

Sport @ TC

This newsletter is to celebrate the sporting achievements of our pupils in the first half of this academic year. Throughout the school, pupils have been showing excellent teamwork skills, determination, perseverance and talent. Here are some of the things we have been doing:



Cross Country:

Cross-Country has been a major sport throughout the school this academic year. From trials in late September, through to events from October to February, we have seen pupils working hard to achieve their best and enjoying running with their friends.

October saw 32 pupils attend the Astley Cooper School Cross-Country event, where we had exceptional results, finishing as the best school overall. In the Year 3 and 4 races, 10 of our 20 participants finished in the top 4 in their respective races. Leon A, Anna D and Cairo B came in 1st place in their races. Our Year 4 boys, Year 3 girls and Year 3 boys all won their team races.

In the Year 5 and 6 races, our 12 participants also performed well, with the Year 5 boys' team winning the team competition after a super joint 1st place for Jacob T and Ollie L.

We followed these fantastic runs on a cold January morning at Bridgewater School. 40 of our pupils showed their determination, running into a bracing wind (and by the Year 3 races, snow!). We were awarded a total of 7 medals in this event. Leon A took our first individual medal in many years, coming in 3rd place in the Year 3 boys' race. Our Year 4 boys' team of Jasper B, Cairo B and Archie C also were awarded 3rd place in the team event, which was matched by the Year 6 girls' team of India F, Jessie P and Gracie W. We look forward to further successes next year!

We continue to have Ashlyns' Sports Leaders hosting sessions for our pupils. These fantastic ambassadors deliver high quality PE sessions to groups of pupils throughout our school, and also across Berkhamsted.

Our Summer term clubs are being finalised this half term. As always, we aim to offer a wide variety of opportunities for all pupils and a clubs list will be emailed to you.



Pupils in Year 5 have been swimming at Berkhamsted Sportspace as part of their PE lessons. They have made excellent progress and have been a credit to the school.

Cross-Country cont...

On Saturday 4th February, 10 of our Year 5 and 6 runners represented the school in the St Albans Cross-Country event, with more than 200 pupils in each race. While all our pupils performed well, we had 2 top 50 finishers, Christopher M in the Year 5 boys' race (36th) and Gracie W in the Year 6 girls' race (33rd). The look of satisfaction on their faces when they finished this difficult 1600m race was clear to see.

Swimming:

The Year 4 swimmers enjoyed representing the school in a gala on 3rd November. India H-B, Harry T, Harper C, Finley A, Kitty A, James G, Daisy R and Thomas D were fantastic ambassadors for our school, showing both the determination to do well while also supporting each other. We were also delighted to see Harry win the 50m freestyle race and Harper win the 25m freestyle race.

Game On:

Game On coaches not only take PE lessons within school, but also clubs and fixtures outside of school hours too. Many of our pupils have represented the school in sports such as netball and football, playing in matches against other schools. Game On continue to praise our pupils for their efforts in the sessions and we look forward to hearing of the clubs that will be offered in the Summer term.



Some of our Year 6 runners at the St Albans Event



Our new widened and resurfaced path.

We have also upgraded our facilities at school

Our tennis courts, which act not only as a playground for the Upper Key Stage 2 pupils but also as an area for outdoor PE sessions, have been resurfaced and re-marked. This now provides us with a flat, level surface, with clearly marked netball and tennis courts, integrated netball posts and a safe, smooth surface. We also have a wider path and some super new benches. This is already benefitting our school community and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Chris Rattenbury visits TC

Chris Rattenbury, ambassador of WheelPower, arrived at Thomas Coram School on 2nd November, bringing with him the Paralympic torch. He spoke to the pupils about his life and about WheelPower's work to support disabled children in sport. Chris was the para-weightlifting champion, lifting 165kg at the 2010 Commonwealth games in Delhi. He made the thought of using a wheelchair much easier and showed us different wheelchairs they used for different types of sports.

By Freya B 6BT



Sports round-up cont...

Netball:

After a fantastic 6-5 victory against Bovingdon in early December, and a 9-3 victory against St Mary's in November, our Year 5 and 6 netballers will be representing the school at the annual Dacorum Netball tournament in the Summer term.

Speed-Stacking:

On Monday 21st November, our Year 4 pupils represented the school in a Speed Stacking festival, held at Ashlyns School. After an anxious 2-month wait for the results we were delighted to find out that we had won the Ashlyns heats, coming in 1st place in 4 of the 6 disciplines and 2nd place in the other two. Unfortunately this fantastic score wasn't enough to allow us to progress to the Hertfordshire final on this occasion, but when all the heats were considered we were ranked as second overall out of 42 teams. Look out current Year 3, as training will start in September!



The team were: Thomas D, Tristan P, Harry T, Jasper B, India H-B, Bonnie W, Anna J, Charlotte F, Hannah S, Ollie S, Chloe E and Finley B and their head coach, Mrs. Bruguier.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about some of our many successes at Thomas Coram School. We look forward to sharing further successes towards the end of the year