

JULY 2018



SAINT JOHN'S SPORTS GAZETTE

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We hope that you enjoy reading about some of the highlights from the sporting life of Saint John's in 2017/18.

SPORTS DAY



Callum and Lily lift the trophy for Jenner

Thank you very much to all the parents and governors who helped this year. As always, we are indebted to the PTFA for providing refreshments & gazebos, and to Cheltenham College for allowing us to use their facilities.

The atmosphere was brilliant with delightful weather and a huge turnout of supporters. The children really threw themselves into the event and were a credit to the school and their parents.

Jenner claimed the Trophy this year with an impressive 78 points, although this wasn't decided until the last race!

Holding our Sports Day at Cheltenham College enabled us to use the distance track for our Year 5 and 6 distance races!

Congratulations to Laura, who won the Year 6 girls' long distance race in 1 minute 19 seconds, and to Kornel, who claimed gold in the boys' race in 1 minute 7 seconds.



Laura winning the Year 6 girls' long distance race

RACE FOR LIFE

A new event for this year was our Saint John's 'Race for Life', which we held to raise money for Cancer Research. Every child in the school challenged themselves to complete as many laps of the distance track as they could in 5 minutes. Thank you to everyone who donated to this great cause; we managed to raise a fantastic £555 from this event!



Year 5 show off their hard earned medals



Year 1 and 2 completing their 'Race for Life'

FOOTBALL

The football team, captained by Kornel, competed in the Small Schools' league again this year. They worked incredibly well together and proved to be a talented squad! They performed so well that they reached the District final where they played against Greatfield Park, a superb team which proved just too strong for us. We are immensely proud of our team as they never gave up and showed all of our school values during the game!



Our girls also did very well this year. They entered a tournament and put in a fantastic performance, scoring 6 goals! Following their success in the tournament, Mr Allison organised an extra match against Oakwood Primary. The girls worked very hard during the match and were rewarded with a 2-0 win! Congratulations to all the girls involved in the football team this year.



Thank you to Mr Allison and Mr Brown for giving up their time to run the football throughout the year.

NETBALL

Our school netball team had a fantastic season. We welcomed lots of new players from Year 5 and spent the first half of the season getting to grips with the rules. In the second half of the season, the team settled into a rhythm with each other and proved to be a strong team. They worked incredibly hard on their defending and other schools struggled to score against them!

The highlight of the season was their brilliant performance when playing Swindon Village Primary and being rewarded with a win!

Thank you to Mrs Kimber for giving up her time to run the netball throughout the year.



PANATHLON

Our Panathlon team did exceptionally well again this year. Not only did they come second at the All Saints' tournament, they also qualified for the Gloucestershire County finals and went on to win bronze medals at this competition!

Their trophy now takes pride of place in our school trophy cabinet. We are looking forward to seeing how the team gets on next year!



TAG RUGBY

We entered two Tag Rugby tournaments this year. Year 4 battled through atrocious weather and still emerged smiling after their tournament. They defended brilliantly and showed good team spirit by sharing their warm coats when they were on the pitch! We look forward to seeing how they perform in the Year 5/6 Tag Rugby tournaments next year.



We also entered the Year 5/6 Tag Rugby tournament at Newlands Park in Tewkesbury. In contrast to the Year 4 tournament, the sun managed to make an appearance! Hot chocolates in the clubhouse warmed the team and helped them to put in an outstanding performance.

HOCKEY

Our Year 5/6 hockey team competed in a Quicksticks tournament, held at Pate's. Most of our children had not played hockey on AstroTurf before so this was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience the pace of a hockey game played on a proper surface. Their lack of experience didn't show though as they came top of their group!



SWIMMING



We took part in the Fun Swim Gala, held at Cheltenham Lido, for the first time this year. Our mixed team of Year 5 & 6 had to complete several relay races including beach ball push, shark attack, donkey ride and a hat and sunglasses race. Our children had a brilliant morning and are definitely keen to enter again next year!

House Competitions

We have had various inter-house competitions this year. One of our favourites was our 'Highbury Series', which was held during SATs week. Super sportsmanship was on display and it was fitting that a different house won each day!

Thank you to Mr Allison who spent a lot of his own time creating such a fun competition.



ATHLETICS

We have entered three athletics competitions this year: Quad Kids, Indoor Athletics at Tewkesbury School, and the Cheltenham & District Inter-Schools Athletics Championships. Our team came 4th overall at the Indoor Athletics and we had some fantastic individual performances at the District Athletics. Three of our children reached the sprint final and Kornel went on to win a silver medal!



MULTI-SKILLS

We entered several Reception/ KS1 Multi-Skills tournaments this year and also held our own Multi-Skills club after school. Every child who attended improved their skills and they are looking forward to showcasing these in the sports competitions next year.



CRICKET

We have competed in 4 tournaments this year: Year 5/6 Open, Year 3/4 Open, Girls, and Non-Stop cricket. We were praised in all of these tournaments for our great attitude as we encouraged not only our own team mates but those from other teams as well.



CHELTENHAM COLLEGE

Our Year 2s have enjoyed having their PE lessons on Friday afternoons at Cheltenham College this year. They have played Hockey, Netball, Tag Rugby and Cricket.



Year 2 enjoying the sunshine during one of their cricket lessons

Our children were also invited to join Cheltenham College for their Saturday fixtures against Dean Close Preparatory School!



Our Year 2 boys enjoying their Saturday Tag Rugby fixture against Dean Close Preparatory School!