



GREENWAY SPORTS

NEWSLETTER

It has been a tremendous start to sport again this year at Greenway. Many sporting events have taken place with a wealth of children being involved. Also, there is still even more to come!!

Ambassadors

The year 6 sports ambassadors were chosen and went on a training day at Herts University campus. The training was to help them to run small sessions back in school for other children at play and lunchtimes. All of the ambassadors from Dacorum and St Albans attended the day. From this the children will be running lunch clubs for years 1 to 6 each week.

Your Sports ambassadors are:

- Bella Tonev
- Freya Mills
- Lilly Atkins
- Ollie Costelloe

Also, the Greenway sports leaders have been chosen. These children will work with the sports ambassadors to deliver the clubs at lunch times also. These are Asa, Finlay, Emma, Will, Daniel, Harry, Beth, Conor, Eva, Verity, Sophie and Aliya.

Results

The Year 5/6 football league and Year 5/6 netball leagues have started with many games taking place. We have entered 2 mixed teams and 2 girls' teams into the football leagues. 2 teams have been entered into the netball league. It has been a busy start but lots of brilliant news to update you on.

Football

The Mixed A team for football have had 6 matches so far with a mixed start to the league. The boys lost their first 2 games 3-0 and 1-0. They then had to rally together quickly to get some results on the board. The next 4 games were what we had been waiting for. They won 5-1, then 5-1 again, 7-0 and 7-1. In all of these games they really blew their opposition away. Their key focus from the first 2 games was shooting more often. Clearly, they listened and took charge of these matches. They have now placed themselves in a really strong position heading into the New Year.

The Mixed B team have also had a mixed start to the season. They have lost the first 5-1 and the second 4-3(after being 3-0 they brought it back to 3-3).Then they bounced back with a massive 8-2 win with some of the best football I had seen from all teams. Then, most recently they lost 5-1 to a very strong opposition. The boys representing this team have been nothing short of phenomenal. They have filled in many positions they are not used to, they have played tremendously attractive

football and finally, but most importantly, they have never given up. No matter the score, they have always tried to play their football with their style and created chances. They have been a joy to watch this season and epitomise everything embedded within the Greenway values. The team players are; Daniel D, Ross G, Adam H, Benedict H, Noah P, Ollie C, Archie S, Joseph D'C and George G.

The girls A have had an interesting start to their season. They have only had 1 match so far. The match they had was against the group leaders, Bovingdon. They had a great game and managed to defeat them 2-0. They are very confident heading into the holiday break.

The Girls B team have had 4 games and started really well. They lost their first match 5-0 to a side that were very strong from Hammond but since then they have won 3 matches. They have won 4-0, 2-1 and 2-0. Again, looking very strong going into the break.

Netball

Netball for Year 5/6 will be working slightly differently to previous years. This year has kick started the rise of the Year 5 Berkhamsted Unicorns. This is a netball club that has been set up for Year 5 children this year at Greenway. This club will be working alongside Greenway to provide netball opportunities for the children who attend the club. As a school we have entered this team into the Dacorum school sports network league to represent both Berkhamsted Unicorn and Greenway. The girls have taken a real shine to netball and their coach. They have been working really hard since the start of the year to learn, improve and perform. It is amazing how quickly the girls have learned their roles and they are developing really well.

They have played a few fixtures now with a mixed result. As a new team, with many children not having any netball experience, they have come up against some really strong (and tall) teams. This makes putting practice into performance really difficult. They have focused on a few things each week and are really pulling together now. They have even been regularly playing the year 6 side and having some really strong, competitive, friendly matches.

We look forward to how they develop.

The Year 6 netball team will be starting their season after the festive break, in the new year. They are getting lots of practice each week. There will be many opportunities this year for children to be involved with netball. Any children who don't get to experience many league matches will have opportunity at tournament days. Everyone will compete at some point.

Cross Country

Many children from Greenway school have taken part in cross country events this year. The Year 3 girls came 3rd, the boys came 1st which meant overall Greenway Year 3 came first in the cross country event at Ashlyns. Year 4 girls came 3rd, boys came 3rd also which meant Year 4 overall placed 4th at the Ashlyns competition. The Year 5 girls came 1st, boys 2nd which meant overall they were placed first at the Ashlyns event. Finally, Year 6 girls placed 1st, boys 3rd which meant 2nd overall at the Ashlyns event.

Greenway also entered some Year 5/6 children into a district cross country event with a turnout of over 200 children from Dacorum. The girls placed first in this event, with the boys placing 4th. This meant that Greenway were 1st overall and district champions.

Table tennis

The Greenway table tennis buzz continues. The boys and girls table tennis teams have also been competing and with some very difficult shoes to fill. Surely enough they took on this challenge. They have been practicing a lot to try to emulate last year's success. The boys and girls teams both progressed through the district stages and were feeling very confident and understandably nervous heading into the county competition. The competition was fierce again this year.

The boys placed in a very difficult group with 6 other, very worthy, schools. They battled hard and unfortunately the group came down to a matter of points won during matches. With only the top 2 from each going through to the semis, the boys narrowly missed out placing 4th. The team they had lost to in the groups by 1 mere point ran out eventual winners. This was how close the competition was this year.

The girls were next up in the afternoon. The boys had first-hand experience of training with the girls and knew they had a very good chance. The boys team rallied behind the girls which on the day seemed to give them this edge. They were hitting all their shots and making minimal error. The combination of Greenway spirit and vigorous training saw the girls storm to county glory with a minimal 3 individual games lost out of around 28 that were played. Greenway girls now progress through to zonal finals in January hoping to follow in the footsteps of last year's team (who will also all be involved in their own zonal finals again this year with their respective secondary school).

Well done to Will, Cameron, Conor, Beau, Bella, Aliya, Lilly and Sophie.

Tag Rugby

Some Year 4 and 5 children have taken part in tag Rugby competitions this year. With the change in RFU guidelines for tag rugby, these competitions are non-competitive. They aim to provide an opportunity for children to express the skills they have learned. The Greenway children enjoyed their tournaments and look forward to accessing more in the near future.

Basketball

A Greenway Year 6 Basketball team went to compete at this year Dacorum competition with the winners progressing to county. The children played exceptionally well and narrowly missed out after being knocked out of the competition in the semi-finals by a very narrow margin.

Boccia

Some children from years 4/5/6 took part in Dacorum Boccia competition in Hemel. They had 3 matches to play and were eventually presented with gold medals for their efforts. They were also Dacorum champions. Well done to all those involved.

Year 2 comps

Year 2 were invited to take part in a target games competition/ a sports fayre and a football friendly. The target games competition involved the children putting their send skills to the test with things like throwing, rolling, golf and archery. They came 2nd in this competition out of around 6 other school. The sports fayre gave the children a taster of some different activities like dance, gymnastics, zumba, curling and athletics. The football competition was in cooperation with Bovingdon Academy and Kings Langley primary school. We look forward to more in the new year.

Fixtures

There are many fixtures in the new year with football, netball and table tennis all continuing. We look forward to more competition and we hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

One final note please do visit www.yourschoolgames.com and search for Greenway Primary and Nursery School. Children will be updating on the blogging section regularly about fixtures, lunch clubs and the things they are getting up to in school regarding sport.