St. Ippolyts School Spring & Summer Term Sports Newsletter

To kick-start our busy term of sport was sports-hall athletics. Both teams did incredibly and after a full day of competitive events and races the girl and boy teams both ended up winning sending them through to counties. A couple weeks later the teams went to ware to compete in the county round. Not long after the events and races began. From relays to javelin to long jump everyone did incredibly and in the end, we came 6th in the whole county, which is an incredible feat of sporting brilliance.

The Badminton event was the 2nd competition, held at our Barnwell, where a few of the pupils in year 5 took part in a badminton competition. After coming 3rd Everyone said they had a great time and that the opponents were really kind and friendly. Libby Lewis (captain) said she had a fantastic day and hopes to play some more badminton in the future Well done all of you; you were excellent at representing our school!

Adding onto the amazing amount of sports this year, a group of year 5 children returned to Barnwell to participate in a hnadball tournament. Despite there being tough and challenging matches. Both our teams were outstanding with their play and sportsmanship. The teams pulled it out of the bag and came away with gold and bronze medals. Amazing, well done Handball teams!

In March our girls football team played in a major final for the WIX cup. After completing successful rounds to get to the final the team made there way to The Priory School's wonderful new pitch to play against Highover in this special event. The pressure was on as the School had previously lost seven football finals. However, it was our time to shine. Keeping our heads up, we got off to a fiery start, and with perseverance and strength, we finished the match 2-2, going into extra time. After some great play in the last minute of the match Megan scored a volley to finally bring it home. The whistle was blown and our dreams of winning the Wix cup finally came true.
March is always a busy month for School sport, it is also known as rapid fire cricket month. The annual rapid-fire cricket was incredibly tough this year. The pressure piles on as the years roll round as this is a tournament we have not lost in 8 years! Fortunately, captain Tabitha Bull and her amazing team were superb managing to beat Roebuck in the district final. This event qualifies to county finals where this incredible team came away with third place medals in a tough final match.

Also, in March we sent a group of year 2 children off to Barnwell to try some new sporting activities such as; Yoga, Rugby and Karate. This was such a fun afternoon and hopefully inspirational for our children to be exposed to sports we do not offer in School. The children behaved impeccably and were great ambassadors for the School.

To wrap March up we attended a wonderful KS2 Tri golf event. Tri golf is a carousel of golfing activities the enable children to familiarise themselves

with different types of golf shots. These children battled it out against 11 other Schools and managed to bring home the trophy for the very first time. Incredibly proud of all the children who were sensational. What a lovely, fun morning we had!

After the easter break we had our year 2 rapid fire cricket. These children participated in some challenging trials to qualify for this event. After successfully qualifying to attend, these children made their way to Barnwell, a familiar place for our children. This competition was extremely tough and had 12 Schools battling it out. St.Ippolyts lost in the semi final against Roebuck by one run! Fortunately, the team ended with their best performance yet and secured bronze medals, well done team!

Another cracker! Tag Rugby. Mrs Sabri & Mrs Gemmell kindly took a team of year 3/4 children to the tag rugby festival where the children had such a fun and amazing day! Playing lots of activities and matches. The children were brilliant and managed to bring home the values bear!! Well done everyone, amazing!

To Finalise April, some of our year ¾ children attending a rural golf event in Letchworth. This was an amazing day out and the first bit of sun we had. It finally felt like summer term. Similar to the previous Tri golf event this was a slight variation on the carousel and new activities we had not seen before. This was a wonderful day out and the children performed brilliantly coming away with third place medals!

To Kick start May was the Hockey competition. We took two teams over to Nobel to play in a competitive tournament where the standard was up there

with the highest that we have seen. Both teams battled excellently and produced some wonderful play. There were 10 teams there and our teams came away with first and fourth. These children all attended hockey club and gave up a lot of their playtimes to train hard with Mr Smith in the lead up to this event. As a result of one of our teams winning the district round, this was an event where counties was on the cards. The stars aligned for us as the venue for the counties was at Blue hearts hockey club in Hitchin. This felt like home turf for a number of our players. On this glorious county final day our team became the first ever St. Ippolyts hockey county champions. Well done team, amazing achievement.

On a very hot summers day in May we sent our class 3 children down to the local bowls club! This was such a fun experience for our children and a brand-new sport for most of us. The exception to the rule was Mrs Stewart! She was a professional, even being asked to join their team. Thank you so much St. Ippolyts Bowls, we hope to see you again very soon!

On a not so sunny day in May we hosted our Olympic sports day at Ridlins athletics stadium! Wow! What a day that was, hopefully an experience our children will never forget. Congratulations to all children who participated on this day, it was a lot to ask of you and everyone absolutely smashed it! I could not be prouder of our School on this day if I tried! Memories that will last forever. Well done all St.Ippolyts!!

