



SPORTS' NEWSLETTER

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When things don't turn out the way you wanted Gareth Southgate says "The questions around us principally come down to character: the essential ability to withstand events that go against you"



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

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Mini League Netball

The "Holy Ghost Allstars" are a team playing in the Minis Netball League and it has been brilliant fun. We all took turns in each of the positions and every team member improved vastly over the course of the season. Our toughest – and most exciting – match was against Honeywell Hawks. They were formidable opponents with some players almost as tall as the netball posts! Despite being several goals behind by the time we entered the final quarter, we pulled together as a team and drew level with minutes to go. In a nail-biting finish, we scored... just seconds before the final whistle! We all loved playing as the Holy Ghost Allstars and ended every Friday evening with big smiles on our faces. We were awarded medals as winners of the Roses Division and look forward to playing more netball matches next term." By Rosie.

"We liked playing netball outside of school with our friends. We were really pleased to be top of the league when we beat The Roche" wrote Sophie (Yr 4)
Ciara from the Year 3 team wrote the following "We loved competing against different teams because it was exciting. When we made mistakes we supported each other 😊"
A big thank you to the parents who have committed to this event every Friday evening.



Year 5 cricket

Twelve children from Year 5 walked to Spencer Cricket club for an afternoon of cricket activities. The group moved around the stations learning new skills and practising familiar drills. The space was wonderful – the children could swing their bats, hit a 6 and not be chastised for losing yet another ball! They used the bowling machines and enjoyed being coached by the Spencer coaches.



Inter-planet Tennis Tournament

Each year, Years 4, 5 and 6 participate in a singles and doubles inter – planet tennis tournament. Having missed the Summer term in 2020 the singles tournament was played in the Autumn and the doubles has been concluded over the last few weeks in their PE lessons. The children learn many skills in this event. The children learn the value of their short game (our courts are mini !), they learn to support each other (many children attend private tennis lessons but many do not), they learn to umpire and call when the ball is out or in and as usual, the children at HG try really hard to win and many points need to be re-played as the children work out how to call fairly and watch the ball carefully 😊

Good sporting Behaviour medals went to the following children : Mars = Frankie Y5, Jupiter= Sophie K Y4, Uranus = Anezka Y4, Mercury = Nunzio Y4, Earth = Olivia Y6, Neptune = Amelie Y4, Saturn = Cassandra Y4, Venus = Philothee Y4.

Jupiter were 1st scoring 672 points, Mars were 2nd scoring 660 points and Saturn and Mercury shared 3rd place scoring 652 points each.

Inter- planet Rounders Tournament

Year 5 & 6 took part in the Inter-planet Rounders competition in the playground on Wednesday afternoon. Space obviously restricted how we could manage the tournament . The planets joined together and fielded to try a to prevent the other planets from scoring against them. All of the children stepped up and played the new game with determination to seize the last Inter-planet result for themselves !

Good sporting Behaviour medals went to the following children : Mars = Daniel Y5, Jupiter= Livia Y5, Uranus = Lucy Y5, Earth = Anna-Marie Y5, Neptune = Olivia T Y5, Saturn = Henry W Y6, Venus = Antonio Y6 & Oli Y5.

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Quad Kids

These were awards for a national run competition where 4 events' scores were added together and the top scorer received an All – Round Athlete Award, 2nd place received rosette as did 3rd place.

The following children took these awards home:

Year 6 – All Round athletes – Zach & Iona, 2nd place – Luca & Alexandria & 3rd place – Charlie & Sophie

Year 5 – All round Athlete – Cameron & Rosie, Jack & Orlaith, 3rd place – Cassiel & Livia

Year 4 - All Round Athlete – Alessandro & Joanna, 2nd place – Matilda & Luis & Marcos, 3rd place- Claudia

Year 3 – All Round Athlete – Ciara & Alfie, 2nd place – Harry B & Lilah, 3rd place – Anton & Giulia

Year 2 – All Round Athletes – Felix & Lola, 2nd place – Gustave & Annabel, 3rd place – Sam & Arun & Klara & Millie W.

Congratulations to all of the children.

July 5th – 9th was International Girls' Football week

The aim of the week is to raise the profile of girls' football in the Borough as well as promoting the opportunities available to school as part of the FA Girls Football programme being led by the FA/Youth Sport Trust and supported by Barclays. Especially timed to coincide with the last week of the Euros its aim was to highlight the disparity between the coverage and promotion given to the men's game in comparison to the women's game.

Did you know that despite being more popular than some men's football events (matches with 53,000 crowd being recorded) women's football in England, was halted in 1921 when the FA outlawed women playing the game on members' pitches statingo

“the game of football is quite unsuitable for females”.

The HG students would have something to say about that today!)

Thankfully things started to change in the 1960s and now 176 teams play at an international level and funding has trebled at the grass roots level.

In celebration of this week, the girls were given priority to play football at break times – many of our girls enjoy football and this week was tremendously valuable for them to see that they can be involved. The pitches in both Key Stage 1 and 2 were full and the girls really appreciated the opportunity to play. The boys questioned the decision and were initially disappointed and in some cases affronted by this interruption to the norm BUT they listened to the reasons it was happening and they soon got on with other activities – some of them supporting the girls from the side lines.

If your daughter is interested in playing football please follow the links below.

