



SPORTS' NEWSLETTER

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The strength of the team is each member. The strength of each member is the team.



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'A child helped by another child is like a strong city'

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Gymnastics

Gymnastics is a very popular club and more so this term with the introduction of our very own gymnastics coach. The children in Years 1, 2 and 3 and I are enjoying the chance to learn and admire all that Natasha has to offer. With her demonstrations, she can inspire the children to try new balances and agilities. It is wonderful that Natasha is so impressed with our level of potential that she has confirmed she would love to run an early morning gymnastic club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 next term. This will be a selected club with room for children to join throughout the year. Lots for the boys and girls to aim for and a wonderful opportunity for our keen gymnasts. Natasha is the founder of Silver line gymnastics Club based in Croydon.



Sportshall Athletics

The shorter PE lesson in the autumn term is spent learning, improving and recording times, distances and performances of the six agilities in the Sportshall athletics programme. It is fabulous to see the progress from the scores recorded in Year 3 through to the current Year 6 children. It is an exciting event, never a dull moment, with field and track events going on at the same time in a crowded sports hall with over 200 children watching and competing.

With five Year 6 athletes busy at exams and Sport scholarship days, some of our other keen athletes were given the chance to shine. The boys finished 4th and the girls 7th, with some excellent performances and plenty for us to take away from the event to think about before next year. Thank you to Mrs Spink, Mrs Redway and Mrs Greig for giving up their day to accompany us to the event.



Football

The boys' football squad have started playing in the Battersea League on Wednesday afternoons. Fresh from our netball league success, the boys had high hopes to be crowned league champions in the sport they love. Their first match was against Honeywell and came the same afternoon that they had been at the Sportshall Athletics all day. Honeywell are always a tough team to beat but our boys had had promising results in the past. It was a huge disappointment that Holy Ghost came away defeated 3-0 from this game. Week 2 saw us playing Chesterton. Again we had many shots at a goal but were unable to get the ball in the back of the net and had to be content with a scoreless draw. Week 3 was postponed due to torrential rain. Those matches will take place on March 7th. In week 4 Holy Ghost had their first win beating Allfarthing 2-0.



All round benefits and using the 6 school games values

Through sport we aim to ensure that the children are continually learning new skills physical, social and emotional. Participation and competition in sport teaches primary school children important lessons which they need to value and carry into their teenage and adult years. The Holy Ghost promotes its own high standards of behaviour and respect but at the beginning of a new calendar year it is worth highlighting the recommendations which Wandsworth outline, and to which Miss Lawless and I have signed up to when the school embarked on inter-school competition.

The aim of the Wandsworth School Games is to encourage the pupils in Wandsworth to actively participate in sport to reach their potential, to ensure their health and general wellbeing, and to provide enjoyable and positive experiences that will encourage them to have a lifelong passion for sport.

Pupils

- Participate for fun and enjoyment as well as achievement
- Work hard and demonstrate team commitment and spirit
- Abide by the rules of the game
- Always respect and never question the decisions of officials
- Respect team mates, opponents, teachers, coaches and volunteers
- Control your emotions: verbal or physical abuse is unacceptable
- Accept victory and defeat in a sporting manner with grace and dignity
- Use the six School Games' Values whilst playing and waiting to play the game.
- Behave in an appropriate manner at all times at the event.

For parents and spectators the conduct is:

- Remember young people play for their own enjoyment not their parents
- Promote participation in sport for fun
- Praise positive sporting attitudes and the value of teamwork in every child, not just your own child or your own team.
- Be realistic about young players' abilities – do not force them to play or towards a level they are not capable of achieving.
- Encourage fair play and discourage poor sportsmanship
- Congratulate your child regardless of the result
- Positively encourage and support all team members
- Show respect for opponents, team managers and officials
- Respect the decisions of the officials and encourage young players to do so a well.
- Never enter the field of play
- Never use bad language or behave inappropriately
- Respect the event organisers and treat them as you would like to be treated
- Remember that young people learn much by watching your behaviour
- Parents and spectators failing to abide by this code will be asked to leave the facility.



Premier Stars

The boys' football team played in the Premier Stars tournament on the 23rd at Southfields Academy. The boys were determined to start strongly and not be caught out by the short games. They did as they intended and won their first game 4-0, this was followed by a 1-1 draw and a 2-1 win. The next game was a 0-0 draw and a win in the last game would secure the boys a place in the semi-final. Many attempts at goal and strong defensive play meant the boys were disappointed to finish at 0-0.

The girls played in their premier stars tournament on the 30th. The girls played well and with more confidence than I had seen before. The girls won their first match 4-0, their second 2-1 then they lost their third 0-2 and drew their fourth and fifth. They shared second place in their section but missed qualifying for the quarter-finals on goal difference.



Biathlon

Biathlons are a relatively new event for Holy Ghost. The entries are worked out on a date of birth criteria rather than a school year group. Those with their birthdays at the end of the calendar year are competing against individuals in the school year above themselves. They are exciting events and perfect for those children who enjoy running and swimming. A date for the diary is the Whitgift Biathlon on Sunday 20th May. Nearer the time we will hope to enter teams into this event. Following their performances in Fleet back in early October Holy Ghost have nine children who have qualified for the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships in March at Crystal Palace. Well done to those who have qualified.



The Battersea Fun Run

The Battersea Fun Run takes place on Sunday 4th February in Battersea Park. Many of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children have entered this event. The event is open on the day if children want to turn up on the day- details are on the London Mini Marathon Website.

SPRING TERM 2017-2018 As dates are confirmed they will be added to this diary which will be regularly updated on the website.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 th February Indoor Athletics (Ys 3,4,5,6)	6 th February	7 th February Y6 Mass Netball (Selected Children)	8 th February Pancake Day Lunch	9 th February Break up for half term PTA Valentines Cake Sale & 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale	10 th February	11 th February
HALF TERM						
19 th February INSET DAY	20 th February Children return to school	21 st February Y4 Trip (No Clarinet)	22 nd February Y4 Clarinet	23 rd February Wandsworth School Games (Selected Children)	24 th February	25 th February
26 th February Scholastic Book Fair	27 th February	28 th February	1 st March World Book Day + Book at Bedtime	2 nd March	3 rd March	4 th March
5 th March	6 th March Y3 First Confessions	7 th March	8 th March	9 th March Y5 Junior Citizenship	10 th March	11 th March Y3 Presentation Mass @HG Church
12 th March	13 th March Y3 Parents Meeting for FHC at HG church (8-9pm)	14 th March Y6 Cricket	15 th March	16 th March Y4 Multisport Event	17 th March	18 th March

23rd March - Y4 last swim

26th March - The Passion 2.15pm

29th March - Break up 2pm

16th April - Return to School

27th April - Y3 Start Swimming

27th April - PTA Event

7th May - BANK HOLIDAY

12th May - First Holy Communion (HGS)

18th May - Parish First Holy Communion

24th May - Break up for half term

25th May - INSET DAY

4th June - INSET DAY

5th June - Children return to school

9th June - PTA Summer Fair

14th June - Y2 and KS2 Sports Day

28th June - Y4 Wandsworth Music Festival

29th June - St Peter & St Paul Whole School Mass

2nd July - Y6 to Arethusa (return on the 6th)

18th July - Leavers' Mass

20th July - Break up for summer (2pm)

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