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SPORTING NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our first edition of Sporting News! As a school, we feel passionately about the enriching opportunities that we provide our children, especially when it comes to sport. This term has been action-packed, with a full range of sporting fixtures. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils who have represented Speenhamland - they have been excellent ambassadors and all shown good sportsmanship.

Football

The term started with an upper junior boys football fixture in the Bill McIlvride Cup against Hermitage. We competed well and made progress throughout the game but were unlucky not to score on several occasions, being denied by a mixture of the woodwork and good goalkeeping. Hermitage took their chances well to win the game.

In addition, we also competed in the Newbury District Association 6-a-side competition and finished third in our group after fixtures against John Rankin, Spurcroft and Fir Tree. Our third place finish was enough to see us qualify for the Quarter Finals, where we again played John Rankin who knocked us out of the competition after a competitive fixture.

Our last fixture of the term came on Thursday 30th March, where the upper juniors took part in a tournament at Francis Baily School. We entered two teams and played a total of 8 games, finishing with an impressive record of 6 wins, 1 draw and a defeat.

The uppers girls football team participated in a very exciting tournament at Park House. After a difficult start against an established John Rankin team, they showed determination with each game, winning the final game 2-0, with Ana Souza scoring both goals. The team came 3rd in our league of 5 teams and were awarded bronze medals.

Our lower junior boys team have also been in action, playing Francis Baily in a County Cup Quarter Final. It was an entertaining game with chances at both ends. Francis Baily created several good chances but were denied on several occasions by the outstanding Samuel Jesus!

Unfortunately, Francis Baily did beat Samuel on three occasions to win the game and progress in to the semi-finals.

The lower junior girls football team took part in the Newbury District indoor 5-a-side competition. After a lot of hard work and some impressive performances, our girls finished second in the group and have progressed to the finals afternoon. Finally, our infants team competed in the West Berkshire School Sports Partnership tournament at Park House. They played three tight games and performed well in each fixture. Harry Davies was our top scored for Speenhamland on the night.

Cricket

A group of infant children travelled to The Willows to take part in a Cricket event, which focused on the skills of batting, bowling, fielding and striking the stumps. The children had a great time and developed their hand-eye co-ordination during the event. They event got to meet the Cricket All-Stars mascot!

Tag Rugby

Our upper junior Tag Rugby team attended a festival held at Newbury Rugby Club, where they played 4 fixtures against John Rankin, Francis Baily, Falkland and Burghclere. The team developed during the afternoon, making some exceptional tags and scoring lots of tries. Our final fixture was against Burghclere where we dominated throughout, scoring more than 10 tries in the game!

Cross Country

On Tuesday 21st March, 44 children travelled to Newbury Showground to take part in the West Berkshire Schools Cross Country event. 52 schools entered the competition with more than 1,500 children taking part in their respective races, which made it the largest schools cross country event in the country. All of our children showed determination and resilience to complete the course and we were incredibly proud of everyone who took part. A special mention to Charlotte Flitton, who finished 19th in a race of more than 330 runners; Morgan Graham, who finished 16th in a race of more than 360 runners and JJ Mercer who finished 49th in a race of more than 390 runners.

Well done everyone!

Adam Page
Sports Co-ordinator





Congratulations!

Well done to everyone
that took part.
Great teamwork!

At Speenhamland, we participate in both inclusive and competitive fixtures. We are always keen to provide new opportunities and would love for children who have never represented our school to put themselves forward.

Special Thanks

Miss Hipgrave, Miss Buckell, Mrs Callow, Mrs Flitton, Mrs Gomzyakova,
Mrs Maher and Mr Webster.

Without their added support, a lot of these sporting fixtures would not be possible.
Special shout out to all the parents who have transported their children
and supported them during the different events.



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