



Hello all!

This is our last sporting update of this academic year and, like always, it's been our busiest term yet!

Firstly, I'll start by thanking and congratulating every single child who has represented our school at a sporting event this year. Whether it was a friendly, a festival or a competition event, you have made us all very proud of all that you've achieved for yourselves and for our wonderful school.

ACE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP.....3RD YEAR RUNNING!

As I'm sure you're all aware, we, along with 3 other local schools, are part of the 'ACE Partnership', that holds many festival and competition events over the year, for KS2. I am delighted to share that this year, Our Lady of Lourdes are the ACE Sports Partnership champions for the **third** year running! Our year 3/4 and year 6 teams were also announced as winners of their leagues, with year 5 coming third overall. Every single event this academic year contributed to this success, so a HUGE well done to all involved!

V STOOLBALL COMPETITIONS

In Summer term 1, we had the 'V Stoolball' competitions take place. Children from years 3 to year 6 competed in their year groups against the other partnership schools. Around 45 children took part in these events and it was so lovely to see such a great representation from our small school. This competition was inspired by the Sussex game of Stoolball, with a slight adaptation to how it was played. I know the children thoroughly enjoyed this event – it was face paced and action packed throughout!

Our year 3/4 team did brilliantly and came first in their competition, taking home the gold medals!

Our year 5 team demonstrated excellent team work and team spirit and came 4th.

Our year 6 team worked incredibly hard, thinking not only about their play but also showing lots of tactical awareness and came 1st in their event! BIG thank you to the year 5 boys who stepped up for this event to help our year 6s.



FOOTBALL

This term, our boys team played their second game, after progressing through to the second round of their cup. They played against Downs Juniors, where they unfortunately lost which meant we were out of the cup. The boys played brilliantly and what an amazing effort to progress to the next stage.

Both our boys and girls were also given the opportunity to play in a 'friendly' against Rudyard Kipling Primary School. This was also an opportunity for some of our children to experience playing in a competitive football match for the first time. I think all the children involved really enjoyed these events and all played with a huge smile on their face. The girls lost their match 4 – 2 and the boys won their match. Well done all!

WITHDEAN ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 19th June, Mr Hoad, Mrs Philbrook and Mr Hill took a team of year 4, 5 and 6 children to the small schools Withdean Athletics event. 18 schools and over 500 children from across the City took part in this event. We were placed in the red division again, along with 6 other schools. OLOL were announced as winners of the red division, for a second year running! Even more impressively, we were also awarded 1st place in the 'field cup', after achieving the best score out of all 18 schools! A massive congratulations to all children who took part in this event, I know many of you walked away with medals around your necks – well done all. A huge thank you to Mr Hoad, Mrs Philbrook and Mr Hill for your support at this event.

ACE ATHLETICS

Summer term 2 has seen the turn of our ACE athletics events. Each year group, from year 3 to year 6 participated in this event and represented our school. This involved many track events, including a (not so) mini mile and field events, including the vortex howler, triple jump and long jump. The way these events are organised means it's very much a team effort, with all results being added together to form a total.

I am delighted to say that year 3 and year 4 both came 2nd in their events, year 5 came 1st and Year 6 came 3rd!



SPORTS DAY

What another hugely successful sports day we had again this year! It was so lovely to see so many children actively engaged and involved in so many events, all putting into practise everything they've been taught in their PE lessons – I've had lovely feedback from them, all saying how much they enjoyed the day...especially the ice lollies at the end!



CLUBS

All information regarding after school clubs for the next academic year has already been sent to you via ping. Please look here for all information, including how to book.

SCHOOL GAMES MARK

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the GOLD award for the School Games Mark for this academic year. This is our fourth Gold award, which means we are on track to hopefully achieve the Platinum award in a couple of years time. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school. We'd like all our students to have a positive experience of sport and to want to try new activities beyond school. We believe in the power of physical activity and sport to give opportunities to those young people that need it most, either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded again this year.

FINALLY.....THANK YOU!

I want to thank all parents, carers, friends and family for all your continued support this year. We rely heavily on the support of you all, especially in regards to transport and without this, our wonderful children would not be able to take part in the events they do.

Thank you to all members of staff who travel to and support our children at events. Again, this wouldn't be able to happen without this support and I'm very grateful to staff for committing their time to this.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Hoad. This year, once again, the children have flourished under his teaching and guidance. We've seen remarkable individual accomplishments across the school, and our students continue to shine in PE lessons and at sports events. I think our results above and throughout the year, speak volumes in regards to the progress our children continue to make. I am forever grateful for the help and support Mr Hoad offers me as PE Lead – thank you Mr Hoad.

Have a wonderful summer all,

Mrs G