

# STEPGATES SPORTS NEWS

Spring 2023

It has been another jam-packed term of sporting events at Stepgates!

## Physical Education at Stepgates

This term, the children have been able to develop their skills across a range of disciplines. In Nursery and Reception, the children have been focusing on Fundamentals of PE, Gymnastics and Dance, whilst in Years 1 and 2, they have also been developing their Dance skills as well as learning about sending and receiving in ball games. In Key Stage 2, all children started the year with a focus on Gymnastics, whilst in the second half of the term Year 3 have been working on their ball skills, Year 4 have been learning more about basketball and Years 5 and 6 have been learning to apply their skills in hockey.

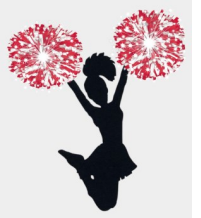
## Clubs at Stepgates

Throughout the Spring Term, children have continued to access active clubs, such as Mr Todd's Junior and Infant football training during lunchtime and after school. The girls have continued to train every Monday lunchtime, and Mr Williams and Miss Aira have been training our three football teams for our boys and girls league games, as well as friendlies. Ms Blankert and Year 6 Buddy Club have continued to run lunchtime dance and Mrs Brough's dance club is becoming increasingly popular! Next term, we look forward to the return of Swim Squad and District Sports training (in the second half of the Summer term only), Bench ball and Dodgeball every Friday, and the continuation of all our existing sports clubs.



## Celebrating Sporting success outside of school

It is always so lovely to be able to share the children's wonderful achievements outside of school and it has been great to see the range of activities our children participate in, such as; Gymnastics, Swimming, Dance, Football, Karate, Kung Fu and Cheerleading, to name but a few! We have really enjoyed being able to hear all about the different events our children have been part of and to see their medals and certificates in assemblies.



## Guinness World Record broken!

We are delighted to announce that two children from Stepgates were recently part of a Guinness World Record, in which the aim was to hold the biggest ever tap dance class at the 'Move it' Dance exhibition, London. Well done Erin and Alannah from Owls Class, who also attend Encore Theatre Arts.

## District Football Team

A huge congratulations to Amelia from Kites Class who was successfully selected to play for the District football team!

## Swimming Gala

Well done to Daniel, Olly, Harrison, Aleesha and Brooke from Kites Class who recently took part in the Surrey School Swimming Association swimming gala Guildford Spectrum.

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## Girls League Games and Friendlies

### **Year 5 and 6 Girls League Game Vs St Cuthbert's**

On Friday 13th January, the girls football team played against St Cuthbert's. In the first half, we played amazingly and had lots of shots. However, the other team managed to slip a goal in, making it 1-0 to them in the first half. In the second half, Bells managed to score a goal making it 1-1. Phoebe did amazing defending and at the end of the game, Amelia scored a great goal, making it 2-1 to us! Amelia was player of the match for scoring the winning goal. Erin was great support. Well done to all the girls. We are currently top of our group!

Thank you to everyone who came to support us.

Written by Aleesha, Bells, Lola and Amelia.

### **Girl's Friendly Vs St Paul's School**

On Wednesday 1st February the girls football team played a friendly against St Paul's. At the start of the match we had most possession on the ball. We had a lot of shots but sadly, they didn't go in. Our defence was amazing and kept the other team from scoring.

In the second half, Amelia managed to score a goal for our team, making it 1-0. We did a lot of passing, shooting and defending to maintain the score. The end score was 1:0 to us.

The players of the match were Amelia and Bells.

Written by the team.

### **Girls Football Match Vs Cleves**

On Wednesday 8th February, the girls team played a match against Cleves. Unfortunately, Lola was poorly, so Bells played in goal instead. In the first half, Sophie scored which made it 1-0 to us, then in the last 5 minutes of that half, they scored too. In the second half, they managed to score 3 goals. We had many shots but they did not go in. Unfortunately, we lost 4-1.

Bells made some amazing saves, Sophie played very well and the player of the match was Sophie.

Written by the team.





