



GREEN LANES PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Firstly, a huge thank you to those who have donated Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers already! 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.

There is still a large number of children wearing the incorrect PE kit during PE lessons. Shorts, tracksuit bottoms and jackets should all be plain green, black or dark grey. T-shirts should be plain white, with only a Green Lanes logo. We also have an increasing number of children wearing tights under their shorts due to a lack of socks. Please may we remind you to pack socks if your child is wearing tights. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPORTS LEADERS

The leaders have continued to run the sports challenges at lunch time over the last few weeks.

On the Key Stage 1 playground, children were taking part in a cone touch challenge, seeing how many times they can side step between the two cones and tap each side. Key Stage 2 were taking part in a target throwing activity, throwing 4 bean bags of different colours into 4 matching coloured targets. Congratulations to Oak who won overall last week!

This week, Key Stage 1 were taking part in bean bag shuttle runs, whilst Key Stage 2 were undertaking endurance drills, seeing how long they could hold a plank position! It was very impressive to see Key Stage 2 demonstrate their brilliant attitudes, by not giving up and trying their best!

Find out the winning house in Monday's assembly!

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

CLUB SPACES

We 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 collect a letter from the office or Miss Leach.

JUDO

Year 5 have had a brilliant 3 weeks taking part in some Judo sessions as part of their PE lessons. Lots of the children have really enjoyed their lessons, and many are interested in continuing more Judo outside of school. Roy Smith, 3rd Dan, is the senior club coach at Bury Judo Club. Roy ran the sessions at Green Lanes, and has training sessions every Monday evening. For more information, contact roysmith150@btinternet.com or 07961105055. Alternatively, for something more local, visit falconjudo.co.uk or call/text the club coach Michael Keller on 07865301952. Check out some photos of Year 5 taking part in Judo on Green Lanes website > News & Dates > Sport News.

INDOOR ATHLETICS

After both the boys and girls athletics teams won the Hatfield round, they progressed to the Welwyn and Hatfield final of Indoor Athletics on 2nd February. There were 10 different schools at the event, all of which had placed 1st or 2nd in their first rounds to be at the competition, meaning a tough afternoon ahead! All the schools were competing for a chance to represent Welwyn and Hatfield at the Herts County Championships, but only 1st place went through.

The children were the first team to be transported to an event in Green Lanes' new minibus! The nerves and adrenaline began to increase as we arrived at the venue, but the children were confident in their own abilities, and knew to try their best in every event.

The boys team reached great success both on the track and field. Excellent performances came from Jaiden, Harry, Thomas and Josh, placing 2nd in the obstacle race, as well as Aloaye and Ben coming 3rd in the 1+1 lap sprints, and Sidney and Aloaye coming 1st in the 2+2 lap sprints. Jaiden, Jaden and Aloaye also ranked 1st in the chest push event! Brilliant performances also came from Will in the vertical jump and Irfan in the 4x1 lap relay.

With live results filtering in on the screen in the hall, it was a very tense and exciting time. On three different occasions, Green Lanes' boys team ranked 1st, but many events were still left, and it was all to play for. The children supported each other immensely and the atmosphere in the venue was truly electric. Many teachers, including the organiser of the event, commented on the level of skill at the competition, and could not believe how competitive the tournament was! The boys team finished in 3rd place, and came away with a medal! This is the best a Green Lanes' boys team has done at this competition, and they should all be very proud of their achievements!

The girls team stormed the first round in December, with a 20-point lead between them and 2nd place, but they knew to not be complacent, but to throw their all into each and every event in this competition.

Similarly, to the last round, the girls placed consistently high in all events, placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in every track or field event. A definite highlight of the afternoon was Chrissy's sprinting in the 2+2 lap relay, gaining a lead of over 4 seconds in just one lap! Amelie, Tillie, Opemipo and Hailie also won their over/under races, whilst Jasmin and Erin placed 2nd in the 6 lap paarlauf. In the field event rules, the 3 athletes in each event work together as a team, and their points are combined to calculate their overall place. Combined, Chrissy, Bella and Opemipo won the long jump event, whilst amazing triple jumps from Amelie, Opemipo, and our record holder, Tillie, placed Green Lanes in 2nd.

The girls ranked 2nd to Applecroft throughout the entire tournament, but an overwhelming success in the penultimate event - the javelin throw - saw success for Chrissy, Jasmin and Tillie, bringing the girls a few points ahead of Applecroft and edging into 1st place. This meant their chances of winning were reliant on the 4 x 1 lap relay. This was a very tense moment, but the girls were sure to support and cheer on the relay team. Chrissy ran the first leg, and truly set Green Lanes up to win, gaining an incredible lead within seconds. Tomisin, Erin and Bella saw the baton home, and secured a convincing win when it really mattered. The girls truly gave their all in every event, and Green Lanes girls were crowned champions!

This is an extraordinary achievement for the team, breaking records for Green Lanes, as the first team to ever win Indoor Athletics and advance to the County Championships, competing against the 12 best teams from across Hertfordshire!

The afternoon was a rollercoaster of emotions for all involved. A huge congratulation to both teams for breaking records, and being a credit to Green Lanes in your sportsmanship, dedication and team spirit. Fantastic sporting role models, and we are proud of you all. Well done!

SPORTING STARS

Joshua Ellis and Jason Ho have been taking part in the Herts Swimming County Championships over the last few weeks. They each train several hours per week, and were selected to take part in these championships, meaning both boys are in the top 16 swimmers in Hertfordshire. Joshua placed 6th in the 200m Individual Medley, and 11th in the 200m Backstroke, meanwhile, Jason secured a silver medal in the 50m Fly, and bronze in the 100m Individual Medley! Amazing work from both swimmers at County level! Well done! A huge achievement!

Do you have a big sports competition coming up? A test or exam you have recently passed? Are your older siblings achieving sporting success at secondary school? 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!