

Sport News

Celebrating Achievement and Success For All



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We have come to the end of a very productive Half Term for our sports teams. For some of the teams they have played their 1st fixture of the year. We have also been able to celebrate a number of successes for our pupils outside of school, in the wider community.

Football

We have had a busy Half Term in terms of Football with our Lower Junior Boys' Team playing their 1st game as well as fixtures for our Upper Junior Boys and Girls teams.

Our Lower Junior Boys Team played their 1st fixture of the year as we hosted John Rankin, in a competitive fixture. Both teams created good goal scoring opportunities but the scores were level at half time. Unfortunately, some sharp finishing from John Rankin saw them score three times in the second half without reply from Speenhamland. A good learning curve in our first ever game together and I am sure that we will continue to make progress in the forthcoming fixtures.

Our Upper Junior Girls have played in two separate competitions this Half Term, taking part in the Newbury District Indoor 5-a-side competition and the Newbury District 7-a-side competition. In the Indoor 5-a-side competition our girls performed fantastically well; only losing one game all afternoon and finished 3rd in a very competitive group. They followed this strong performance with another great showing in the 7-a-side competition at Long Lane Primary. After losing their opening game against Birch Copse the girls seemed to grow in determination and spirit which allowed them to win their remaining games! A second place finish wasn't enough to see the girls qualify for the finals afternoon but we remain very proud of the progress the girls have shown and can see the hard work they are putting in during their weekly training session is really starting to show rewards.

The Upper Junior Boys have also been in action; they have played in the West Berkshire School Sports Partnership Competition. We qualified for the finals afternoon after finishing 2nd in our group during the group stages. Over the entire competition we played 10 games, winning 5, drawing 4 and losing 1. A fantastic record that the boys can be incredibly proud of; some of the football played has been a pleasure to watch and we can count ourselves unlucky not to have been more successful.

We also took a team to Whitelands Primary; this team contained many boys playing in their 1st Upper Junior game for the school. The performance was fantastic and we ran out 5-0 winners. We are very proud of all the boys especially those who were playing their 1st game for the school.

Yesterday saw us host Winchcombe in the Bill McIlvride Cup. Despite the appalling weather conditions, we finished 10-0, and as a result will go through to the next round.

Indoor Athletics

On Saturday 17th November, a group of children took part in the Team Kennet Indoor Athletics competition. Fantastic performances all round saw us gain an improved score on last year. Clearly, the children have benefited from the training sessions and have worked hard to practise their skills in the weeks leading up to the event.

Alternative Olympics

A group of children travelled to Park House to take part in the Alternative Olympics Competition which saw them participate in four sporting activities including Curling, Archery, Boccia & seated volleyball. Fantastic teamwork, determination and persistence ensured that we performed fantastically well and walked away from the event with gold medals! Well done boys and girls we are very proud of this achievement.

Rugby

On Tuesday 11th December we travelled to Woolhampton Primary for our 1st Rugby fixture of the year. Our boys worked hard and adapted to the game situation well, they listened to the advice given to them and were rewarded with a 14-9 victory over our hosts. A promising start to the year and we look forward to seeing how they get on with further fixtures in the Spring Term.

Wider Community

We have many children who are very successful in a number of sports in the wider community, whether they are team sports or individual sports and we always look forward to hearing about how they have got on in their events and matches. This term we have had a number of children who have taken part in locally organised Fun Runs which we feel deserve special recognition. Eli Oakey-Birch and Sam Flitton took part in the recent Santa Fun Runs; Eli ran in Oxford and his picture made the local paper and Sam took part in the Newbury run and finished 1st in his age group! Both boys were very proud to show us their medals! A number of children ran in the Step Up 4 Good Race organised through the PTA. Amelia Sheridan ran a strong race, and finished second in her age group! Well done to all the boys and girls who are active in the community. Keep up the good work!

