

Summer Sports Newsletter

Summer Term has seen our competitive football seasons come to a close for both our boys and girls teams. Our boys' football team finished their season well but were narrowly beaten in the final league standings. Our girls' team finished a brilliant season with them being crowned as league winners. We also played our regional cup final against St Joseph's which we unfortunately lost but meant that we came second in our region of Buckinghamshire. This is a fantastic achievement added to coming in the top 4 schools in the county earlier in the school year.

Some other sporting events that we attended this year include a tri-golf event for some of our Year 3 children who had a lovely afternoon learning some new skills at Huntswood Golf Club run by the professional coaching team there. Some Year 3 and 4 children attended a tennis festival with multiple other schools to learn some new skills and play some small games all organised and run by volunteers from Burnham Tennis Club. A group of our Year 5 children attended the annual Quadkids Athletics event at Beaconsfield High School. The day consists of each athlete doing a sprint, a long distance run, a throw and a long jump all to score points and try and be the winning team overall. Despite the best efforts of our athletes, unfortunately we missed out on finishing on the podium.

As a school we have had a great deal of success in our swimming and cricket competitions. Back in January, we won our regional competition and therefore qualified for the Bucks and MK County Finals that were hosted at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Our swimmers were excellent on the day and all contributed to our overall team score which saw us finish in 4th place in the County and were narrowly pipped to 3rd place. In similar style, our Year 6 cricketers won our regional competition on 19th June in a convincing manner winning every game on the day to qualify for the Bucks and MK County Finals. On the finals day, we came up against some other excellent cricket teams who were all competing for the title of County Champions. After a couple of early defeats, the team responded brilliantly to win their remaining games and earn a 5th place finish overall in the county.

Our annual Sports Week was a great success with a huge range of activities and visitors coming in to deliver their sessions. We had Wycombe Wanderers and Chance to Shine Cricket deliver some football and cricket sessions as well as James Beevers, a former GB Olympic fencer, come in to give all of KS2 a taster session in fencing which went down very well with the children. Each class also had the chance to try out our new indoor Kurling equipment during the week, an activity that teachers said the children had a brilliant time playing. Also for KS2 we organised a Quidditch day involving all of our school houses being rearranged into the 4 Hogwarts Houses with children trying to earn points throughout the day to win the Quidditch Cup. This day was brilliant and the children loved learning some new skills and how to play a game of Quidditch. The day brought much excitement when the children found out that it was Gryffindor (Ennis House for the day) who had done enough to win the Quidditch Cup. Our Sports Leaders also ran a House Competition for the whole school to participate in to score as many house points as possible to try and win the house cup at the end of the school year. Sports Week came to a conclusion with our Sports Day in the afternoon with every child in the school running, jumping or throwing to try and score as many house points as possible to win the Sports Day Trophy for their house. After a lot of excitement (and a bit of rain) the totals were all added up from the activities on the MUGA and the events on the track and Mrs Barnett revealed that it was Ennis House who had come out on top for Sports Day 2023, well done to everyone in Ennis House.

We were very privileged to have a very special guest for part of our Sports Week. Oti Mabuse, professional dancer and former judge on Strictly Come Dancing came in to school to teach Years 5 & 6 (and a few lucky members of staff) a salsa routine. The energy in the sessions were excellent with the children feeling very privileged to be on the receiving end of a dance lesson from Oti. Both students and staff did brilliantly to follow the moves that Oti had set out for us and had a great time learning the routine. Oti was brilliant and managed to sign a few autographs and take some pictures during her time with us.