## Boys League Games

### **Boys Football Match V Thorpe C of E**

On Tuesday 21st February, Stepgates boys football team played a match against Thorpe C of E. First, we sadly conceded a goal to make it 1-0 to them. Then Harrison took a goal kick and assisted Prince to make it 1-1. It came to half time and shortly after that, one of their players passed it back to the keeper who got a bad touch and accidentally let it in to make it 2-1 to us. Prince then passed it to Olly and Olly scored bottom left to make it 3-1. Subhan made some amazing saves in goal to keep us in the game. Everyone played a massive part in the match.

Player of the match was Owen.

Written by the team.

### **Boys Football Match Vs Ongar Place**

On Monday 6th March, Stepgates boys football team played a match against Ongar Place School. Sadly, we conceded a goal but didn't let our heads drop. Then it came to half time. Prince took a shot that came off the goal keeper and Owen got on the rebound and scored to make it 1-1. Then we got a free kick on the halfway line and Harrison smashed it against the crossbar and went in to make it 2-1 to us. Shortly after that, we conceded four goals to make it 5-2 to them and that was the final score.

Player of the match was Harrison.

Written by Harrison and Olly.

## Friendlies

### **Boys Football Match (friendly) Vs Holy Family**

On Wednesday 1st March, Stepgates boys team played a tough game against Holy Family. The game started and about half way through the first half they scored a well-worked goal, to make it 1-0 to them. We had many great chances and Daniel took some free kicks but sadly, he hit the crossbar. Half way through the second half, Holy Family scored again to make it 2-0. Subhan and Jack A made some great saves and Kacper did some great defending to earn him player of the match.

Written by Daniel.

### **Boys Friendly Vs Cleves School**

On Friday 3rd February the Stepgates Boys football team played a match against Cleves School. We knew it would be a very tough match. We went 1-0 down and didn't give up. Then Harrison scored to make it 1-1. After that, Oliver played a great ball to Olly and chipped the keeper to make it 2-1 to us. Unfortunately, they scored two more goals and Oliver got injured and had to come off, so that meant we had to play 6 Vs 7 for ten minutes. In the last 30 seconds, Harrison scored a great goal from outside the box to make it 3-3. Our defence was played really well and so did Marcelo and Subhan in goal.

Players of the match were Harrison and Olly.

Written by the Boys Team.





## ERPSSA Panathlon

On Tuesday 10th January, Robins class went on a trip to NESCOL College, to take part in a Panathlon Challenge. Mrs Muller, Miss Biggs, Mrs Stoker and all the children in Robins went. We left school at 9am to get on the mini-bus to drive to NESCOL. When we arrived, we were given our area and put into two teams. Once all the schools had arrived we listened to the coach who told us about how the morning would go. We then went to our first activity. The activities included Skittles, Basketball, Bean Bag Throwing, Curling, and Target Throwing. We all had different favourite activities.

Written by the team.



## **Elmbridge and Runnymede School Sports Association**



## ERPSSA Dance festival

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, Stepgates Dance Crew competed against other local schools in a Dance Festival. This was held in the theatre at Notre Dame School, which was an incredible experience for us. All the schools were amazing and did a brilliant job. As it was World Book Day, it had to be based on a book. Our theme was the Lost Boys of Neverland. Danced by: Gui, Max, Joey, Alfie, Wonu and Ellie (from Year 3), Matilda, Vivian, Erin, Ruby and Alannah (from Year 5) and Rosie (from Year 6), this is what our dance was about:

*Based on the classic story Peter Pan, through their playful antics, the Lost Boys always look out for one another, showing support, teamwork, courage and forgiveness. The fairies are constantly looking over them to remind them of the true meaning of friendship, and the magic this can bring to our lives.*

It was really tough but we pushed through and gave our best performance yet! We were delighted when the results were announced and we got 2<sup>nd</sup> place! We were so happy and proud of everyone. We are so thankful to Miss Blankert for accompanying us and to Mrs Brough for choreographing our amazing dance!

Written by Rosie (Year 6)



## ERPSSA Sports Hall Athletics

Sports Hall Athletics - Monday 6th February, 2023

On Monday 6th February, some children from Years 5 and 6 competed in a local sports competition at Walton Xcel. All of us competed in three or four events, a maximum of two track and two field. We did many events such as; relay races, obstacle races and others such as javelin, chest push, speed bounce, long jump and triple jump. We were all very tired at the end and were proud of coming 5th out of seven schools.

**Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who have given up their time to support our sporting events this term.**