<https://www.thefa.com/womens-girls-football/get-involved/girls/fun/wildcats>

<https://www.scwgl.org.uk/clubs/clubs-c-d/doverhouse-lions-fc/>



Running

Running is a speciality for Holy Ghost children and it has been great to welcome 48 children from Key Stage 2 to join in the running club over the last few Mondays. A reminder that Running Club in September will take place before school on a Thursday and will run from 8 am – 8.45 am at Wandsworth Common. We hope to open it to next year's Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

We have risen to our Marathon Kids Challenge of completing 20,000km by July.

Holy Ghost won the following award:



Our marathon Kids captain was proud to receive the reward on behalf of all of the children at Holy Ghost who have run over 20,000 km whilst at school and during our lockdown periods. Every child in the school has run a Marathon 42.2km – we are so proud of them all 😊



At the Marathon Kids Award presentations this Year 3 whizz kid was awarded with a trophy for achieving the highest running total in the country. Our national champion ran most days in lockdown with her father and her brother. Her running total was 645km. Mrs Webb was also proud to receive the Active School Hero Award for Wandsworth Borough.



Thank you to all of the parents who sent me feedback about their running, walking and jogging adventures during lockdown because without this feedback we would not have achieved these awards.

Tennis – Wigmore Tennis Club

Year 1 and Reception at Wigmore Tennis Club. On Wednesday 7th July there was a buzz of excitement as the youngest classes at school ventured out of school, on to a coach and arrived to experience some exciting tennis activities at Wigmore Tennis Club.

Full sized courts, Scott and Joe, the tennis coaches and packed lunches made it a really fun day out for all involved.

Thank you to the parents who accompanied this trip.



Young Leaders

Nick Miller, the Sports' Games Officer for Wandsworth came into school to deliver the Young Leaders' programme to our Year 6 class. He was very impressed with the children's confidence and pride in their school. He spotted leadership skills in so many of the children. The programme is a practical way to learn how communication skills can encourage learning and loyalty within a group. The Year 6 Young Leaders demonstrated these behaviours whilst leading Reception and Year 1 Sports day.



Inter planet Competition – Tag Rugby

With no competitions available to test our Year 5 and Year 6 classes, more emphasis has been focussed on our inter-planet tournaments.

Our Year 6 tag – rugby Captains, Zach and Charlie didn't see why we couldn't run a tag-rugby competition – a lack of space has never been allowed to play a part in restricting our dreams! Zach and Charlie went away and Zach presented me with an idea and even better, with a solution as to how it would work.

On the last Friday afternoon before half term the tournament took place. The children were fabulous – prepped on the rules and the schedule, they just got on with it and played some great tag-rugby.

Saturn finished 1st, Mercury were 2nd and on equal points Mars & Jupiter were joint 3rd.

Leadership skills were very apparent on the day – the maturity of the Year 6 knowing when to encourage, when to step back and not always putting themselves first onto the pitch, was good to see. Special awards were presented to:

William (Mars), Freddie (Jupiter), Oscar (Neptune), Jude (Uranus), Ethan (Earth), Orlaith (Mercury), Paolo (Saturn) and Philip (Venus).

Congratulations to all involved.



Year 5 Boys football at Trinity School

Excitement built during the week for some Year 5 boys who participated in the Year 5 Trinity School football tournament. It was a 5 aside tournament against schools from Croydon and the standard of play was high. The biggest challenge was the boys' match fitness – there was a lot of ground to cover to defend and attack in the 16 minute matches. The team won 3 matches, lost 2 and drew one – the boys really enjoyed the experience and look forward to more opportunities to represent the school next year. They all played their part and supported each other.



Chance to Shine

The Surrey based charity Chance to shine came into school to share their coaching tips with many of our classes and their teachers.

Year 6, year 5, year 3 and Year 2 benefitted from this fabulous opportunity.



Comments of the coaching from Y3

I liked playing outside and achieving new things. Also I liked running and hockey. Lilah

I enjoyed learning how to play cricket. Albie

I liked playing cricket because I love batting and I love running. Dom Dom

I loved Chance to Shine because it gave me a chance to bowl, to bat and let me have a chance to have fun and play games. Aisling

I enjoyed Chance to Shine because I loved the cricket dodgeball. Anton

Year 6 Hockey

On June 30th Year 6 walked to Spencer Hockey Club to take part in a festival of matches. I divided the class into 4 teams based on experience, with the mandatory 2 girls per team. The girls had an exhausting but rewarding afternoon having to play in every game. In 2 hours of play confidence was gained, goals were scored and skills were honed. It was a great afternoon and the Year 6 children represented Holy Ghost well. They were competitive, hardworking and appreciative.



KS2 & Y2 Sports' Day

Results:

1st - Venus

2nd - Mars

3rd - Earth

4th - Uranus

Rewarding Good Sporting Behaviours to:

Venus = Ted Y2

Mars = Hughie Y3

Earth = Olivia Y2

Uranus = Anezka Y4

Jupiter = Iona Y6

Mercury = Caiden Y5

Neptune = Olivia T Y5

Saturn = Cassandra Y4

Hat-tricks



At the Trinity Football Tournament this year 5 talent was a tremendous team player. He scored 3 hat-tricks in the football matches plus one other! 10 in all. Good work for one day 😊