



## St. Ippolyts School



# Sports Newsletter

2021/2022





## Autumn Term

The year started off with the Class 5 and 6 Cross Country event, we had a total of 24 runners competing in 4 different categories. At the end of a very successful afternoon we placed 1<sup>st</sup> in both the Class 5 categories, and 3<sup>rd</sup> for both Class 6 categories! In October, a team of Year 5 and 6 children went off to Thomas Alleyne's to play Table Tennis. They competed in both boys and girls competitions, they ended up winning all their matches, placing 1<sup>st</sup> overall and qualifying for the county round of the competition. This round took place in November, with some really tough opposition, and we ended up placing 4<sup>th</sup> for the boys, and 8<sup>th</sup> for the girls, which in the whole county is a fantastic achievement!

The Year 5 and 6 children then had a turn competing in a dodgeball tournament, they were amazing throughout the competition and won all their games to win the trophy for the school, winning both the semi-final and final 3-0! This was closely followed by the Year 3 and 4 children taking part in a Boccia event, they had lots of fun and got to test out some of the skills we had learned during lockdown. We then took 6 children from Year 2 to an athletics skills event, where they had a go at competing in lots of different skills that the children look to do when they reach KS2.



The Netball team then played their first tournament of the year, playing amazing to reach the final and just missing out in the final to come second overall and win silver medals. We also had our first virtual events of the year, taking part in some Archery competitions in Class 5 and 6. We competed in 10 different categories, winning 4 out of the 5 categories in Class 6, and winning medals in 3 out of the 5 categories in Class 5, meaning overall we won a total of 35 medals across all categories, which is an amazing achievement!





## Spring Term

After Christmas, our first event was the KS1 Rapid Fire Cricket, this was these children's first ever event outside of school and they did fantastic, winning all their games and ending up as gold medal winners! The Year 3/4 team followed suit, we took 2 teams to the event and they played great to end up in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with the 1<sup>st</sup> place team qualifying for county finals later in the year. We then had a Year 5 handball event, another new event for the school, all the children were amazing, winning all their games in their route to the final, and continued their fine form in the final to beat Codicote and win the tournament!



The Year 3/4 children then played in our first football tournament in 2 years, we had two teams competing in the competition and they both played amazing, just falling short of the trophy, finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall, a great achievement. Following on from this, we had the Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics event, competing in the girls and boys



competitions. Both teams did amazing, and the girls finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place, and the boys doing an incredible job to win the tournament, qualifying for the county round. This took place in March and the boys continued to be brilliant, they finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall against some massive schools and should be proud of their achievement.



Moving into March, we took part in our first Year 5 and 6 Football tournaments of the year, this started off with the B team rally, and the boys played with high spirits and good teamwork, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the group and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. This was followed a few days later with the A team rally, with the boys playing incredible all the way through, and unfortunately just missing out on the trophy, losing the final 1-0.

Throughout the term, the team also played their Wix Cup matches and had a great run of games through the competition, they played against Samuel Lucas in the final which went to penalties and lost in heart-breaking fashion. These results are still fantastic achievements for the team and they should all be proud of how they have played throughout the term.





## Summer Term

To start off the summer term we took part in the Sporting Futures Hockey event, we took two teams to this event, they both did amazing, and they ended up meeting in the semi-finals! We finished the event with a well-deserved 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. With the 1<sup>st</sup> placed team qualifying for county finals. At the county



finals, the team tried their best but unfortunately came up short of medals, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> overall, which is a great result for the team, and we look forward to them competing again next year. Next, we went to the ultimate frisbee competition. This was a new event where we were scored on teamwork and sportsmanship. After a really fun afternoon, the scores were added up and we found out the results, the two teams we took came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>! Well done to all the Frisbee players that took part in this event.

Finally, after weeks of practise, the time had come for the Rapid-Fire Cricket County finals for our Year 3/4 team. The children played amazing throughout and progressed through to the final, which they drew! The match was replayed, and the team left no doubt this time, winning by a big margin and becoming our first ever Cricket County champions! This is a massive achievement, and they should be proud of what they have accomplished! We then took part in a Year 3 and 4 rounders tournament in Stevenage. We took two teams and ending up coming 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a great result, and the players were really pleased with how they played.

