

## U11 Football Champions Boys and Girls

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 5 St John's Football Teams took to the field in the annual district football competition. All teams played fantastic football and showed great skill and determination. They worked hard and proved hard work pays off. The U11 **Girls** B team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with the A team taking 1<sup>st</sup> place and bringing the trophy home for the first time. The **Boys** followed suit with the B team also taking 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. The Year 5 C team made a very impressive display and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with the A team being triumphant for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row and bringing the trophy home for St John's.

"What an incredible afternoon of sport for our school. 2 trophies! The girls were incredible and both teams should be so proud. The boys did us all proud. 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> has never been done before and really is impressive."



## U11 Netball Champions

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 3 teams from Years 5 and 6 competed in the Carterton High 5 Netball tournament. The A team and B team made up of Year 6's found themselves in a nailbiting semi-final which they both went on to win 1-0 making it an all St John's Final.

The final was a great match to be part of with excellent side-line support from parents and the C team. The A team won the match 6-0 with skilful goals from both Oliver and Ben, securing a tournament clean sheet due to excellent defensive play, getting in front of the opposition with many interceptions from the whole team including Bakary, Scarlett and Maisie. The A team have brought the trophy home for St John's! Well done to all players and thank you to parents for your support. We now progress to the County Final in March!

Mrs Duffy

## U11 West Oxfordshire Hockey Finals

On Tuesday 6th March the Year 6 Hockey team took part in the West Oxfordshire Finals after winning the Carterton Competition in November last year. The group stages were tough and after a couple of draws St John's battled back to top the group with an impressive win over Charlbury. In the semi-finals St John's faced off against Aston in a tense match. After taking the lead, St John's looked to be in control but in no time at all Aston replied. With the game level at the finish, the teams entered extra time still battling for a vital goal but it wasn't to be. At the finish, still tied, both teams faced the dreaded penalty shootout. Aston went on to win the shootout despite some great saves from keeper Matthew Riseley.

"We lost to penalties, we didn't lose to the opponents. It's really tough to lose that way but to step up and say you'll take a penalty is a really brave thing to do and I'm very proud of those that did, as I am the whole team. Very proud."



## U11 West Oxfordshire Netball Finals

Following on from St John's success and victory at the Carterton Netball tournament last month, we took St Johns Netball A team to compete at the U11 West Oxfordshire Netball Finals on Thursday 15th March at Wood Green School.

All team members played really well and they scored many goals, despite the fierce opposition. It was played as a round robin tournament where St Johns had to play the 5 other schools with the top 2 teams going through to represent West Oxfordshire at the school games next month. St Johns were victorious in their first match against Holy Trinity, scoring 2 goals and keeping a clean sheet. The second match was much tougher as they were against The Blake primary school who had won the previous 3 competitions! Despite excellent play from all, St Johns lost 5-0. The third match was against William Fletcher and was a thrilling game to watch. Excellent support from the sidelines spurred the team on to score an impressive 6 goals, winning the match 6-1! Next up were West Witney, it was a closely fought match with both teams evenly matched. However, a last minute goal meant that again St Johns came out on top with a 2-1 win.

The final match was all to play for... If St Johns won the match or even got a draw they would make it through to the next round as it would secure second place. The children knew what was at stake and remained motivated and determined throughout the match against Clanfield. It was a fiercely contested battle against a very tough team with an exceptionally tall GS (even taller than Bakary and nearly as tall as Mrs Duffy!) Even with St Johns fantastic defence and many interceptions, it was Clanfield who came out on top and won the match 2-1.

The children were understandably disappointed to have missed out on making it through to the next round by just one point. However all team members should be commended on their excellent team work and fantastic netball skills demonstrated against some very good school teams. Well done to all players: Bakary, Scarlett, Oliver, Lola, Ben, Gracie and Maisie. Additionally, thank you very much to all parents for your continued support.



### **Health and Wellbeing Week / Sport Relief**

As part of our health and wellbeing week we will be looking at our personal best challenges, this can be from how many bounces of a basketball in a minute to how many laps of the playground. We are hoping to do our Football Intra (weather permitting) and on Wednesday Ryan from Excel Tennis will be coming in to run some sessions for UKS2 and some fun lunch time skills sessions for the rest of the school. On Friday children will be walking, jogging or running a mile for Sport Relief. Some classes this week have looked at the benefits of Sport and the impact Sport Relief has on children across the country.



### **Sports Leaders**

Sports leaders continue to work hard to raise the profile of sport and physical activity and St John's and this is the most successful year so far of the sports leaders programme. Leaders have been hard at work at break times organising Fit 5 exercises, lunch time games and have started volunteering at afterschool clubs. For health and wellbeing week Sport Leaders have been visiting each class throughout the school and engaging all children in a wake up shake up dance.

## PE Kit Reminder

In order to participate fully in PE lessons - a compulsory subject under the national curriculum, pupils should have their kits in school during the week. Please make sure children also have suitable footwear and for colder days tracksuit bottoms and tops are recommended.

## Forthcoming Events

### Term 5

Year 2 Olympics  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

3/4 Tennis  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Swimming Gala  
May TBC (Moved from March)

5/6 Tennis  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Chairmans Rugby Cup  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

U9 and U11 Quad Kids Athletics  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

## Intra Class Competition 2017/18 Congratulations

Hockey Intra Champions: Holly Class

Netball Intra Champions: Walnut Class

### Next up

Football Intra World Cup 2018



**FIFA WORLD CUP**  
**RUSSIA 2018**