



GREENWAY SPORTS

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of the Greenway Sports Newsletter. This newsletter aims to update you on all sport at Greenway. We will update on: results, fixtures, events and anything sports related.

Results

Many fixtures have already taken place this year at Greenway and with a really impressive success rate. The pupils at Greenway have been performing really well and above all showing off how enjoyable it is to be a part of Greenway sports. We will carry on where the Greenway newsletter left off last half term. The new term had a quick start with most weeks consisting of 3-4 fixtures.

Football

The girls 'B' team lost 3-0 against Hammond academy and then won 1-0 vs St Barts. The game against Hammond academy was a difficult one. Hammond were very strong and dominated the possession. The girls fought valiantly and did a good job to keep the score down. They were determined throughout and they did really well for their first match together. The game against St Barts was a real improvement. The girls bagged an early goal and then proceeded to defend. They had realised that their opposition were good at countering. The girls sat back in their formation, kept to their shape and defended for the rest of the match. They came out eventual 1-0 winners. Also, the girls played Gade Valley. They struggled in this match but still remained in high spirits after a 3-0 loss.

The girls 'A' team won 4-0 vs Kings Langley. The girls really dominated this match. They didn't give their opponents any time on the ball. They managed to keep them in their own half. Goals from Izzy, Sophie and Livy x2 sealed the match.

The boys got off to an emphatic start with a dominant win against Yewtree. They were relentless for the full match taking an easy 11-1 win. Their next game proved a lot more difficult. They were up against St Pauls who had a decent run of games under their belt. The boys played the best we have seen them play, as of yet, and came out with a 1-0 loss. Next, they played St Barts in a thrilling match. The game stood at 0-0 until the final 5 minutes. Nick snatched what looked to be the winner. The boys switched off and St Barts stole 1 back. With the game level with just 1 minute left, all hope looked gone. But the boys didn't give up and settle for a draw so they battled on until Nick was put through again. He managed to slot home from what seemed the most impossible of angles to give Greenway the lead. Then the boys relaxed again, allowing St Barts through. Fraser pulled off a tremendous save; giving himself the nickname of Buffon in the process, then the final whistle went. The boys then had 2 difficult defeats. The first was a 5-1 loss to Boxmoor. The boys were in the match for most parts of the game, but they let errors get the better of them. A day to forget for the boys. They needed a comeback, but another blow was dealt in the form of Chambersbury. This time

the boys were determined and confident. They showed real spirit. Unfortunately, they still came away with a loss, 4-2. They rallied together vs George Street and refused anything other than a win. 3 late brutal goals gave Greenway a 3-0 win.

The boys A team have also played 2 matches this term. They had a 5-3 win in the pouring rain and darkness against Holtsmere and a dominant win against Gade Valley where they came away 5-1 winners. They still have a lot of games to play next term before their seasons end.

Swimming

Some year 4 children took part in a swimming gala at Knox Johnston against local schools. The gala was a brilliant event. The stands were packed full making it a fantastic showing of local young swimming talent. After a long evening, the Greenway team were announced as 2nd place runners up to St Mary's. They all swam so well, not giving up for a second. A special mention should go to the Greenway girls who won their girls relays! Well done to all.

Cross Country

We now have the results of last terms cross country events at Ashlyns. The results are truly dominated by Greenway. In the Team Events Year 3 girls came second, Year 3 boys came 4th, Year 4 girls came 1st, Year 4 boys came 1st, Year 5 girls came 1st, Year 5 boys came 2nd, Year 6 girls came 1st and Year 6 boys came 1st in the team event. A special mention to Nuala, Sophie, Alice and Jude for winning their races! Also, really well done to Year 3,4,5 and 6 teams for being the overall winners! Some year 6 children competed at a district cross country event and had to run against almost 100 other children per race. The boys team sadly didn't qualify for the results table but, the girls came 9th out of 15 schools.

Netball

Some girls from netball club had their first netball match in a local friendly against St Mary's and won 14-4! Fantastic result considering all 14 of the girls that participated for Greenway hadn't played in a netball match for Greenway before.

