

# STEPGATES SPORTS NEWS

Summer 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 continue developing their skills across a range of disciplines. In Nursery and Reception, the children have been focusing on Ball Skills and Games, whilst in Years 1 and 2, they have working on Target Games, Striking and Fielding Games and Athletics. In Key Stage 2, all children focused on Athletics, alongside Tennis in Year 3, Rounders in Year 4, Tag Rugby in Year 5 and Fitness in Year 6. This has provided all children with the fundamentals to ensure progression to the next Year group, whilst preparing them well for Sports Day.

## Clubs at Stepgates

This term has been another busy one for Sports, in particular; Dance, Football, District Sports Training and Bench Ball. Thank you to all staff for taking time to provide these clubs and additional training for our children. Special thanks must go to Mr Williams and Miss Aira, who have ensured that the provision of football is fair and accessible by leading the Stepgates Football Training League. This enabled the 30+ children involved to participate in competitive football. We look forward to increasing our provision of Sports Clubs next academic year.



## Elmbridge and Runnymede School Sports Association

### District Sports

On Wednesday 14th June, children from Years 3—6 took part in our local District Sports Competition at the Xcel in Walton.

A huge well done to the whole team, but a special mention to the following for achieving medal positions:

Bronze Medals: Year 5 Boys Standing Long Jump - Arthur, Year 6 Girls 600m - Amelia, Year 6 Boys 600m - Harrison

Silver Medals: Year 3 Girls Ball Throw - Ellie, Year 4 Boys Ball Throw - Oliver

Gold Medals: Year 5 Boys Ball Throw - Oliver, Year 6 Boys Standing Long Jump - Olly.

A special mention to Freddie (Year 4) and Subhan (Year 6) who stepped into two events on the day to replace absentees and to Owen and Oliver in Year 5 for stepping up to the Year 6 Boys relay final when two Year 6 boys were poorly.

A huge thank you to all parents involved, especially to those who provided lifts or endured the heat by helping out at the event. We couldn't have done it without you!



# Big Splash Week



During the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July Stepgates Community School celebrated Big Splash Week. During this, we not only raised money for our swimming pool roof, but were also able to join together across the school through water-themed activities. Each lunchtime the Year 6 children set up games, races or just fun activities for the younger children. For example: hook a duck, bubble machines and bubble wands, water sprinkler limbo, water sprinkler operation, relay races with sponges and buckets of water, water trails using pipes, and even just having fun in the water sprinkler when we wanted to cool off in the warm weather! Every class took part in the Coin Trail and whilst we are still awaiting to find out the final amount (it is a lot of coins to count up!), we were delighted that Kites Class came first, creating a river of coins that measured 58 metres! That's all the way from the swimming pool and into the MUGA! All Year groups from Years 1 - 6 took part in a sponsored swim where we had some amazing results of over 30 lengths for some children! Classes also carried out their own water-based learning in class, whether this was through activities in the PE lessons or writing about rivers and water related learning.

By Poppy (Year 6)

Mrs Brough would also like to thank everyone at Stepgates for supporting this event and for your kind donations of coins for the coin trail and for sponsoring children in their sponsored swim.

**The grand total raised for Big Splash Week (a combination of the coin trail, swim-a-thon and some very generous donations) was...**

**£1343.31**

**Thank you all so much!**



## Water Safety Lessons



On Wednesday 12th July, Kites Class took part in a water safety lesson. In this lesson, we learnt about the dangers of water but also how to swim with different objects such as, water bottles, floats, pool noodles and footballs. We learnt how to save someone if they're drowning or unable to swim. We made posters about the school pool rules and how to keep safe near water. We learnt to dial 999 or 112 in case someone was in danger. We had a lot of fun doing this and realise the importance of knowing how to deal with these potential situations. Thank you Miss Doyle for helping us with swimming throughout the years.

By Amelia and Aleesha (Year 6)



# Sports Day

On 29th June, we had our Sports Day. We do this every year on the field, but due to the weather it was held on the Junior playground. All classes split into four teams (Leopards, Lynx, Panthers and Jaguars) to take part in some athletics activities. The Juniors took part in four, (agility run, standing long jump, obstacle course and hit the wicket) but the Infants had five activities to complete (bean bag throw, cone collect, football goal, obstacle course and racket race). Before both Junior and Infant Sports Day, Stepgates Dance Crew performed a dance, which set the tone for an exciting time ahead!

At the end of Sports Day, the scores were added up and the winners received the Sports Day trophy in assembly the following day.

**4th = Leopards**

**3rd = Panthers**

**2nd = Lynx**

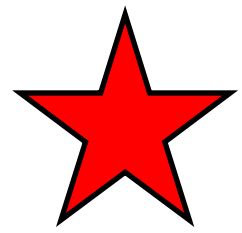
**1st = Jaguars**

Everyone had lots of fun and finished with a smile on their face.

By Daniel and Olly (Year 6)



## Star Sports Festival



On Friday 14th July, 18 Year 6 children were chosen to help run an Infant Sports Festival at The Grange Infant School. We were very excited for this opportunity. When we arrived there, a teacher from Ongar Place Primary School, who organised the event, told us everything we needed to know in order to run the activities. We all got into pairs and picked an activity to start with. We were then assigned a group of 10 Year 2 children from four different schools to lead. Throughout the event, we gave out values stickers to the children when they demonstrated any of these. Despite the rain, we had a great morning and enjoyed lunch together before returning to school.

By Rosie and Bells (Year 6)



# DANCE NEWS



Dance Crew have had a lot of opportunities to perform recently! First, we danced at the Stepgates Summer Fair, where we had two dances. The first, *Peter Pan* was about the Lost Boys of Neverland, learning how to show friendship, resilience and a little bit of messing around to entertain each other. The two fairies also helped them throughout the dance. In our second dance, *Sky Full of Stars*, we started by dancing calmly, but this built in energy throughout. We had our own solos and duets showing a trick or our favourite dance move. We also performed at Sports Day, where the playground floor was wet, so we had to replace a few cartwheels, but it was still a lot of fun! Luckily, we only performed *Sky Full of Stars* because the fairies from *Peter Pan* (who did ballet) would slip in their ballet shoes! Our final performance was at the Black Cherry Fair. Sadly, it was raining while we danced but we didn't mind. All three performances were very enjoyable and we hope the people who watched enjoyed them too.



By Alannah (Year 5)



# Football News



Despite the competitive football season being over, in our training league (run by Mr Williams and Miss Aira) four teams were chosen to play matches against each other. The team names were; Redbirds, Pirates, Chieftains and Bobcats. During our training, we played against each other three times. After many games, the Redbirds won the league, followed closely by the Pirates. Football training has taken place all year and takes place every Thursday after school. It is great fun and we highly recommend it. Thank you to all the teachers involved for making this possible.

By Harrison and Subhan (Year 6)

**Thank you**

**As always, a final thank you to everyone who has supported sport at Stepgates this term. We look forward to introducing even more opportunities in the new academic year.**