Children from KS2 then went to Ridlins Athletics Stadium for one of the biggest events of the year, they competed in events such as 100m, Javelin, Long Jump and Relays. After a long day of competing, individual and team medals were handed out to the athletes, we did amazing winning many individual medals and after the scores were added up, our Year 3/4 team came 1<sup>st</sup> overall! They then add the Year 3/4 score to the Year 5/6 score to get an overall tally, and we were really pleased to find out that we came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, making it a hugely successful day!



Our next 2 events were the Year 5/6 cricket, one for the mixed team and one for the girls team. Both squads played excellently throughout their respective days, winning all their matches and winning the tournament overall. This meant that both teams qualified for the County round of the competition which would be taking place the following

week. The teams continued on through the county round in similar fashion to the district round and won the majority of their games on their way to the knockout stages, with both teams finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall to give them county medals!





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The term then continued on with the Rural school athletics competition, where children between Year 2 and Year 6 travelled to Ridlins to compete in a number of different events, they did amazing and just narrowly missed out on the win by 4 points, picking up silver medals and a second placed trophy for the school, capping off a successful athletics season for the school. On the same afternoon we had our end of season Netball tournament, with our Year 5/6 team playing at Marriotts school, the team played outstandingly in their games and showed great teamwork to win the tournament for the first time ever!



We then travelled off to Peartree for the Year 3/4 golf tournament where the children competed at a number of different stations involving chipping and putting to score points for the overall standings. The children were outstanding and showed off their skills as they won the event by nearly 200 points! This ensured they qualified for the county round of the competition. Not only this, but they also were voted by the leaders of the

event the values award for best teamwork, showing how well they worked as a team throughout the day. During the county round of this competition, the children continued to work amazingly as a team, and continued to show their amazing golf skills, and they managed to come 3<sup>rd</sup> overall which is another brilliant achievement for the school, well done team!



We finished off the year with 3 rounders events, which were all a huge success! First up was the Rural rounders for Year 5/6 children, where we had two teams competing in the event which was hosted at our school field, the children played extremely well and managed to finish 1<sup>st</sup> and

3<sup>rd</sup> in the event. It was then the turn of the Year 1/2 children who travelled off to Barnwell for their first ever rounders event, and they performed amazing to win all 6 of their matches and win the trophy! Finally, in our last event of the year, we travelled to Thomas Alleyes for the Year 5/6



Sporting Futures Rounders event, we took 3 teams to this event and all the children competing were outstanding, we ended up finishing in a brilliant 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> positions out of 10 schools and goes to show how much effort everyone has put into their rounders skills this year, well done everyone!



## Leagues

This year, we have competed in a number of different leagues where we have played weekly fixtures against other schools throughout the term, we have been very successful in all of these! Our first league of the season was the football team, who played in the Rural schools league, playing matches throughout the Autumn and Spring term, they were incredible throughout ending up with results of 12-1, 10-2, 8-0 and many more high scorers! They won all their matches through the season and ended up winning the football league for the first time in school history! This is a fantastic achievement and is another medal to add alongside their second places from the Wix Cup and the End of Season Rally. Through the season, Olly in Class 5 was on fine scoring form, setting a new school record of 23 goals! Well done to the football team on a great season!



Next up was Miss Abbott's Netball team, who played their league matches against Stevenage schools throughout the Spring and Summer terms. They picked up some amazing results along the way, including one that was 18-0! At the end of the season they were able to finish top of the league and win the trophy, highlighting a very successful netball season and adding to their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament finishes earlier in the season, well done netballers!

Finally, during the summer term, the cricket team played matches against Hitchin schools in their league, this was the first time we had ever entered this league and the team did not disappoint! They won 7 out of their 8 matches, with their only loss coming by 12 runs, and played amazing throughout the season. At the end of the league there were 3 teams tied on 21 points, meaning the trophy came down to runs scored, and only just missing out by 14 runs, the team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>! This is a great achievement and goes nicely alongside their district tournament win and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in county, well done to all the cricketers this year!



