



GREENWAY SPORTS

NEWSLETTER

It has been yet another brilliant term for sport with some really notable achievements such as winning Dacorum Dance, 3rd in the table tennis national finals and winning the netball league for the first time ever! We have had 40 individual sporting fixtures during this spring term ranging from league fixtures, taster events and tournaments. It has been very busy to say the least. Please read on to hear about all of these fantastic achievements as well as some of the incredible things our children are doing in the sporting world!

Dance

On Friday 29th March children in Year 6 competed in this year's Dacorum Schools dance competition at Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre. Their piece – entitled 'Brain Freeze' and choreographed by Mrs Bennett – explored the emotions surrounding the anxieties we have all felt when taking school tests! The children's extremely accomplished and mature performance was sensational on the night and their commitment and resilience during the rehearsal process equally inspiring. They performed in front of a huge crowd and were undaunted when, slightly in shock, they had to perform againfollowing the announcement that they were the competition's winners!



Well done to Ellie Goss, Rebecca Hall, Charlotte Whittle, Isabella Whitaker, Lucy Waugh, Evie Bird and Ruby Ellis.

GBDO Trip

The Greenway Dance Troupe went to Wimbledon theatre to perform in this years Great British Dance Off.



On Thursday 7th March, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled to London to compete in a national competition for schools: The Great Big Dance Off. Our Friday dance club team had been rehearsing since January to perform at The New Wimbledon Theatre against 32 other school in the London heat of this National Competition. It was a very long and exciting day. The theatre was huge and spectacular and the range of dance that the children experienced through the rehearsal process of the day and the evening performance made for a truly memorable occasion. The highlight of the evening was their own performance on the stage in front of hundreds of people. Mrs Ellwood, Mrs Bennett and Mr Lewis were blown away by the children's commitment, determination and incredible talent as they performed the dance. We are all very proud of them and their incredible achievement!



Table tennis

This year's table tennis journey finally came to an end with an emotional day at the national finals.

Having won the regional finals in Bristol, Greenway went on again to the national finals in Hinckley looking to emulate last year's team and win a national title.

We saw some familiar faces at the finals with $\frac{3}{4}$'s of last year's squad and a quarter of the squad from the year before at the national finals in the under 13 category for Ashlyns. The Ashlyns squad had a tough category but we were so pleased to see them continuing in this sport! It was also brilliant to hear that 3 of the squad from last year are now on the all England ranking list battling with the elites! We are so proud and hope they continue the journey.

The Ashlyns team finished in 3rd and many will get another chance next year to compete again and we wish them good luck again!

The Greenway team also had a tough category playing against some very top players who were selected to play for the England primary team and some in the top 10 of the ranking list. The Greenway girls held their own and showed they were more than worthy to be amongst these titles! They also came third which is a truly emphatic achievement especially with the added pressure of last year's team achievement. We are so proud of the girls for their dedication and strong resilience to bounce back even when all seemed lost! Remember that day and please continue playing! Well done again to Hazel Miller, Georgie Brooks, Georgie Farnham, Lauren Farnham, Katie Atkin and Ellie Moss! We look forward to seeing how your journeys develop!



Lunch Clubs

Sports ambassadors have continued to run clubs this term for other year groups. These clubs have been really successful when the weather has held off for long enough! Next term, we would like to continue these clubs but with new summer sports. KS1 Monday Move-it club will continue as normal with the children taking part in a huge variety of activities. Running for years 2/3 will also continue as normal on Wednesdays. In addition, we will be adding; Cricket for year 3 on Tuesdays, Year 4/5 Cricket on Wednesdays, Year 6 Ultimate Frisbee on Thursdays and Year 6 Cricket on Fridays. Details of these clubs will be sent out when we return.

Ashlyns Sports leaders

Ashlyns sports leaders have been coming in since the end of January to support in PE lessons for year 2, 5 and 6. They have been focusing on sports such as; Benchball, Dodgeball, Football and Football Rounders. We thank the Ashlyns leaders for all their time and wish them well on their sports leadership course.

Football

The Greenway Boys teams football seasons came to a climax this term with the boys A and B experiencing some tough defeats. Both teams played brilliant football and looked really comfortable during matches. Unfortunately, neither team progressed to the later rounds but both deserve a huge well done!

The Girls teams both had league matches to complete to reach the knockout stages. The girls B team lost the first 3 matches but found a really good rhythm in the last match where they stormed to a 6-0 victory over local rivals Thomas Corum.

The Girls A team also endured some difficult matches but managed to hold off. They beat Potten End 2-1 in the snow and Bovingdon 1-0. This placed them at the top of the group and through to the semi-finals for the district cup. They played Two Waters in the Semis and held off for a 1-0 away win to head into the finals for a second year running and a chance to retain our district title.

Netball

The Greenway year 6 netball team, or Berkhamsted Unicorns, took part in this years Berkhamsted school netball tournament. Both teams would be against 7 other schools battling for the the winners trophies in the 2 separate tournaments.

The Unicorn Black team had a strong start winning their opening matches. Later in the day they narrowly lost 2 games which meant they were placed 3rd. The girls were pleased with their strong podium finish. Rishka took the team MVP award although all the girls could have received it. Well done to all.

The Unicorn A team stormed through game after game displaying some of the best netball we have seen from them this season! Milly C picked up the team MVP as the Unicorns came out as the tournament winners! Well done to all the girls. It was wonderful to see such positive netball being played and with such confidence.



Netball League

The Berkhamsted Unicorn netball teams have been storming through their leagues this term.

