

St. Ippolyts School Autumn Term Sports Newsletter



It has been a very busy start to the year for sport and we have competed in a lot of events that we haven't done in two years. The first one of these was cross country for children in Class 5 and 6. We drove to Fairlands Valley and competed against fourteen different schools both individually and in teams. First to run were the class 5 children who were running half a mile. They all ran fantastically well, especially Felix who came 3rd out of 90 runners in his category to win a bronze medal! Up next were the class 6 teams who were running one mile. They were once again amazing, with Sofia coming 3rd in her category and also picking up a bronze medal. Once we had finished all our scores were added together and compared with the other schools and we did amazing! Both the class 5 boys' team and girls team came in 1st place, and the class 6 girls' team and boys team came 3rd. Well done to everyone who participated in this event!



Throughout this term the football team have been playing their first matches since March 2020. These were friendly fixtures and they played well in preparation for their league games. Their first league match was against Wyomondley. Despite a slow start to the game, the team found their flow in the second half and managed to come away with a 5-2 victory. This is a great start for the team, and hopefully they can continue this form after Christmas.

Early in October we then went to a year 5 and 6 table tennis tournament in both boys' and girls' competitions. We played against 2 other schools and only lost 2 out of our 8 matches, winning the tournament and qualifying for county finals. At the end of November we travelled to Watford for the county finals



and competed against 7 of the best schools in Hertfordshire. The girls played fantastically, only just missing out on a place in the semi-finals and finished 8th in the competition, well done girls! The boys finished second in their group and qualified for the semi-finals. They came up against tough opposition and narrowly lost the match, eventually finishing 4th overall. We are so proud of all the table tennis players for this fantastic achievement, well done team!



Later on, we competed in a dodgeball tournament for year 5 and 6 children at Barnwell school they competed against 11 other schools and did amazing! Winning all of their group matches and progressing to the semi-finals. They played against Codicote in the semi final and won 3-0 to set up the final against Broom Barns they continued their good form and won the final 3-0.



Next it was the turn of the year 3 and 4 children who took part in a bocchia skills event. This was good opportunity for the children to test out some new skills in a non-competitive environment, the children and lots of fun learning a new sport.



KS1 had their first taste of an event outside of school with balance festival. This involved athletic style events such as javelin, long jump, and relay races. They had a really fun afternoon running against other schools, and we can't wait for their next event of the year when they take on the Rapid-Fire Cricket tournament in January.

The netball team then had their first games of the year in the rural school's tournament, they played fantastically and didn't lose a game all the way up to the final. The final was a close game but unfortunately, they just missed out, losing 3-2 to come second overall in the tournament and pick up silver medals for the school. This is a great start to the year, and they look forward to the league starting in February.

Throughout November Class 5 and 6 have been improving their archery skills for the virtual competition, finally after weeks of practicing we sent off our scores, and the results that came in it were fantastic! In class five Annie came third in the individual competition. The class five girls team came second, the boys came third and the mixed team managed third place. In the class six individual competition Tai finished 1st for the boys and Emily came in 2nd for the girls. The team results were even better, with the girls, boys and mixed teams coming 1st out of all the schools in Stevenage to win gold medals, well done to the archery team!



There has also been lots of things going on in school for the children to do that sporting futures have put on for us. Over the autumn term class 6 have been doing Fit Kidz, this helped them to co-operate with each other and keep healthy and fit. The children had a lot of fun! Class 2 had action mats sessions in which they took part in different games learning about lots of new skills. Finally, the whole school took part in an inter- house competition, Class 5 and 6 did a four-square tournament with Seacole coming 1st. Classes 3 and 4 had a rapid-fire cricket tournament with Bronte 1st. Then Classes 1 and 2 took part in a mini pentathlon with Bronte coming in 1st. The overall scores were then added up with Bronte 1st, Seacole 2nd, Faraday and Morris tied as 3rd! Well done to Bronte who win 100 house points for the overall totals! Overall it has been a great term for sports we hope that we can continue success in 2022!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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