

# Sports Newsletter – Autumn 1

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Hello and welcome to the first sports newsletter of the 2019-2020 at Greenside which has been as packed as ever with awards for the school, our best ever tag rugby season and an unbeaten football team as well as some brand-new clubs for our children to take part in. As well as this, you will be able to read about the leadership opportunities that our children have been taking on.

## Tameside Tag Rugby Heats

After putting in some great effort training in sports squad with Mr Ellis and over the last year with Mrs Gigg in the tag rugby after school club, we were ready to take two teams to the Tameside Heat 3 which took place at Ashton Rugby Club. The A team played excellently in their group winning all of their games by playing some superb attacking rugby coupled with some good defence to ensure that they beat not only St Peter's but Silver Springs and Airlies to make it to the finals the following Tuesday.

The B team found some similar form, winning their first match against St Peter's by scoring some great tries to ensure that, for the first time, we had two teams in the final tournament to be played the Tuesday after. A great achievement.



## Tameside Tag Rugby Final



Fifty schools were whittled down to 15 for the final where the competition was much, much tougher. Our B team represented our school brilliantly, scoring some great tries as the first game against St Paul's finished an incredible 7-7. They then lost narrowly to Russell Scott and just missed out 4-3 to St Peter's, which meant they finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the group.

The A team were in great form too. With a great defence, they defeated Gee Cross Holy Trinity and The Heys, setting up a decider with Dowson to decide who would make the semi-finals. The game was very close and finished a nerve wracking 2-2. This meant

qualification went down to tries scored and luckily Greenside scored 11 across the group to Dowson's 10. The semi-final was close again against Hollingworth. Greenside scored the winning try with seconds remaining to set up a final against last year's winners St Paul's.

It was another close game with hardly any mistakes from both teams. Scoring was also proving difficult for both teams. Greenside played brilliantly but just lost 3-2 to miss out on the title. However, we did get silver medals and were very proud of the achievement, with the result being the best performance by a team from Greenside.

## Brownlee Triathlon

In September, we had a very exciting opportunity that took place at Hough End Leisure centre as we took 12 excited children to take part in a triathlon for the first time. Twin brothers, Alistair and Jonathon Brownlee, who have four Olympic medals and numerous world titles between them, organised the event, and after a video to explain what was going on, the children slipped on their souvenir swim caps and got ready for the swim. Our swimming standard was excellent and our children



completed the 80m swim around the pool in no time at all and were soon ready for the cycling. However, there was no time to towel down as they rushed to put on a t-shirt and their trainers and grab a helmet so they could cycle around a course with more twists and turns than a Harry Potter book. As they jumped off the bike, it was running time and our children all finished the triathlon. This was a great achievement for which they earned a medal and a goody bag containing popcorn and other goodies.

Just before we left there was one more surprise as the children got to meet and have a picture with Jonathon Brownlee who came along to watch. After such an inspiring day, I'm sure lots of children can't wait to try triathlon again.

## Tag Rugby Festival



It was time for the first Tameside event of the year for year 3 and 4 children as we travelled to Aldwinians Rugby Club in Audenshaw with two very excited teams of year 3 and 4 children, many of whom were playing tag rugby for the first time, and some who had never represented school before. Thanks to some great training by Mrs Gigg in Thursday's tag rugby sessions, and some great tips from the coaches, there were lots of improvements throughout the day. We

played lots of games on the day against Manchester Road, Airlies, Oasis Broadoak and also a Greenside v Greenside Game.

As it was a festival we weren't keeping score but there was some great play by Greenside that bodes well for the future.

## Tag Rugby Values

A few days after the final of the Tag Rugby, we were back playing Tag Rugby against other school from around Tameside. This time, while playing well and showing off their skills were important, the way to win was to show the school games values: Honesty, passion, self-belief, respect, determination and teamwork. We had one team who finished 6<sup>th</sup> and even better our other team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> claiming bronze medals.



## Little Rocky's and After School Clubs

This year we are delighted to welcome Little Rocky's boxing club to Greenside to run their after school boxing club every Tuesday. The children have been loving having a professional coach in to work with them in fun and interesting sessions! After bringing boxing to Greenside for the first-time last year, it has been great to take it on to the next level with Danny, who alongside Little Rocky's, works to train professional fighters. Our children have shown huge improvements so far and we look forward to seeing this continue in the run up to Christmas.



As well as this, we have a morning boxing club which has brought the number of before school sports clubs up to four, and the number of sports clubs overall up to 16. Clubs are busier than ever but there are still spaces on lots of clubs for your child to add onto for the coming half-term.

## Cool Kurling

Children from years 3 up to year 6 have been lucky enough to represent the school at the Cool Kurling event. The event consisted of four different activities for the children to complete as a team. Two of the events required the children to aim their kurling stone onto a target mat and get as close to the centre of the mat as they could. The other two events required the children to knock down skittles, with one event having the skittles set out in a row and the other event having them set up in a diamond shape. The children have really enjoyed participating in the kurling events and we are hoping to purchase a kurling set to use in school in lessons and possibly even an after-school club.

## Tameside Sports Awards

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Greenside were lucky enough to be nominees for the School Commitment to PE and Sport awards at the Pride of Tameside Sports Awards. The awards, which took place at Dukinfield Town hall, featured inspiring award winners from clubs and individuals around the borough. Our award was right near the end but we were delighted to receive an award for coming second place just behind Airlies.



Thanks to all parents and staff who have helped support us and gain this recognition.

## Boys' Football



It has been a pretty busy half term for our boys' football team as they attempted to make progress in both the Tameside (Heywood) Cup and the North Tameside (Holmes) Cup. In the North Tameside cup, we began with a great 6-2 win against Canon Johnson before taking on and beating a very good Canon Burrows side 2-1 away from home. In the Tameside cup this year, we have a Champions league style approach, with Greenside being drawn in a tricky group with schools from around Droylsden and Dukinfield. Luckily for us we seem to be building quite a formidable, attacking team producing great wins against local rivals Manchester Road (4-3) before a confident and assured performance against St John's where we won 5-0.

This has meant we are through to the last 16 where we will play Flowery Field of Hyde in the spring term.

## Leadership

Throughout the school we have lots of amazing young leaders who take part in lots of activities every week to make our school sports much better. We have some fantastic playleaders in school who work every day to provide active games for the Phase One playground each dinnertime. We also have eight young leaders who have continued the brilliant work that we have done down at St Martin's in their Places of Welcome sessions. In addition to this we have our school sports council who are aiming to attract more visitors to school and get some great new playground equipment.

**Have a great break and we look forward to sharing more great sports news next term. Remember to keep up to date with all our latest sports news on Twitter @Greensidesport.**