The unicorn Red side have had all their league matches and put in very strong performances for all 3. They have beaten Brockswood 10-0, Bovington 10-2 and Grove road 15-6, Bishop

wood 16-13, Holtsmere 32-0 and Hobbs Hill 14-2. This means they have won every league match! The girls have played very high level netball and we are so proud of them all! Greenway have never achieved this so well done to all!

The unicorn Black side have been impressive too... They have stormed to a 24-0 victory vs St Barts, 17-4 win vs St Pauls, 9-2 Win vs South Hill and a loss to Kings Langley. These efforts placed them third in their group! Well done to all!

KS1 Sports

Year 2 Gymnastics team went to the district finals...



Year 2 gymnastics competition

On Tuesday 12th March, year 2 gymnastics team went to JFK school in Hemel Hempstead to compete at the district gymnastics competition. There were 6 in our team who would have to compete in a hall full of parents and competitors.

First, the Greenway team had to be marked for their bench vaulting. The team had to mount a bench, travel along the bench and then dismount with a jump. They were marked out of 10 for their control and landing.

Then, the Greenway team had to perform their short floor routine that consisted of 6 compulsory components and 1 additional component. The team were marked out of 60 for synchronization, fluidity, control, skill, transition, creativity and general presentation.

At the end, the judges collaborated on the combined results from both disciplines to provide a whole score. Greenway were crowned winners dropping just a mark each in their vaulting and a very strong floor performance.



Well done to Jagger, Sophia, Toby, Freya, Murray and Isla on a fantastic performance in both disciplines.

Year 1

Year 1 took part in this years Berkhamsted inter sports taster event. This consisted of several different sports in a carousel that the children had to compete in against other school!

Year 2

Year 2 took part in the year 2 athletics competition this year. They had to complete balancing, running, throwing and jumping activities! They were placed in the top 10 for all of Dacorums!

Year 4 SpeedStacking

Year 4 went to Ashlyns to take part in this years SpeedStacking competition. SpeedStacking is often decided by the smallest of margins and on this occasion the Greenway team missed out on first place by 0.79 of a second! Very strong effort and well done to all of year 4.

Year 4 Cricket

The year 4 Rapid Fire cricket team went to Ashlyns to compete in the Rapid Fire cricket tournament. This cricket format requires accurate batting, fast running and slick fielding. The Greenway team were strong in all areas and finished 3rd for their group. Narrowly missing out on the next stage of the tournament.

Year 4 Gymnastics

The year 4 Gymnasts took part in the Lower KS2 Gymnastics district competition. The travelled to JFK school in Hemel to compete against Dacorums best.

They were first judge on their vaulting technique as individuals. They were scored based on their control, travel and dismount.

Next, they were scored as a group for their floor routine. They were scored based on their synchronisation, creativity, skill, technique and control.

At the end, the judges collaborated on the scoring to provide an overall team score. Greenway were announced as 3rd place in the bronze position and collected their medals. The team have worked tirelessly to remember their routine and to perform it with a sense of togetherness.

Year 6 Athletics



On Tuesday 12th February, the year 6 indoor athletics team took part at the Ashlyns indoor athletics competition.

The results are now in and Greenway finished in 3rd place across Dacorum. Great effort from the whole team. Well done to all!

Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball

The children from year 5 Dodgeball club and the year 6 Dodgeball team attended a Dodgeball festival this term. They had to play many other teams to see if they could progress into the finals and be crowned Dacorum champions. After 2 manic evenings of ducking and dodging the children experienced a mixed bag of results but had bags of fun!

Year 5 Netball

Year 5 girls attended a Berkhamsted school netball festival and competed against many other schools from many different areas. The girls had a tough afternoon but gained valuable knowledge and skills to take into their next competitions!

Year 4/5 Netball club

Year 4/5 netball club will continue on Wednesdays after the Easter break. We will hopefully get some friendly matches arranged for the girls to test out their skills. We are also hoping to arrange some mixed friendlies with the Berkhamsted Unicorns on some Fridays after school so the girls can learn from and play with the our very successful year 6 teams!

Swimming

Some year 5/6 children attended the Dacorum swim trials last week to see if they could make it onto the Dacorum district swimming team. Well done to all who came, it was a great effort from all. We would like to congratulate Isabella W for being selected in this years team!

Cross country

Our year 5 and 6 cross country teams were due to take part at this years cross country county event with the top 10 runners in each race being selected in the Hertfordshire team. Sadly, this event was cancelled due to the poor weather conditions and the team was selected by a selection committee.

Some children attended the Bridgewater annual cross country event and competed really well! Well done to Tom F who won the Year 4 Boys Race and Emily F for placing second in the Year 6 Girls Race! Well done also to Lucas G, Amelie L, Jake L, Edward G, Adam H and Ross G for attending and trying to form a team. Hopefully next year we can get more participants and take part in the team event also!

Upcoming fixtures and events

- Sports Ambassador celebration – Date TBC
- Football final – Girls A football final vs TBC due on 30.4.19 (still TBC)
- Yr 6 Ultimate Frisbee tournament @ Greenway 2.5.19
- Year 4 Tri Golf - Date TBC
- Year 3/4 Mini red Tennis – 8.5.19
- Year 3 Tag Rugby tournament – 9.5.19
- Year 3 Tri Golf – W/C 20.5.19
- Year 5 Tag Rugby – 1.5.19 TBC

Ambassador message

Please visit <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/greenway-primary-and-nursery-school/> - This is where we update on fixtures, events, match reports and the daily sporting activities!

We would also like as many people as possible to take part in the weekly personal challenges, so why not try them at home! We publish the challenge on the school games link above every week and the challenge can also be found on the playground, outside year 4's classroom!

Thanks to all who have support over this last term and have a great Easter break!

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