

PE summary of the year 2017-18

This year has been a truly remarkable year. As this goes to print we have won an unprecedented **seven** Borough Titles, a London Youth Games Title and the Brentford EFL Kids Cup.

Athletics

What other primary state school can boast having a GB sprinter to coach their athletics team? Jonathan Barbour has taken our athletics teams to another level. This has had a knock on effect with all of our sports. In November, Leon and Daria represented Hounslow at the mini marathon and competed extremely well.



In December we were incredibly fortunate to have a visit from two Olympians Elliot Giles and Ross Murray. Both athletes delivered taster sessions to all KS2 classes.



January saw our indoor athletics team smash the Feltham cluster event and then go one better than last year and win the borough competition. Having won this, we represented Hounslow at the Regional Finals.

Unfortunately, this final was on the same day as the Borough Tag Rugby Finals. This gave us a chance to give experience to a number of year 5s (which we hope will prove invaluable for next year) and our team performed admirably – finishing 7th in a very tough competition 25th in London. The teams which came first and second finished first and second at the LYG finals at Crystal Palace.



Leah won the U13 mini marathon in March and represented Hounslow at the London Marathon.

Our Year 5/6 team won the Borough Quadkids competition and went on to represent Hounslow at the London Youth Games.



Our Year 3/4 team won the Borough Quadkids.

Cricket

We took three teams to the Feltham cluster cricket tournament and finished 1st, 2nd and 4th. Our A team then went on to compete admirably at the Borough Finals finishing a very creditable 3rd – losing in the semi-finals to the eventual winners.



During curriculum time we have been fortunate to have Chance to Shine coaching through Surrey CCC enabling all KS2 pupils the opportunity to play the game. The London Evening Standard ran an article on the impact of the programme on our school and a further article was written in the programmes of England v India ODI series. Mr Watson has also been invited to the House of Commons to talk on the impact of the Chance to Shine initiative.

Football

Our season started slowly at the Feltham Cluster tournament, narrowly beating Southville and then struggling 0-0 at half time against a weak Oakhill team. However, a stern team talk turned fortunes around and we ended up comfortably beating Oakhill and then a strong Bedfont side. We had won the Feltham cluster and had qualified for the borough finals.

We then 'played' a league game against Oakhill and got dealt a real lesson losing 5-1. Jamie McKenna spent that Friday night writing his resignation letter. But, on the Monday we entered the Brentford Kids Cup where the best schools from four local boroughs play for the right to represent Brentford in the National Cup and play at Wembley. The boys played extremely well, beating a team from Ealing in a close encounter in the final 2-1. The boys were crowned **Brentford EFL Kids Cup Champions**.

They then represented Brentford at the Madjeski Stadium Reading where they played against sides from the south section of the Championship. We beat Ipswich, Wolves, Cardiff drew with Norwich and lost to Aston Villa. In the quarter finals the boys lost to the eventual winners QPR but this was a tremendous performance.

Having won the Feltham cluster the boys went on to sweep all other schools aside in the borough competition. We beat Hounslow Town 6-1 in the final where the game had to be stopped 3 minutes early because the game was so one sided. The boys were crowned **BOROUGH CHAMPIONS**.



They then represented Hounslow at the LYG in Redbridge. In the morning group stages the boys beat Islington and drew with Southwark and Barking and Dagenham. The boys were through to the last 16. In the afternoon the boys drew 1-1 with Lewisham (who eventually came 5th) and beat Redbridge. They needed a draw with Haringey to progress to the quarter finals. We went 1-0 up... Haringey a very strong side came back strongly and won 2-1. They went on to finish runners up. So Fairholme ended the day only losing one game against London's best and finished a very creditable 9th.



Year 3/4 Gymnastics

Our year 3 gymnastics squad competed against older opposition and memorised a floor routine and a body management sequence and performed a vault. The team regained our borough title and the squad will now represent Hounslow at the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace as this goes to print.

Our Year 5 team performed well at the Year 6 Borough tournament and finished 3rd.



Netball

We entered 3 teams in the Feltham cluster competition coming 1st, 2nd and 4th but we were only allowed to take our A team to the borough finals. The borough finals were due to be cancelled and the winners picked out of a hat before Nina stepped in. A round robin was arranged at Osterley where we were crowned **BOROUGH CHAMPIONS**.

The team represented Hounslow at Crystal Palace for LYG. Unfortunately, three of our team were selected for the rugby team. The netball team did play well and it another Fairholme first.... Coming 25th in London was a great achievement.



Tag Rugby

The tag rugby has been a three year project at Fairholme. When I took over the PE at Fairholme there were only a couple of pupils who had played rugby before. Now we can proudly boast having 70 pupils at our after school club. It is therefore such a pity that we struggle to find fixtures for all 7 of our sides.

We have managed to arrange games for our A team against Stanley this year. These have always been tightly fought encounters and have gone both ways.

In the Feltham cluster tournament we entered 6 teams. We finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd but again we were only allowed to enter one team in the borough finals. Big things were expected from the team as eight of them could also have been at the London Sportshall competition. The rugby team did not disappoint and beat St Michael and St Martin in the final to be crowned **BOROUGH CHAMPIONS**.

At the London Youth Games we intended to go one better than last year. In the morning the team battered Battersea, Southwark and Chelsea and Kensington.



In the last 16 they continued to comprehensively beat Barking and Dagenham, Harrow and Bexley. The team were through to the last 4.

First up the team murdered Bromley. Next was the turn of Waltham Forest to be beaten. Going into the final game against Richmond the team need to not be beaten to win gold. Fairholme were not going to be content with a draw and proceeded to hammer Richmond. The team played 9 games, won all 9 scored 27 tries and only conceded 5.

The team were crowned LONDON YOUTH GAMES CHAMPIONS.



As this goes to print we will have had our Sports Day with special guests including: Roy Gayle (dance choreographer), Ben Noad (GB cross country runner), Melita Emanuel Carr (GB basketball player Commonwealth Games silver medallist), Nadeem Corbin (England netballer and Commonwealth Games gold medallist) and London Broncos.

Conclusion

These seven borough titles, a London Youth Games tag rugby title and the Brentford Kids Cup trophy could not have been achieved without the dedication of our magnificent coaches: Nina, Jonathan, Jamie and Paul. I am also extremely grateful to Dave who not only gives the most inspirational team talks but has also managed the rugby team when we have played away games at Stanley. He is also responsible for the fantastic 'Hall of Fame' sporting display in the corridor. A massive thank you is also due to Lisa Foley, Tracey Walker and Helen Willis who have also been to a number of sporting fixtures and competitions. All we try and do at Fairholme is to engender a love of sport that hopefully our athletes will continue with outside of school and in the future. I speak on behalf of the coaches when I say - we hope that we have given Fairholme's pupils opportunities and memories because we certainly have some fond recollections....