

# Stepgates Sports News

SPRING 2018

After a great start to the year in the Autumn Term we were all set for a great sporting Spring Term. Despite the very cold weather we were set for some great events.



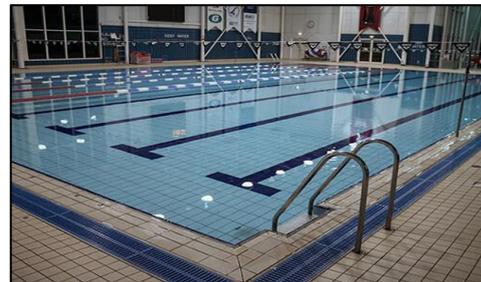
**Snow** – Sadly the weather meant that several football league matches and the Year 5 7-a-side tournament at Royal Holloway were called off!

**Football League** – As our football teams did so well in the Autumn Term we moved up to play in the Cup Competition in the Spring Term while the teams that had not done as well moved down to play in the Plate Competition. We knew we would be up against some very tough sides but were determined to play to the best of our ability in every game. We faced Ongar Place, St Charles, St Cuthbert's and Thorpe C of E. We didn't win many games but in every game we demonstrated resilience, determination and pride – three of our very important school values.



**Best Practice Forum** – Every March Surrey hosts a PE Best Practice Forum where PE teachers are invited to share their 'best practice' with other PE teachers. Mrs Barnes was asked if she would talk about Buddy Club again after her successful talk in last year's Forum. Buddy Club runs during lunchtimes with children from Years 1 and 2. The children get to bring a 'buddy' each week and is run by members of the Sports Crew from Year 5. She was also asked to speak about REAL PLAY Club. We were asked to be a pilot school for the new project and Mrs Barnes and Miss Blankert attended training last year. The club has run after school on a Monday with families from Ladybirds Class. Mrs Barnes was delighted to be informed that we were the furthest forward with our club than any of the other pilot schools!!

Swimming Gala – On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 7 children braved the snow and went to represent the School in the Surrey Schools Swimming Association Primary Schools Relay Gala at Guildford Spectrum. The children had a quick warm up in the pool at 6.30pm and the Gala began at 7pm. We didn't win our races but more importantly we weren't disqualified! Miss Doyle received an email after the event from the organisers who commended Stepgates on their performance.



Sports Relief – On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March School Council and Sports Crew organised a day of events to raise money for Sports Relief. Children and staff came to school wearing their sports clothes and brought in a £1 donation. The day started with a whole school warm up on the playground led by Sports Crew. In the afternoon Sports Crew set up obstacle courses on the playgrounds. Each class had a session to use the obstacle courses – Sports Crew challenged the children to think how many laps of the course they could complete and then see if they could beat their target.



*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 Summer Term, including PE Shining Stars and Sports Day.  
Wishing you all a Happy Easter.*

