

# St Patrick's Sports Newsletter



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the Gold School Games Mark Award for the 2016/17 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Teams that compete in football (2 boys and 1 girls teams), Netball (3 teams), Cross country (2 boys and girls teams), athletics, rugby, cricket (2 teams), gymnastics, sportshall athletics, indoor cricket and swimming (The first school to have 2 teams competing)
- Provided 82 children with the opportunity to represent our school in inter school competitions.
- Girls Cross country champions for a second year running.
- Hannah Bowyer individual girls cross country champion.
- Derwentside Athletics champions.
- Derwentside Swimming gala champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Durham County swimming competition.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the indoor kwick cricket league
- Derwentside netball league champions and 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Durham County Netball competition.
- Sports leaders who have offered sporting opportunities to all children in our school every morning break time.
- Our own St Patrick's Swimming gala and Thursday night football league.
- Increased number of children who take part in after school clubs.
- Pupil questionnaires revealed that 100% of pupils enjoyed participating in PE lessons and sports day with many stating that they take part in sporting activities in a comfortable and fun environment.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. Also, a special thank you to all our parents who have helped provide transport and supported our teams come wind, rain or shine (or snow on one occasion!)

## Another successful sports day!

Well done to all our children that took part in our sports day this year. It was great to see all the children work together with big smiles on their faces as they tried their best to score points for their class.

Here are some of the children's thoughts on this years sports day:

We liked trying to beat the other class!

Mrs Benson's class

I liked racing under the net!

Mrs Clennell's class

It's great not sitting around

Mrs Murley's class

We loved the new activities and working as a team!

## **Sports leaders**

Our sports leaders have worked tirelessly this year providing children with the opportunity to practise their sports skills on a morning break time.

Well done to Lewis Muirhead, Ewelina Wojciechowska, Alex Robinson, Dominic Bough, Alex Davidson, Evan Burns, Aaron Whitmore, Oliver Harrop, Oliver Walton, Joanna Hughes, Leah Hanson, Jack McGurk, Nikola Hinz, Kian O'Leary, Mason Hopper, Shay Renwick, Misia Wyrwich, John McDonagh, Jack Walton, James Higgs, George Bowley, Mya-Lee Tones, Megan Shield, Katherine O'Hanlon, Cianna McGeary, Jack Lumley, Sebastian Hiles, Ciara McIlhatton, Jessica McCaslin, Isaac Campbell-Lawton, Kaine McCullagh, Lucy Hobson, Neeve Dyson, Olivia Czop, Mollie Severs and Thomas Williams.

There was also special praise for our year 6 children who helped support Key Stage 1 and foundation stage sports days, The boys and girls all loved the opportunity to support the children to complete each activity on the day. There were lots of positive comments from teachers, parents and the children. Super work!

## **Cricket league**

Well done to all our children who took part in the cricket league at Consett Cricket league. Due to year 6 missing some of our fixtures, it gave us the opportunity to let some of our year 5's and 4's experience representing our school. Results were mixed over the 3 weeks of cricket but all the children really enjoyed taking part.

Well done Jake Kingshott, Jamie Watson, Jack Walton, Thomas Williams, Matthew Grey, Shay Renwick, Hannah Bowyer, Abbie Miller, Luke Dorrit, Jonny Young, Jay Young, Lewis Muirhead, Oliver Harrop, Mia Tallentire, Joanna Hughes, Ailsa Hughes, Mya-Lee Tones, Nathan Quinn, Kieran Tully, Bobby McCourt, Archie Lightfoot, Taylor McAloon, Thomas McDonald and Mason Hopper.

## **Netball**

We entered 3 teams into the Derwentside netball league this year at Consett Academy. Each of our teams played extremely well and they all had a lot of fun. Our A team were undefeated and sealed the league trophy with a 5-1 victory over 2<sup>nd</sup> place Catchgate. Our B and C team also competed well as both finished in the top 6 teams.



Due to winning the league, our A team we're selected to represent Derwentside at the Durham County Summer games at Maiden Castle in Durham. The girls worked extremely hard for each other and we're a credit to our school as they finished 4<sup>th</sup> in a fiercely competitive competition.

Congratulations to Our A team Leah Hanson, Abbie Miller, Mia Tallentire, Grace Love, Ciara McIlhatton, Alex Robinson, Mya-Lee Tones and Ellan Wadge.

Well done to our B and C teams Hannah Bowyer, Robyn Clarke, Maddie Young, Ewelina Wojciechowska, Jessica Ridley, Keria Munn, Katerine O'Hanlon and Erin McAnenay.

## **Finally.....**

Thank you for all the feedback from the parent questionnaire. It was lovely to hear such positive comments. It has also provided us with areas that we can further develop for next year. Thank you again!