

## **Spring Term 2016 – Sports News**

### **KS1 Gymnastics Competition**

Our KS1 gymnastics team came a brilliant second place in their recent competition. It was a very close competition with Green Lanes ending up only one point behind first place. All the team worked hard to learn a floor and bench routine, and performed this with smiles on the day. Well done team Green Lanes.



### **Welwyn and Hatfield Partnership Tournament – 23rd March 2016**

Our Year 5 and 6 football team competed in the Welwyn and Hatfield Partnership Tournament on Wednesday 23rd March. The 15 schools that took part were playing 6-a-side matches, and all battled to win the group stages. Green Lanes won the group stages, with two draws and two wins. The team went through to the semi-finals and played strong opponents, losing by one goal. The third place play-off was a goalless tie and went to ‘sudden death’ penalties. Green Lanes finished fourth overall, which is a great achievement out of 15 schools. Another great afternoon of football, and a big well done to Ethan (our goalkeeper) for getting two goals and an assist.

Players: Ethan P, Callum C, Luke B, Tarun A, Charlie T, Oliver L, Oliver W, Harvey L, Sidney M, Giovanni E.



### **Football Masterclass – 21st March 2016**

Eight children from Year 5 and 6 attended a Football Masterclass session, in partnership with Stevenage Football Club. The children took part in skills workshops, and played some

competitive matches in a tournament. There were 115 players from 16 primary schools attending, and the organisers said the “standard was exceptionally high”.

There were specialist youth coaches from Stevenage FC who were coaching the children, as well as looking for talented footballers to potentially join their youth academy. The scouts, Head of Youth Coaching and Head of Football Academy, even awarded Charlie Taylor with the Coaches Award – a real achievement amongst so many talented footballers. Charlie was certainly very proud of his trophy!

Players: Charlie T, Ethan P, Oliver W, Oliver L, Harvey L, Ellis T, Sidney M, Lui P

### **Premier League Schools Football Tournament – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Two football teams, made up of Year 5 and 6 children, competed at the Premier League Schools Tournament on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. This tournament was organised by Watford FC, in partnership with the FA and Premier League, and involved 32 teams from across the County. The 6-a-side tournament was played on small astro-turf pitches, and consequently, the children were a little out of their comfort zone. Nevertheless, they battled through, against teams of a high standard. Giovanni was a star striker, scoring many goals, and Ethan made some crucial saves. There was also Ellis, who worked hard as a captain to communicate with his team, and Amelia who scored a great goal in one of the first games! All the children played with fantastic effort, and it was lovely to see them pulling together and supporting each other. The tournament was a great experience for the children, and we hope they had fun!

Thank you to all the players who proudly played to represent Green Lanes!

Players: Ethan P, Ellis T, Tarun A, Luke B, Callum C, Lui P, Charlie T, Ryan F, Amelia B, Oliver W, Josh L, Giovanni E, Jaden P, Sidney M.



### **Maynard Cup Semi-Final – 17th March 2016**

Green Lanes football team won their semi-final match against Howe Dell, and now progress to the final of the Maynard Cup! It was a tough game with quite fairly matched opponents, but the boys didn't let that stop them. Sidney had stepped up to the team last minute, and scored a great goal to make it 1-0. A penalty by Charlie made the score line 2-0. A valiant effort and great team work! Well done! Green Lanes are proud of you! They now look forward to the Maynard Cup final next Thursday!

The team played in their fabulous new kit, thanks to the GLSA and Mather Marshall (our local estate agents). We thank them for the funding and support.



### **Welwyn and Hatfield Dance Festival – 16th March 2016**

The Year 5 and 6 dance team performed at the Welwyn and Hatfield Dance Festival, with their Alice in Wonderland themed dance ‘Trapped In Wonderland’. The dancers were very nervous but excited, and performed excellently, especially as some of them had never performed in a theatre that big! A huge well done to all the dancers! They will now continue to practise in preparation for the competition in April.



### **Tag Rugby Tournament – 4th March 2016**

The Year 5 and 6 tag rugby team competed in a 7-a-side tournament at Countess Anne, against other Hatfield schools on Friday 4th March. The team were excited and eager to play, and their team work was incredible to watch. They topped the group stages, joint with another school, and went through to the semi-finals. This was an extremely tense and close game against Oak View, but the children thought carefully and tactically, and played to their strengths. They won the semi-finals, and progressed to the final vs Countess Anne. This game was one of the best tag rugby games Green Lanes have played. They fought to the end, with pride and passion, and lost by 1 tri in the last 5 seconds of the game! An honourable afternoon, and we hope the team look back at the afternoon with fond memories. We are incredibly proud of the passion and commitment from Green Lanes children. Well done to every member of the team!

