Stepgates Sports News

March 2016

The Spring Term has been extremely busy with sporting events. Read on to find out more!

Many of you know that children from Busy Bees and Robins classes attend riding sessions at the Riding for the Disabled stables in Chobham. In January one of our children was featured in the RDA appeal on BBC1. If you would like to make a donation to RDA please visit their website at www.questrda.org. If you didn't get chance to see the programme please use one of these links –

http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06ymyyr or
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SISe1XrOPbk

In January we entered the Surrey Schools Swimming Gala at The Spectrum in Guildford. Miss Quinn and Miss Doyle said they couldn't have been prouder of all the children who took part.

At the end of the Autumn Term 10 children from Year Six received training on how to deliver a club at school to encourage younger children to take part in a range of games and activities. At the beginning of this term 'Buddy Club' was formed. The Year Six volunteers plan and run the club on a Tuesday lunchtime, where selected children are invited to attend and bring a different buddy each week. All the children who attend say they love the club and can't wait for the next session!

Our Spring Term was full of football fixtures. We entered the Girls 7-a-side Tournament and the Year Five 7-a-side Tournament all at Royal Holloway University and also the Girls 5-a-side Competition at Notre Dame School. All the children played really well and did an excellent job representing the school. Special congratulations to the Girls 7-a-side team who reached the semi-finals.

We also entered the local Year Six Football Plate Competition. We only had a few players from Year Six so the rest of the squad were made up of children from Year Five. The Stepgates football team is a mixed team and we are proud of our girls who play against (and often scare) our all male opponents!!

	Plate Competition	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Points
1	Pyrcroft	2	2	0	0	6
2	Stepgates	3	1	1	1	4
3	St Charles Borromeo	2	1	0	1	3
4	The Hythe	3	0	1	2	1

On Tuesday 22nd February 2016 10 children were chosen to go to a training session at Bishop Wand School in Sunbury, to train to be the Sports Crew for Stepgates Community School. Along with 5 other schools, they learnt the importance of teamwork and how to be a good sports leader. All the children received certificates and a blue sports crew t-shirt to wear back at school.

On Tuesday 14th March 12 children from years three and four took part in our first ever Tag Rugby Festival at The Vandals Rugby Club in Weybridge. The afternoon started with skills and drills lead by a local secondary schools team of young coaches. The children then took part in 4 games against Burhill, Thorpe Lea, Ongar and Cobham Free School. The girls and boys were so excited to represent their school at a sporting event and really enjoyed the afternoon. Our young coaches commended all our children and said what an improvement they had seen during the afternoon.

On Tuesday 22nd March Stepgates ran its Big Splash Day. This was a joint venture by the Swimming Pool Working Group, School Council, Sports Crew, Stepgates Staff and Governors. At the beginning of the day the children posed on the playground for a photographer from the local press to take a photo with the new swimming pool flag to promote our new pool. The children (and many staff) dressed up in sports mufti clothes. This was one of five challenges the children were asked to get sponsored for. The other challenges were a fun run, a decathlon of 10 sporting events, the holey bucket challenge as well as the Big Splash Challenge. The day ended with a well-earned cake sale! We look forward to finding out how much money we have raised for our new pool and which class will be receiving the reward for collecting the most sponsor money.

We are looking forward to more sporting events in the Summer Term including our Shining Stars for PE in preparation for District Sports.