

# Stepgates Sports News

Autumn 2016

2015-2016 was an amazing year for sports at Stepgates Community School. We achieved our first gold medals at District Sports in June and we were delighted to be awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Silver Award in July. We know that 2016-2017 will be even more exciting!



We are continuing to develop our links with local sporting clubs – if your child belongs to a sporting club and you would like them to feature on our 'signpost display' please send a photo of them in their club kit to [mrskbarnes@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:mrskbarnes@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk) with details of the club they belong to. This will help us signpost other children who might be thinking of joining that club.



**Race for Life.** On Friday 7th October 60 children and their families took part in our second 'Race for Life' event at school. It was a fantastic event and we managed to raise lots of money for Cancer Research – a big thank you to all who took part, all who stood on the side-lines shouting encouragement and to all the parents and staff who gave up their time to support the event. We raised a fantastic total of £1,161.94.

**House Competitions** – there have been lots of exciting changes in PE this year. Instead of each class having PE by themselves, classes in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have doubled up for a whole afternoon of PE with their class teachers, Mr Todd and Mrs Barnes. This has meant we have had some very exciting inter-house competitions. We held a team building competition at the beginning of the Autumn Term and most recently an inter-house competition with years 3 and 4. Children chose to compete in either a games or gymnastics competition.



Jaguar



Lynx



Panther



Leopard



A big thank you to the Sports Crew who gave a fantastic demonstration of their skills in Gymnastics and Games as part of the School Open Evening on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. A fantastic showcase of talent and enthusiasm.

**7-a-side Tournament.** On Thursday 10th November 10 children from year 6 went to Royal Holloway to compete in a 7-a-side tournament. There were three other schools in our group so we had three matches to play. We won the first match 1:0; we drew the second match 0:0 and we won the third match 1:0. We were second in our group – only one goal behind the leaders! Therefore we qualified for the quarter finals. Sadly we lost that game 2:0 but we had a brilliant afternoon.



**Friendly Matches** – St Anne's Primary School kindly hosted 3 friendly matches – there was a girl's game, a year 5 game and a year 6 game. The girls won 10:4, year 5 lost 2:4 and year 6 won 1:0. All the children competed well and were great ambassadors for the school.



**Football League.** Our year 5 team played The Hythe, Thorpe Lea and Pycroft and have completed all their games for the Autumn League – we are waiting to find out where they finished in the table. Year 6 have played The Hythe and Pycroft; they are playing Cobham Free School on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January and then we will know where they finished in the table.



James and Pam presented Mrs Ward with the 'Silver Sports Mark' Pendant in assembly along with the 'Sports England' plaque.

We are delighted to celebrate children's successes outside of school – thank you to all those children who have brought in 'Man of the Match' trophies, swimming badges, dance certificates and gymnastics rosettes. It's great to share in your sporting successes. Please continue to send them in for our Friday Assemblies.



If you have any new football boots, shin pads etc for Christmas we would be very grateful to receive your old ones to have as spares for our PE Cupboard. Thank you

*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. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and hoping 2017 is another fantastic year for sports at StepGates.*