

Stepgates Sports News

December 2015

The Summer Term was so busy with sporting action that two important events didn't make it into the Sports News in July! So news of them before the Autumn Update.



Firstly we were delighted to be awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Bronze Award. We are looking to achieve the Silver Award this year by introducing more Sporting Clubs at School and developing links with local Sports Clubs.

Secondly, eight of our children took part in the Surrey Youth Games in Squash, Swimming and Girls Football. Congratulations to Pam, Jess, Evie, Aiden and Monica who were selected to represent Runnymede in the Surrey Youth Games Finals.

[Pictured is Pam holding the Chelsea Ladies Football Team Trophy after having met members of the Chelsea Ladies Team]



Sporting News from the Autumn Term:

Swimming at Stepgates



We are delighted that we have been able to reintroduce Swimming as part of our PE curriculum. Year 5 have been the first to use the pool at Felton Fleet School and have enjoyed their sessions with Miss Doyle. Year 4 look forward to Swimming after Christmas.

Team Points



Jaguar



Lynx



Panther



Leopard

Children in all 4 houses have been working hard to earn as many team points for their team as possible. Green ribbons were put on the Team Point Cup at the end of the October half term to show that the winners were Panthers! We wait to see what colour ribbons will go on the Cup at the end of the week!

Tennis News

In September our Junior children all received a Tennis Taster Session with coaches from Tennis England. All the children reported how enjoyable it was and many of the children have been attending the Tennis Club run by Tennis England after school on a Tuesday. The children report that it is great fun and that they have improved so much already.

Netball Club

Mrs Eldridge and Mrs Barnes have reported record numbers of children attending Netball Club this term. We have been able to use the hall when the weather hasn't been very good as well as utilising the new MUGA (Multi Use Games Area).



Football Action

Mr and Mrs Evans have been running football clubs for over 40 children this term!! The football squad have played in the first mini league and although we have not won a match our attitude has remained positive and the children have enjoyed every minute of the games. Wherever we go the team are always commended on their sportsmanlike attitude, maturity and excellent behaviour.

LEAGUE TABLE

Group 1	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Points
Ongar Place	3	3	0	0	9
Holy Family	3	1	1	1	4
St Charles Borromeo	3	1	0	2	3
Stepgates	3	0	1	2	1



We also had a year six 7-a-side tournament at Royal Holloway in Egham. The games were only 8 minutes one way with huge pitches! Despite the torrential rain and questionable refereeing nothing dampened the team's spirits and we gave our best in every game. As we didn't win any of our games we knew we hadn't made it to the finals. However we weren't disheartened as we had done our best and knew that all the other teams were year sixes and our team was largely year fives!!

Congratulations to Miss Blankert for achieving her Level One Football Coaching qualification this term. We really value her coaching and support for the squad.

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff that have given up their time for Sporting events this term.

We are looking forward to more Sporting events in the Spring Term and have a Basketball taster morning organised for years 3 and 4. A Basketball Club that will run after school following the taster morning. Look out for more information in the Clubs letter. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and hoping 2016 is a Sporting one!!!