Finally, it has been a great pleasure being your Sports Captains for this year, and we hope that next year will carry out in the same style as 2021/2022 has. We really have enjoyed planning out events and helping in PE lessons throughout the year, and we are incredibly proud of the amount of work ethic that goes into PE throughout all of the school. It is clear that the success will continue to grow as shown by the exceptional results in the events for the younger children this year. As we move on and reflect back, we have both really enjoyed our time at this school, especially this year, and our last terms at St. Ippolyts (which have only felt like a couple of weeks!) have been great fun. We will miss all aspects of sport in this school, and we will miss the staff as well. Thank you everyone and good luck!

Emily & Jake  
Sports Captains



## Awards

At the end of the year, we were invited to the Sporting Futures Awards Ceremony which celebrates achievements throughout the school year. This year we were shortlisted for a number of categories, and a group of children attended with some of the staff in what turned out to be a very successful night! Firstly, we were highly commended in the "Service to Mental Health" award, showcasing all our efforts through Wellbeing week and pupil welfare to encourage positive mental health. Our next nomination was for our Year 3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket team who were up for "Primary Team of the Year" for all their achievements throughout the year, winning both district and county trophies. The team won



highly commended in this award and are very deserving after all the effort they have put in this year on and off the pitch. Up next was the "Primary Sportsperson of the Year" award, and in this category, Sophie was awarded highly commended as a result of all the effort she puts into her PE lessons, clubs after school, events outside of school and many more, Sophie has had a brilliant year and should be very proud of her achievements.

We then were shortlisted for the "Sports Ambassador Crew of the Year" award, this award was to highlight everything our Sports Ambassadors have done this year in school and we are very pleased to say that they won! This is an incredible achievement, the team have worked incredibly hard this year to plan and deliver events for children in school, which have all been a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. They have also umpired at a cricket county finals, an opportunity that no other school received this year, due to their hard work and dedication in school. This is the first time we have ever won this award, so a big well done to the Ambassadors!



Finally, we were shortlisted in the category of "School of the Year" which encompasses every aspect of sport that goes on, from the county events right down to the Class 1 PE lessons. We are delighted to be able to say that we won this award! This is the biggest achievement and is a reflection on every single one of the children, for how hard they try in every lesson, for how they conduct themselves at events and represent the school, for how they always display the school values in everything they do. We are very proud of everyone for helping the school to win this award and hope that this effort and energy continues on next year!





## School Life

This year has been an incredible year for the sport in school and all the children should be proud of their achievements. Throughout the year we have attended over 50 events and festivals, winning an unbelievable 30 trophies for the school cabinets (which are pretty full!) We have attended 8 different county finals throughout the year and won medals in 4 of them, including 1 county trophy. These are fantastic achievements at the highest level that school competition has to offer.



In school, children have had a wide variety of opportunities to engage in other sports throughout the year, Class 1 had Active Pudsey sessions during children in need week, Class 2 had a 4-week action mat programme to improve their skills. Class 3 experienced some taster sessions in Ultimate Frisbee, whilst Class 4 had a 6-week programme provided by Fitkidz, to improve their fitness and wellbeing. In upper KS2, Class 5 experienced a Commonwealth Day

at Fairlands Valley where they got to try a range of fun activities, and Class 6 had Fitkidz sessions along with a Rowing session where they got to have a go on some Rowing machines in the hall!



Throughout the year, Miss Gale has been working hard with a group of children on their dancing, and have been rehearsing a performance for the Sporting Futures Dance Festival. The children worked really hard throughout the year and put on an amazing performance, this was a really fantastic opportunity for the children and their hard work definitely showed!

To round off, I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone this year for making sport in school possible, to all the staff at school who help out with clubs and events, and to all the parents who are always on hand to offer lifts to and from wherever we travel to. Without you, none of this would be possible and we are extremely grateful. A special shoutout to our Sports Captains this year, Emily and Jake. They have been amazing this year, writing incredible newsletters and putting on many events for the children to enjoy in school, they have worked tirelessly to provide opportunities and are the backbone of the Sports Ambassador Crew, and



are a key reason as to why they were named "Sports Ambassador Crew of the Year". Finally, to all the children, this school can only win all these awards because of how much effort you put in day in, day out to make yourself better, you are all fabulous and we are very proud to have you all as part of St. Ippolyts. Hopefully we can have another successful year next year!

Mr Smith  
Sports Coach