### **Football match Green Lanes vs The Ryde (final league match) – 1st March 2016**

The Year 5 and 6 football team played their last league match on the 1<sup>st</sup> March against The Ryde. The boys played with determination and skill. Great team work led them to a 3-1 win. Three great attacking runs and assists from Charlie T enabled Giovanni to score three goals. It was fantastic to see the team become more tactically aware, particularly in defence. Well done boys! A great end to the league. MOTM: Callum for some crucial clearances!

### **Tag Rugby (Friendly) vs Oak View – 25th February 2016**

Some Year 6 children played a friendly Tag Rugby game against Oak View last week, in preparation for a tournament on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. There were some great runs from Luke B, who had a fantastic attitude to learn and improve throughout the game. Oliver W was also fantastic on the wing. It was a close game, losing by only 1 point, but with this experience behind them, they can progress on to the tournament with more confidence and skill. Good luck! MOTM: Luke B for great tactical awareness and dodging.

### **Indoor Athletics – Welwyn and Hatfield Finals – 4th February 2016**

The Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics team attended the Welwyn and Hatfield finals last week, and were full of nerves and adrenaline! Green Lanes finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall, which was an excellent achievement. The competition was very tough; competing against the best schools around, but the children stepped up and competed with determination. It was lovely to see them supporting and encouraging each other. They were certainly a credit to Green Lanes. It takes a lot of courage and bravery to compete in competitions of such high standard. Ms Johnson, Miss Leach and Mrs Courtney were very proud of each and every competitor, and we hope the children are proud of themselves for such great achievements and sportsmanship. Particular highlights came from Harvey and Amelia's determined sprints, Chrissy's amazing throwing skills, and Georgie and Kayleigh's agile sprints in the Over/Under Relay! Credit goes to Lilly who stepped up to compete in two new events on the day due to absences, and Oliver W for such a positive and dedicated attitude throughout the process. A fantastic afternoon with great team spirit; GO GREEN LANES!



### **Football match Green Lanes vs St. Philip Howard- 28th January 2016**

The football team took on St. Philip Howard this week for another home fixture in the league. The first half ended 0-0, but Green Lanes dominated play and had a couple of shots on target. Credit goes to Sidney who stepped up to play in the team for the first time with a strong and positive attitude. After a quick substitution, the second half was underway. Oliver W managed to weave through their tight defence to score a great goal, making it 1-0. Consequently, the game started to open up, but Green Lanes didn't let that stop their excellent attacking qualities, which led to another two fantastic goals from Charlie. The game finished 3-0, and the boys now look ahead to the first round of the Maynard Cup next Thursday against Birchwood Avenue. Good luck for next week boys; do what you do best!

Players: Ethan, Luke, Tarun, Callum, Charlie, Oliver W, Oliver L and Sidney

MOTM: Oliver W

### **Indoor Athletics – 28th January 2016**

Twenty children from Years 5 and 6 proudly represented Green Lanes at an Indoor Athletics Competition. The children behaved excellently, and their determined and resilient attitudes ensured some great wins! Particular highlights of the competition came from the boys' sprinting events which led to several victories. Well done, also, to Monica for fantastic long jumping skills, and Chrissy, Bella and Leah for great strength and skill in the sprints. It was lovely to see them all supporting each other and working together as a team. Green Lanes finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall! The boys team were only 2 points behind the winners, and the girls team only 4 points behind! It was so close, nevertheless, a superb effort from all involved; the children should be very proud! They will now progress to the Welwyn and Hatfield finals with a chance to compete at County level! Good luck!

### **Speed Stacking Competition – 22nd January 2016**

A group of Years 3 and 4 children attended a Speed Stacking competition, and showed amazing skills and good team work. The group represented Green Lanes with pride and did very well for one of their first competitive events at the school. Well done to the Speed Stacking team!



### **Green Lanes vs Birchwood Avenue (Maynard Cup): Score 3-0**

The Year 6 Football Team kicked off the first round of the Maynard Cup with a home fixture against Birchwood Avenue yesterday. This knockout competition is prestigious amongst the Hatfield Schools, and the team rose to the occasion with great enthusiasm. A fantastic goal from Charlie T meant Green Lanes were leading rather quickly. Luke was quick to make the score 2-0, followed by another great goal from Charlie. The boys demonstrated great communication skills throughout the match, proving their skills to work well as a team. They now progress to the next round of the Maynard Cup with pride! Well done! MOTM: Charlie T (Captain) for excellent attacking qualities and good leadership skills.