Basketball

We sent a Year 6 basketball team to Cavendish in Hemel, to compete against some schools. The team played well, but sadly couldn't get through the group stages. However, we organised a friendly with Bovingdon off the back of this event. They had a very competitive match and really enjoyed getting to play more basketball. They lost 9-4 but the main thing was getting another chance to play. We look forward to organising more friendlies with Bovingdon, later on in the year.

Year 2 Tri Golf and Taster Fayre

The Year 2's went to a tri golf tournament at Ashlyns. They got to compete in 8 events using their tri golf skills. They had lots of fun and ended up 8th out of Dacorum. They also went to a taster fayre at Berkhamsted sports centre. They tried out a range of events like gymnastics, dance and speed stacking. They again had lots of fun and have a lot of new sports they like.

Tag Rugby

A year 4 tag rugby team had the chance to compete for Greenway in a tag rugby league instead of completing lots of home and away fixtures. We invited all the schools to Greenway to play the games as a tournament.

The Greenway team got off to a flying start in their first match by beating South hill 10-7. They were very happy with the result and took a lot of confidence into the next match. Unfortunately, the next match was very tough. They were playing Kings Langley, who had a lot of possession but couldn't convert many due to the amazing efforts of the Greenway defence. With the game at 3-1 to Kings, Greenway mounted their last attempt. They pulled the first one back and then just before the sound of the whistle, they equalised. This game finished 3-3. In the final 2 games, Greenway really struggled as other teams managed to click and find some fine form. They lost the last 2 games. However, no matter the score, they kept playing their game and scoring when they could. The persistence was nice to see. Well done to all who took part.

Table tennis

Off the back of the Dacorum finals, both our boys and girls teams now had to compete at the Herts School games. They went to Queens School in Bushey to compete against the best 9 teams in the whole of Hertfordshire. It was a team event again, so all of their results counted together. Every opponent they played, they would have to play twice to 11. They needed to win by 2 clear points and the games were capped to 15 points maximum. Last year we only had the boys at this event, so we had already improved. Last year we didn't get out of the groups stages so this was our target for this year. The boys stormed out of the group stages and into the semis, by beating the 3 other teams in their group. Their semi-final match was a tough match. Out of the 8 matches the boys managed to lose 5-3. They were gutted but knew they had to focus for their 3rd/ 4th play-off. They had another difficult match against a team they narrowly beat 5-3 in the group stages. They came away with the 5-3 win again and took 3rd place. It was an amazing result considering the standards of the tournament. On the other hand, the girls didn't know what to expect at all as we hadn't had a girls team at this stage before. They began winning against 2 teams. With spirits high, they went into their final match confident and ready. They were very closely matched with their opponents. They drew with them which meant they were through, but it would come down to games won to determine who would go through as winners or runners up. We went through as runners up which meant we had to play the top team from the other group in the semi-finals. They again knew the next round would be even harder. They played at the top of their game and came out 8-0 winners in the semis. This set up a return match with their close rivals from the group stages. It would come down to the closest of margins. Much to our surprise, they pulled it off...5-3 winners. They were county champions! It was brilliant! The girls went with no expectations and no fear. They played their game and ignored the results. They were the best on the day and will now be heading to the

Zonal finals in London in January. We couldn't be more proud of them as they are now the most successful Greenway team as no team from Greenway has ever been crowned county champions. Well done to Alice, Livy, Izzy and Margot. We hope it feels great knowing you are the best under 11 girls table tennis team in all of Hertfordshire! We wish them luck in January.

Fixtures

- Tag rugby year 5/6 friendlies league start – 5th January
- Girls B football team vs Pixies Hill @ Greenway – 11th January
- Bridgewater cross country event years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 14th January
- Table tennis zonal finals @ Tower Hamlets college – 15th January
- High 5 league starts – 17th January
- Netball A team @ Hobbs Hill – 18th January
- Netball A team @ Bovingdon – 27th January
- Boys B and girls A football vs Two Waters @ Greenway – 30th January
- Year 1 competition – 31st January

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!