

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School PE & Sports Spring Report

Girls Football Team

As you know, our girls football team, after their success in the Haywards Heath, Mid Sussex and Sussex competitions, moved on to compete in in the Regional Finals against schools from the surrounding counties.



Before they headed off to London for the tournament, they were visited by 2 players from the Brighton and Hove team. Beth Roe and Amanda Nilden, pictured with the girls team here, spent time practising with them before answering some questions from the girls in years 4, 5 and 6.

Thank you to BHAFC and Mr Pestell for organising their visit.

They headed off to the tournament and performed well, giving a good account of themselves against high quality opposition.

They were narrowly beaten in the first game 1-0 by a last minute winner after Emily had saved an earlier penalty. They then drew the next game 0-0. The final game saw the girls dominate but not hold strong enough in defence after scoring and finished 3-2.

Despite not getting through this stage, the girls have still had a phenomenal season. We are incredibly proud of what they have achieved and are sure they have inspired many other girls in the school to take up football.

The squad for this tournament was: Ella, Lilah, Maya, Kacey, Emma, Emily, Megan, Poppy and Siobhan.



Cross Country



In January, six children from year five and six braved the rain and wind to take part in the next stage of the cross country competition.

After qualifying from the Haywards Heath event, the children were now racing to see if they could make it through to the Mid Sussex squad.

We are delighted to say that this is a feat that was achieved by Emily, Poppy and Siobhan who all finished in the top 12.

Unfortunately the other children didn't finish high enough to make it into the squad but still ran excellent races in incredibly difficult conditions on a very hilly course.

Well done to all the children and we wish the girls the best of luck in the next stage.

The members of the squad for this tournament were: Emily, Poppy, Siobhan, Emma, Kirsten and Barney.

Indoor Athletics

At the end of January, 20 year three and four children took part in an indoor athletics festival at Warden Park Academy, Cuckfield. Throughout the afternoon, the children displayed their running, jumping, throwing and balancing skills across a range of events.

All of the children showed great team spirit and sportsmanship whilst demonstrating great determination and perseverance to do the best that they could in their event. Thank you to all the parents and carers that were able to transport the children to and from the event.

The members of the squad for this festival were: Darcy, Olivia, Liliana, Izzy, Jennifer, Evie, Abigail, Elana, Brooke, Maegan, Cohen, Mason, Ollie, Charlie, Ellis, Leo, Henry, Oscar, Daniel and Zak.

Intra-House competitions

Before half term, all of the children took part in the next intra-house event as they competed against each other in dodgeball. All the children loved taking part in a relatively unfamiliar sport and took the opportunity to extend a range of skills. Congratulations to red team who made it three different winners from three different events so far this year.

Basketball

At the beginning of February, nine year five and six children took part in the Mid Sussex Basketball Tournament at St. Paul's in Burgess Hill.

The children all did a fantastic job winning all of their group games. They showed great teamwork, determination and skill to progress to the semi-finals.

Unfortunately, they narrowly lost the semi-final to runners-up St. Lawrence. A tight game was only decided thanks to a very tall St. Lawrence player who showed good skill under the basket.

This meant the children faced group opponents and namesakes St. Wilfrid's from Burgess Hill in the third place playoff. Again, the children narrowly missed out a win. This was still a fantastic achievement when many of the children only took up basketball this term.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that were able to transport the children to and from the event.

The squad for this tournament was: George, Siobhan, Sam, Barney, Samuel, Zeb Poppy, Liam and Emily.



Netball

Also in February, we hosted Lindfield in a league netball match.

We are delighted to say that the girls managed to get their first win of the season in this game. They have been working incredibly hard to develop their skills and have shown great perseverance in battling to get that first win.

Throughout the game, the girls showed great skill and teamwork and it was clear to see how far they've come. Despite a close score of 5-4, they were worthy winners and we are incredibly pleased and proud of them. We are sure that this will be the first win of many.

The squad for this match was: Alice, Tilly, Sofia, Kirsten, Faith, Megan and Molly.

Cricket

After half term, eight year 5 and 6 children took part in an indoor cricket competition. They all played fantastically and made it through to the next stage of the competition, the area finals. Unfortunately, they lost their semi-final to St. Lawrence.

The squad for this competition was: Siobhan, Emily, Poppy, Samuel, Linus, Henry, George and Zeb.

In March we were lucky enough to have Sussex Cricket in to deliver some sessions to all Key Stage two classes. The children



got to take part in a bowling and batting game to develop and extend their skills.

They also had an informative and inspiring worship explaining how they could get involved. They were even treated to a visit from Sid the Shark!