



# GREENWAY SPORTS

## NEWSLETTER

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It has been a phenomenal year for sport at Greenway with the children competing in a range of sports. Throughout this newsletter you will read about some of the tremendous achievements and journeys the children have been a part of this year.

### **Football**

The Greenway boys and girls football teams reached the finals of the Dacorum school sports network football leagues. The girls were narrowly edged by Hobletts Manor 1-0 and finished second. On the other hand, the boys match took a dramatic turn which saw Greenway crowned champions in a thrilling penalty shoot out. 40 Greenway children from Year 5 and 6 managed to compete in football this year for Greenway with all 4 teams being really competitive. This was a nice way to end the season and a fitting final football match for the Year 6 children who will be leaving us at the end of the year.

### **Rugby**

With the new rules introduced by the RFU, Rugby has been none competitive this year. Year 3 had the chance to compete in the annual Saracens tournament at Camelot Rugby club. This gave the whole class a chance to showcase the skills they had learned in PE. There was also a tournament in which some Year 5/6 children took part in. Again this was held at Camelot Rugby club. Rugby being none competitive this year has provided many opportunities for children to really showcase what they know and try new things. Without the added pressure of winning and losing, we were able to see the children perform new skills in ways we would never have seen otherwise.

### **Tri-Golf**

Some Year 4 children got to compete at a tri-golf competition at The Cavendish school in Hemel. They came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition and really enjoyed the afternoon. Year 2 had a whole class trip to a tri-golf competition. They took part in a range of tri-golf skill challenges which related to things they had learned in school.

### **Netball**

Everybody at netball club had the opportunity to compete in netball this year. The children had a mixed season, which involved a lot of time finding their feet. However, I must say when they did get going, they played some fast paced netball that was very easy on the eye. The Greenway B team managed to work their way into a quarter-final where they were sadly knocked out.

## **Hockey**

Some Year 5/6 children had the opportunity to compete in a hockey competition. They performed really well with their attack press proving to be their strongest asset at the competition. Sadly, they did not progress any further in what was a very competitive afternoon.

## **Gymnastics**

A Year 4 gymnastics squad had themselves crowned Dacorum champions this year. This meant they progressed through to county finals. The county finals were a very difficult afternoon but the teams' respectful manor was noted by the judges. The team received the baton of respect at the school games for showing mutual respect for the other teams on the day.

## **Tennis**

The Year 4 mini red tennis team managed to be crowned the Dacorum champions. This again sent them to the Herts school games to represent Dacorum. After a long afternoon in the sweltering sun the Greenway team found themselves in a bronze play-off which they eventually won. To show such determination and focus on a hot afternoon was truly tremendous. The bronze was a credit to how focused they were that day.

## **Table tennis**

I'm sure most will have heard of the exciting journey the girls table tennis team embarked on this year. They captured the schools attention and have inspired the whole school to get involved in this sport. Their success, however, didn't stop at regional finals which placed them among the best in the country. In fact, their recent adventure saw them hit the front page of the local tabloids. They were named the 'Sportspace Dacorum Team of the Year' at the Sportspace awards evening. News eventually filtered to the front page for their will and determination to inspire the school.

## **Cricket**

There was a large 'buzz' surrounding Greenway cricket this year. The school is littered with talented cricketers. The boys A and girls A teams were crowned Dacorum champions with both B teams reaching the semis respectfully.

The girls battled hard in the county cricket finals which resulted in a silver medal with a narrow loss in the final to a very strong side. The boys had a rollercoaster afternoon. They started off nervous with the bat but managed to get it done with the ball. The boys were struggling to put up the usual sort of batting total we expected from them. But when it came down to it they were solid with the ball, taking loads of wickets to keep opposition scores low. They won all their group games and they managed to sail through the quarters and semis.

They batted fairly well in the final posting a par score. Then came the bowling display. The boys all bowled a good line and length which saw the wicket tumble for the opposition. They were crowned county champions and had the pleasure of competing at the regional finals in Colchester. They had no idea what to expect in Colchester but were fairly confident heading in. They manage to win all of their groups games which sent them through to a round robin style tournament between the top 4 teams. They hadn't been in particularly good form with the bat but the bowling seemed fairly good. I

think nerves struck in the latter stage of the tournament. The next game was a difficult one with the boys posting 48 runs. The other team quickly reached the total but the boys then began to take wickets, which in kwik cricket reduce the total by 5. Unfortunately, it was too little too late as the opposition finished on 49 runs. A crushing defeat by 1 run.

Next, the boys faced a team which they had already beaten. This team, however, were out for revenge as they caused the Greenway team a fair few problems. Another 1 run defeat, really got the boys heads down. After a short grievance period, the boys seemed in slightly better spirits heading into final game. They faced the eventual winners in the next game. The opposition put on a strong batting show giving the Greenway boys a tough task. The boys looked in a good position with the bat until a couple of wickets really damaged the score. It came down to needing 12 from the last ball. They managed a single and there was no, no ball thrown so Greenway lost by 11. It was an admirable effort but I think the boys will be gutted. They know they can perform better but on the day they were not the best. I'm sure in the coming days the boys will stop and realise that 4<sup>th</sup> place in the region which is made up from 7 counties is a very good effort and a phenomenal achievement.

### **Sports Week**

This year's sports week was jam packed with a whole host of events. We had some BMX sessions for Year 6 which involved an outdoor stunt show during break time. This included a few nervous looking members of staff as the stunt required them to lie next to a ramp while the stuntman 'bunny hopped' over them. Also we had AFD (American Football) come in to run some interesting tag American football sessions. Game-on kindly came to run some varying session for lower years which involved athletics, dodgeball and multi-sports. Ross and Andy's football were again on hand for some football sessions.

A huge thank you is in order for the Ashlyns sports leader who came to run sessions all week for all year groups. Sports day was thankfully dry this year and I'm sure most of you were able to glimpse the intense running races. As always, the week was capped off with the amazing inflatable assault course and mega slide! Please see the website for some pictures of the week.

That's it for this year!

Enjoy the time off and holidays as we are in for another jam packed year of sport yet again next year!

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