

District Sports 2016 – Green Lanes win District Sports 2016 for Hatfield Schools

Green Lanes attended the annual Hatfield District Sports event at Gosling Sports Park on Wednesday 6th July. Children in Years 3 to 6 from 9 Hatfield Schools competed in a variety of athletic track and field events. Green Lanes were aiming to retain the title of District Sports winners, after 2015's success!

The afternoon started well, with an incredible win for Charlie Taylor in the 600m, leading by a long stretch, and running a personal best race time of 1.48! Georgie Elmer-Roads also had a fantastic run for the girls 600m, placing 2nd! Meanwhile, on the field, Amelia Botevyle won the long distance throw for the Year 6 girls, and Sophia Christodoulou and Esther Large both placed 2nd in the two Year 3 throwing events!

More success came from the bean bag shuttles. These races involve agility and good hand eye coordination, having to retrieve bean bags from the track and returning them to the start line three times, before sprinting to the finish. Bella Christodoulou ran a brilliant race with a clear win. Sidney Martin also had a great run, bringing home yet another win for Green Lanes!

Next came the almighty sprints. Kharis Prempeh ran an exemplary and impressive race and was a formidable force, winning both her heat and final! Brothers Aloaye and Osi Mamudu also ran fantastic sprints, and it was lovely to see them racing together in the relay. Chrissy Wilberforce also demonstrated amazingly strong sprinting skills, very narrowly missing out on 1st place, but ran an excellent race securing 2nd place.

With so many fantastic sprinters in their own right, they went on to show off their talents, working collectively in their relay teams. The Year 5 girls team (Erin Annand, Bella Christodoulou, Amelie Ware and Chrissy Wilberforce) showed off their flawless baton changes as they sped over the line, winning in a fantastic fashion. Last but not least, the Year 6 boys relay was the ultimate highlight of the event. Oliver Lunney, Lamar Coombs, Harvey Little and Charlie Taylor were nervous but ready for their last relay representing Green Lanes. The team were well prepared and passed the baton with ease. Oliver had a brilliant start before passing to Lamar, whose run on the second leg was outstanding, gaining enormous ground. He passed to Harvey for the 3rd leg, by which point, it was becoming increasingly clear that Green Lanes were in the lead. A final baton change to Charlie saw Green Lanes win by approximately 30m! Their passion and drive to do their absolute best, even when they were clearly winning, was an example of utmost sportsmanship.

Many members of staff commented on the way in which Green Lanes pupils conducted themselves. The children pulled together as a team, supporting each other, and giving fantastic encouragement both on and off the track. They showed brilliant sportsmanship, and the results showed the effort and dedication every single competitor put into their event. The passion was overwhelming.

With such excellent and consistent results across the many events, Green Lanes were pronounced **District Champions 2016!** This is the second year in a row that Green Lanes has won (something which has not been done before at Green Lanes). A huge congratulations to all involved, you deserved it.

Go Green Lanes!



County Championships – Saturday 11th June 2016

Congratulations to Charlie Taylor, who represented Green Lanes at the 600m County Championships on Saturday 11th June 2016. He raced against the best 600m runners from across the county, and finished 3rd! It was an incredible performance, with an outstanding sprint down the last straight. He beat his personal best, and ran a time of 1:52. This is an exceptional achievement and one he should be extremely proud of, we certainly are at Green Lanes. Charlie is one of our two Sports Ambassadors and also Fir house captain. He has been an excellent role model and shown true sporting talent. Well done Charlie!



Year 3 Football Tournament – Wednesday 8th June 2016

An excited group of Year 3 children attended the annual football tournament on Wednesday 8th June. Nine teams attended the tournament, all ready to battle it out for the trophy. The children had been looking forward to it all week, and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm to represent Green Lanes at a sporting event.

The group stages started well for Green Lanes, with a 2-1 win against The Ryde. Another win followed this, with some great attacking runs up the wing, beating Oak View 3-0. Green Lanes unfortunately lost their third group game, but they still qualified for the semi-finals!

The semi-final saw a challenging game against Countess Anne, who had many chances, but hit the cross bar several times. Green Lanes worked strong as a team, and with some fantastic goals from Alex, Alan and Zack, the team confidently progressed to the final with a 3-0 win under their belt. The other semi-final between Howe Dell and De Havilland was a tricky but even game, ending 1-1, going to penalties. Howe Dell won 3-1 on penalties, and progressed to the final against Green Lanes.

Green Lanes were very proud to have made the final, and excited to play one last time. Possession was fairly even, with a great defensive performance from Howe Dell. With only two minutes to go, Green Lanes scored an unlucky own goal. Nevertheless, it was incredible to see Green Lanes get straight back in the game with their heads held high; a fantastic testament to their team spirit and sporting attitude. A last minute goal made the game 1-1, leading to another penalty shoot out! Unfortunately Green Lanes lost on penalties. Whilst this can sometimes be a harsh way to lose, the children were very upbeat, and showed super teamwork. They left with a medal and a smile; we can't ask for anything more than that! Well done Green Lanes!

Players: Olivia T, Lenny C, Nathan B, George W, Alex E, Alan S, Sean A, Zack C



Hockey Tournament – 26th May 2016

Two Year 5 and 6 Hockey teams entered the Welwyn and Hatfield Partnership tournament on Thursday 26th May. It was a great day, with 18 teams competing for the cup. Both teams have greatly improved since the start of the Hockey Club, and they showed off their skills in the many matches they had to play. The B team won 3 of their games, with some great goals scored. The A team went undefeated and topped the group stages, conceding only 1 goal! They progressed to the semi-finals, where they faced a fast paced team who unfortunately knocked them out ahead of the final. However, they redeemed this by winning the 3rd place play off and coming home with a bronze medal! Well done to everyone for their fantastic teamwork. We are extremely proud of the whole Green Lanes team, who have all come so far in their hockey training.



Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration – 20th May 2016

On Friday 20th May the whole school celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday. All the children throughout the school had extra playtime and took part in different activities on the school field and playground.





Year 3 Basketball Event – 18th May 2016

Eight children from Year 3 attended a Years 3 & 4 basketball event at Oaklands College. This was a great opportunity for the children to learn from some of the best basketball players in the local area, some of which have recently returned from playing basketball in the USA. The children had an opportunity to learn some basketball skills and drills, which led to a friendly game against another school. The children did not have much basketball experience, so this was a great opportunity to learn and have fun with a new sport. The children really enjoyed their afternoon, and worked extremely hard! Well done Green Lanes!

Players: Sean A, Bailey S, Amelia T, Sophie W, Sophia C, Osi M, Arjun M, Emily M.



FA Girls Football Tournament – 28th April 2016

For most of our team, this was their first competitive game of football, as nine teams battled it out to be crowned winners. The team played brilliantly, not losing a match, and not even conceding a goal! They reached the final, against De Havilland's first team, which ended 0-0. Extra time led to a further goalless draw, and the tournament was decided on penalties. The girls fought to the end, finishing the tournament 8-7 against De Havilland. They should be extremely proud of their efforts. Well done to the whole team!

