

STEPGATES SPORTS NEWS

Autumn 2023

It has been another busy start to the academic year for Sports at Stepgates!

Physical Education at Stepgates

This term, the children have been able to further develop their skills across a range of disciplines. In Nursery, Reception, and Year 1 the children have been focusing on the fundamentals of PE and basic gymnastic skills, whilst in Years 2 and the Juniors, the children have been able to access our swimming pool for their weekly swimming lessons, alongside team building, outdoor adventurous activities, dance and yoga. We look forward to the Spring Term, where the children will be working on; gymnastics, ball skills, sending and receiving, basketball, badminton, hockey and fitness across the various year groups.

Clubs at Stepgates

Our clubs are becoming increasingly popular and we hope to begin to expand the provision of our more active clubs in due course. Football Squad continues to be incredibly popular with Year 5 and 6 children and we have been able to establish great teams for the boys and girls across both year groups. Dance Club is forever growing in popularity and is in high demand, with many children taking up dance for the first time, whilst others are developing their skills and performance opportunities. Next term, we continue to offer football training, with further league and friendly fixtures scheduled up until February half term. After this, we will be offering District Sports training ready for trials to take place for the team after Easter.

News and celebrations

We are delighted to announce that Owen and Prince from Year 6 both successfully secured places on the District Football Team after participating in trials for this. They have been enjoying additional training sessions as well as some exciting tournaments and matches. Well done boys!



During October half term, some of our Stepgates pupils had the incredible opportunity to perform at Disneyland Paris with Encore Theatre Arts. Dakota, Wonu, Erin and Alannah all danced at the Videopolis Theatre in the heart of Disneyland and had an awesome time. Well done girls!



On 18th November, two of our pupils had the opportunity to perform an Acro-dance piece (again, with Encore Theatre Arts) as part of The Cirque du Chennai Fundraising Show held at Kingston College. Well done to Erin and Alannah.



Football News



This has been a busy season so far, with several football fixtures for the Year 5 and 6 teams. For some of the children, this has been the first time they have ever played in a football match, whilst others have used the opportunity to develop their team skills through representing their school. We are delighted that many children are taking up this sport for the first time, especially the girls. Below is a table of the results so far.

Stepgates Team	Opponent	Score	Result
Boys Year 5	St Cuthberts	1—1	Drew
Boys Year 5	St Charles Borromeo	1—4	Lost
Boys Year 6	St Charles Borromeo	2—1	Won
Boys Year 6 Knockout Cup	The Hythe	5—1	Won
Girls Year 5/6	Manorcroft	1—5	Lost
Girls Year 5/6	St James'	4—7	Lost
Boys Year 6 Tournament at Royal Holloway	Various Schools		First round
Boys Year 6	Sayes Court	3—1	Won
Girls Year 5/6	Ashley	0—5	Lost
Girls Year 5/6 Knockout Cup	Cardinal Newman	0—4	Lost
Girls Year 5/6 Tournament at Royal Holloway	Various Schools		Through to the Quarter Final
Boys Year 6 Knockout Cup	Ashley	2—1	Won
Girls Year 5/6	Cleves	0—5	Lost
Boys Year 5	Holy Family	9—3	Won
Boys Year 6	Holy Family	4—0	Won



Year 6 Boys Team



Year 5 & 6 Girls Team



Year 5 Boys Team



A rainbow over the tournament at Royal Holloway!

DANCE NEWS



On Thursday 7th December, Dance Crew had their first performance opportunity of the year. Dancing to *Step into Christmas*, they accompanied the rest of the Juniors in their Christmas concert by providing a lively opening dance to the show. For some, this was their first ever performance in front of an audience and they all look forward to the year ahead, where there will be many more opportunities to perform within our local community.

Junior Dance Club will continue next term, as will our new Infant Dance Club for Years R-2, run by Encore Theatre Arts, every Friday after school. Pilates is a great way to develop core strength and flexibility and Susan Cleary offers classes in this for our Junior pupils every Tuesday after school. Please see our clubs itinerary for further information.



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 Spring Term.