

St. Ippolyts School Autumn Term Sports Newsletter



The new school year started off with the cross-country competition at Fairlands valley, where 24 children from year 5 and 6 competed in various categories, both individually and in their teams. The class 5 children were first to go, running half a mile around the lake. Everyone pushed to the best of their ability and ran really well, with the year 5 boys placing 3rd overall and the year 5 girls coming in 1st place! Next was the turn of year 6 who had to run one mile, a long distance! All the runners did amazing to complete the course, especially Olly and Ciaran, who finished the race in 1st and 2nd respectively out of 100 runners to win individual gold and silver medals. These results helped in the teams category, where both the boys and girls teams placed 1st overall, a brilliant effort from everyone in the event!

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We then had a year 5/6 table tennis tournament for boys and girls, we had two teams competing in each of the categories and had some great results through the day. In the girls category one of the teams won all their games, with the other team winning half of theirs, with our final placings being 1st and 5th overall. The boys managed even better, with one team winning all of their matches, and the other team only losing one. This meant they managed to come 1st and 2nd, which is an

amazing achievement. This tournament was then followed by the county finals for the boys team that placed 1st. They were up against some really tough opposition from some very big schools, they still showed high spirits throughout and managed to qualify for the finals, and just coming short of the gold medals. This makes them the second-best team in the county which is an incredible result and they should be very proud!



The next event was the year 5 and 6 dodgeball event where children played a best of 3 style tournament, the children did fantastic to win all their group games up to the final, including a semi-final that came down to the last 5 seconds! They carried on in this manner in the final and ended up winning the gold medals! This was followed by a basketball tournament, where the children played really well throughout, putting loads of effort into every game, and placed 8th in the tournament.



Throughout the term, the boys and girls football team have begun their season and got off to a great start. The boys team have won their first 3 matches of the league season, and look to continue this good form after Christmas. In October, they took part in a rural schools tournament, getting so close to the win but just missing out with a 2-1 defeat in the final. In the ESFA tournament, they also came 2nd, sadly losing out on penalties in the final. For the girls, they have played their first cup game, winning 5-0 and getting into the semi-finals in January. They also competed in the ESFA tournament and did amazing to come in 3rd place out of 10 schools. Well done footballers!

The netball team have also started their season strong, playing really well in their first two league matches and winning both. Two teams then played in the rural schools tournament at Hitchin Girls School, where the teams placed 2nd and 8th, a great achievement!



In December, some Year 6 children went to Barnwell to compete in a rowing competition, putting to test some of the skills they used during wellbeing week. They showed impeccable teamwork throughout the competition and managed to win silver medals, only missing out on gold by 5 seconds! Mr Smith also competed in the teachers race and won a gold medal!

During November, all children in Year 5 and 6 took part in the virtual archery competition, practicing every break and lunch to improve their scores before being sent off at the end of the month. Their hard work certainly paid off, as we won every category! In year 5, Lucia and Rufus won gold medals in the individual category, with the girls, boys and mixed team also coming 1st.



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