

STEPGATES SPORTS NEWS

Autumn 2022

It has been an exciting start to this academic year for sport at Stepgates.

We have had a very successful and busy start to Physical Education at Stepgates this term. In our PE lessons, we have been focusing on either the Fundamentals of PE, Team Building or Outdoor Adventurous Activities, as part of our learning through the Getset4PE scheme.

Years 1 and 6 have also enjoyed half a term each at Forest School, where they developed these skills further.

We pride ourselves on the range of clubs we offer at Stepgates and within these, we aim to provide a range of sporting activities for the children. This term, we have seen a large number of children involved in football, from Year 1—6. With Infant Football Club in the MUGA every Thursday lunchtime, Year 2—6 football training with Mr Todd after school and the Year 5 and 6 football squad and Flemish Fields Cup team run by Mr Williams and Miss Aira, we have seen a lot of children involved in this sport. Miss Doyle also ran her swim squad every Friday morning and Mrs Brough has continued to run Dance Club every Thursday after school. Alongside all of this, our Year 6 playground leaders have taken on some fantastic roles of responsibility in running playground dance and other activities.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert

Dance Club

After a successful season of dance performances at both school and community events last year, we were delighted that our dancers were able to perform at our recent Christmas concert. Matilda, Rosie, Alannah, Erin, Ruby, Ellie and Wonu (all from Year 3—6) performed a dance to 'Sleigh Ride' and this combined a mix of styles such as Modern, Rock and Roll and Tap. Alannah also performed a solo modern/classical dance which she choreographed herself. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and can't wait for their next performance, and they will start to learn new dances for this next term.



Football News

LEAGUE GAMES, THE KNOCKOUT CUP,
TOURNAMENTS AND FRIENDLIES.



Our Year 5 and 6 boys team have had a very successful start to the season, playing league games against Ongar Place School at home (winning 3–0) and an away game at Holy Family School (winning 3–1), putting them at the top of their group! Well done to Ollie, Olly, Harrison, Subhan, Owen, Prince, Wisdom (who is only in Year 4!) Arthur and of course Leo, who joined a little later due to injury. We are really proud of how well the boys have come together as a team.



Our Year 5 and 6 girls team is an entirely new team too (many of whom had never played in a match before) and they have made a great start to the season. Their first game was away at Cardinal Newman School, where they won 4–3, followed by another away game against Walton Oak School, where they drew 0–0. This places them in a good position within their group. Well done to Bells, Olivia, Amelia, Kerenza, Aleesha, Rosie and Sophie, as well as Erin and Phoebe who stood in at the last minute in the recent tournament.

Another new team, these boys have done themselves proud in the way they are coming together. Playing in friendly games towards the Flemish Fields Cup (named after the area on which our school field is situated), they are making great progress. Well done to Alfie L, Kacper, Marselo, Daniel, Jack A, Jack B, Teddy, Alfie H and Charley who have so far played Thorpe Lea with a final score of 3–1 to Thorpe, and a home game against Holy Family, where they showed great resilience, but sadly the final score was 5–0 to Holy Family.



Football Tournaments at Royal Holloway

On Thursday 10th November, the boys team took part in a football tournament at Royal Holloway. We were really excited about this, as it was an opportunity to play on some great pitches and to meet lots of other schools. There were 15 schools involved in the competition and we played against Ongar, Grovelands, Burhill and St Charles Borromeo in our group, which we came top of and qualified for the knockout stages. After winning the next match on penalties, we qualified for the semi-finals, again, winning on penalties! The final was a tough game, and sadly we lost to Ashley School, but we had an awesome time and were incredibly proud of getting this far! Well done to the whole team.

Just two weeks later, on Thursday 24th November, it was the girls chance to play in the tournament at Royal Holloway and again, we were all really excited to be given this opportunity. Unfortunately, a couple of our players were poorly and unable to play, but Phoebe and Erin came to the rescue and stepped in at the last minute, which was incredible, as they'd never even played a match before! We managed to draw a couple of games in the first round and won a game against Holy Family. Sadly we did not qualify for the next stage, but had a brilliant time.



Well done to the whole team and a special thanks to Erin and Phoebe for stepping in!



Year 5/6 Boys Knockout Cup Game V Cardinal Newman School

Friday 4th November, 2022.

On Friday 4th November 2022, the boy's football team played a match against Cardinal Newman School. Everyone played really well but unfortunately, we lost 2-1. Wisdom scored a great goal and Subhan made some great saves in goal. It was a close match.

By Olly

Year 5 /6 Girl's Knockout Cup Game V Cobham Free School

Monday 14th November, 2022

On Monday, 14th November the girls played a match against Cobham Free School.

We had a strong start, with a sneaky goal from Bells in the first ten minutes. Amelia then scored another, with an amazing assist from Olivia. During the second half, Lola did some amazing saves, but sadly, the other team managed to score three goals, making the final score 3-2 to them.

The player of the match was Aleesha with her amazing defending. Sophie did some awesome tackles and throws. Kerenza held strong in defence. Rosie was a great support from the sidelines.

By The Team

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who have given up their time to support our sporting events this term. We look forward to many more opportunities in 2023.