To finish May we attended an ultimate Frisbee tournament at Barclay School. This was a club we had run for the year 6 children. At this event we had a lovely moment of a St.Ipps v St.Ipps final. Wow, what a final this was. Jack (captain) with a one-handed catch to secure the victory! Well done to both teams, amazing play and the first time this trophy has ever been held by a St.Ippolyts team.

Into June, where sport gets really busy! If it wasn't already... Tennis! Mrs Thain had ran a tennis club for the children in year 3/4. Some of these children qualified into this tennis tournament. This event was held at Shepalbury Park tennis courts. The children had a wonderful day out enjoying some fun activities and some competitive matches. We took two teams to this event and Felicity's team came home with the trophy.

The very next day we had a rural rounders tournament. Another all St. Ippolyts final. What a nervous final this was! It was like watching two rival teams play. The passion and performance here was truly superb. We had three teams in this event and managed to secure all 3 medal positions. Special mention to winning captain Arthur who gave a truly inspirational performance throughout the whole tournament. Some might say we love rounders.

So, for our final golf event of the year. SFT Tri golf. On a hot summers evening our children went over to Peartree School who kindly hosted this event for the partnership. The children were so organised and had such amazing teamwork and their captain Freya was over the moon with the teams performance bringing home the trophy and leading onto county finals. This team were amazing at counties and managed to place 4th in the whole of Hertfordshire! What ana achievement well done team.

District mixed Cricket was next, and we couldn't believe we were only six days into June! This team really were sensational. This event was hosted at Stevenage cricket club and was a lovely day out of playing some amazing cricket. The team were clearly drilled from all the lunchtime practices and smashed the final by over 100 runs. This team progressed onto county finals where we managed to secure 4th place in the county. Amazing achievement lads!

Next up, the girls cricket! The girls had their cricket the day after we got back from PGL so it really was an ask for the girls to build some energy! Our girls really were superb on this day narrowly missing out in the final and amazingly came away with silver medals, well done girls!

With such a terrible summer for weather, we managed to luck out on these sporting outings, the next one.... Ridlins SFT. This years Ridlins was filled with 17 Schools. A massive competition and always the trickiest to come out on top. Our children were truly amazing, with every child on the 18-person squad coming away with at least one medal. Overall, our children missed out on the trophy by one point! We were so proud of these children, and they gave everything this day.

A week later, we sent another athletics squad over to Ridlins for the rural competition. Wish we had of booked this weather for sports day! Our children were brilliant on this day. With some of the rule changes being unfamiliar to our children, in true St. Ippolyts resilience our children took it in their stride and gave it there very best! The results were very tense, but we amazingly came away with bronze medals. Well done everyone!

Also, in June! Lacrosse! Mrs Thain had run a lacrosse club and coached this team so amazingly for this tournament! Producing a mixture of year 4/5 children for the event. The children headed off to Barnwell for another fun filled day of sport! The team were amazing! Playing 7 matches and coming away with silver medals! Well done team!

In late June there was a Netball tournament. This tournament was split into two categories. Mixed team and year 5 girls team. The mixed team had played fixtures this year so were already an established team. The year 5 girls team this was the first time they had played together as a team. A great opportunity to test the water for next year in hope these girls sign up for netball club! Both teams performed amazingly, and the mixed team came away with the trophy.

NATIONAL ROUNDERS! 7am coach arrives and we are off to defend our national title! What a memorable day this was. After last years success it was going to be tricky to emulate that performance. Playing against some private schools with there very own rounders coaches! However, we battled hard and gave it everything we had. Enough for captain Megan to

lift the Schools second national rounders title!! Amazing team so proud of you. This team gave up nearly every morning for a month training before school!

Onto the last three events for the year! The SFT rounders competitions! Year 2 rounders, year ¾ rounders and year 5/6 rounders. They were all incredibly tricky competitions. This is why we put so much practice and determination into these events. Fortunately, all three sets of children performed incredibly! Returning with all three trophies congratulations to all the teams involved you were amazing!

Sports awards! We were fortunate enough to be nominated for 3 awards this year! Billy for aspire and develop award, national rounders for team of the year and St. Ippolyts School for sporting school of the year. It was a magical night and one we will never forget with some ex-pupils joining us for the evening on last years national rounders team. As we nervously awaited the results... It was announced that we had won all 3! Congratulations to Billy and the nationals teams. Finally, congratulations to all of you. We are so lucky to have such an amazing School and we thank you for being so wonderful.

Thank you so much Megan and Barnaby for being such wonderful sports captains we all wish you the best of luck for the future. I am So proud of every child in St. Ippolyts this term more than ever! You have all been so amazing and always try your hardest! I would also like to thank all the staff at our School for all your help and support with the sport this year. Especially our wonderful headteacher who continuously provides countless opportunities and incredible support for sport at School.

Let's hope for another cracking year. WE GO AGAIN. Mr J

We would like to say a massive thank you and congratulations to Libby for her outstanding reporting this year. We have looked forward to the newsletters every week to see Libby's corner! Thank you so much Libby.

Sports team out!