



Cuffley School SPORTS NEWSLETTER

Learning to Learn

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Fantastic Football

We have had so much going on in the spring term that it is actually a squeeze fitting it all into one newsletter! So many different sports, so many different competitions and more importantly, so many children involved across the entire school – let's see what has been going on at Cuffley this term...

Athletics County Champions!

Our athletics team have been pretty successful in the past couple of years and they headed over to Wodson Park to participate in the School Games Indoor Sportshall Athletics Competition. The event consists of different track races as well as a variety of field events so it really is a huge team effort as everyone has their part to play. Competing against 7 other schools from the Cheshunt area, both teams - boys and girls – comfortably won their heats which meant they went through to the Hertfordshire Finals, involving all of the winning schools from the entire county.



The competition was certainly a lot fiercer in the finals, with so many exceptional athletes on show. Our children gave it absolutely everything however, and the boys – made up predominantly of Year 5s – finished in a very respectable 6th position. The girls have historically always been very strong in this competition, having finished joint 1st last year but pipped on the number of individual 1st place race finishes. This year however, they were determined not to share the accolades so with some unbelievable relays and other teachers commenting on how strong and dominant the girls were, they were crowned Hertfordshire County Champions which is honestly, an incredible achievement considering the strength of the field they were up against.



It's been quite a term of football as well with lots of fixtures played and a number of tournaments as well. The boys' team have really become quite a force the more they have played together and when they competed in a tournament over at Harvesters FC, they were determined to put a couple of semi-final losses from before Christmas in the same tournament behind them and set the record straight – and boy did they do that! Not conceding a goal in the entire group stage, the boys then won their quarter final 7-0, a really gruelling semi-final 2-0 – in which Atlas made one of the best saves I have ever seen! - before eventually winning the final 3-0 and lifting the trophy.

They weren't done there though as history repeated itself when they entered another tournament at Cheshunt FC. Again, not conceding a goal for the entire tournament, the boys blitzed through every team they faced, eventually beating Goffs Oak in the final 3-0 to lift a second trophy in the space of a term – amazing work boys!



Not to be outdone by the boys however, the girls also enjoyed similar success when they competed in a football tournament over at Cranborne School. In very wet conditions – as you can probably tell from the picture! – the girls really had to battle hard to get to the final before eventually facing Cranborne in the final. With the game delicately poised at 1-1 and the girls exhausted, Harper dribbled past two defenders before netting the winner on the volley much to everyone's delight! Amazing effort from all the girls!



Hertfordshire County Dance Festival

Our Year 5 dancers headed down to St Albans to perform in the Hertfordshire County Dance Festival along with over 20 schools from the county. The children have worked so hard on their routine which they then performed to the school in a dress rehearsal – we were all absolutely amazed by the performance and it looked so professional! At the event itself, we were told by the organiser that we 'stole the show' and had an amazing reception from the audience! Well done to all of the children involved and a massive thank you to Miss Finch and Mrs Stevens for all of their hard work in making this amazing opportunity possible.



No Stopping the Netball Team

The netball team are showing no sign of slowing down as they have continued to dominate both the Potters Bar and Cheshunt leagues in similarly emphatic fashion. The girls also took part in a netball rally against 6 other schools, winning every match before lifting the trophy. Congratulations to the team and keep it up girls! Of course, it wouldn't be possible without the adults involved so a huge thank you to Mrs B, Mrs Malakouna and Debbie for all their work.



Year 4 Cricketers

I have had the pleasure of working with 8 children from Year 4 who have been working on their cricket skills. After winning a local tournament, the children qualified for the County Finals – a common theme with our children – where they fought well, having fun in the process which is the main thing. The children eventually finished in 6th place in the county which was an amazing result given they had only practised for a few weeks! Thank you to Mrs Farmer and Mrs Sizer who supported with this.



Something for absolutely everyone!

Given the success of the skateboarding and scooter sessions last year, we welcomed back an instructor this year to give all of our children from Years 1-6 a chance to enhance their skills. All of the children had lots of fun and again, were crying out for more lessons!



Year 4 Girls' Football Festival

This term saw the celebration of Women's International Football Day and as a result, we invited all of our Year 4 girls to participate in a fun-filled morning of football over at Haileybury Turnford School. The girls got to practise all of their skills before taking part in some mini-matches at the end of the morning. All of the girls had an amazing time and we definitely have some future superstars on our books! Thank you to Mr Bray for supporting the girls and also a huge thank you to Mr Dyer for giving up his time for this lovely event!



Even more you say...?

For those who are not aware, during school time, we also offer free karate and yoga sessions for our children where everyone gets the chance to try something new. This is something that barely any schools offer so our children are extremely fortunate to benefit from such dedicated teachers.



On top of that, Ian has been working with so many of our children at lunchtimes for the past couple of years. Children from different year groups have been given the opportunity to play a sport that lots normally would not have been exposed to. All of the children I have spoken to have nothing but positive things to say about the sessions and are always sad when they have to give others a go! We, as a school, would like to thank Ian for giving up his time and adding to the extensive sporting provision offered here at Cuffley School.

