fills me (Miss Leach!) with pride. What an achievement for the girls' athletics team to reach the County Finals and represent the Welwyn and Hatfield district. This is a fantastic moment, breaking records for Green Lanes as the first ever athletics team to compete at County level.

The girls had been training hard in the weeks leading up to the finals, and the minibus journey to the event at Wodson Park in Ware was a bundle of nerves and excitement!

On arrival, the size of the competition hit the team. There were 12 girls and 12 boys' teams at the event, all previous winners of their district rounds across Hertfordshire. The competition was inevitably tough, but the girls certainly rose to the occasion.

They gave their all in each and every event, and this was particularly noticeable in the track events. Bella and Chrissy's 2 x 2 relay was remarkable, as was Erin and Jasmin's 6 lap paarlauf, both finishing in the top 3.

More high-ranking scores came from the obstacle relay (a combination of several field events,

hurdles, and sprinting), as well as the over/under relay (hurdles and tunnels), which secured more points for the girls. The 4 x 1 relay was the final race of the day, and Green Lanes did not disappoint, again, finishing 2nd. These high ranking results were very impressive against 11 of the best teams in Hertfordshire.

The value of teamwork and sportsmanship was incredible, all supporting each other in times of need. Two were injured very early on in the day, but were adamant to continue. We also suffered a mishap with a dropped baton in one of the relays, but all the girls pulled together to support and reassure each other. Their attitude towards sport was fantastic.

Overall, the girls ranked the 4th best U11 girl's athletics team in Hertfordshire. The scores were tight at the top, but Green Lanes had a large lead between 4th and 5th place. The team also broke records for Welwyn and Hatfield, placing higher than ever before in athletics at County level.

The girls were a pleasure to train, and were fantastic sporting role models for their peers. Well done girls! You were amazing!

Team: Tomisin A, Erin A, Bella C, Jasmin M, Opemipo M, Tillie S, Hailie S, Amelie W, Chrissy W.

SPORTING STARS

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!