

## **Willand School**

### **Spring Term Sports Round-up**

Yet again, it has been a great term for sport! Here's what we've been up to:

#### **Clubs**

This term, we have offered Football Club for Y34 and Y56, Multi-Skills for Y2 and Gymnastics for Y3. We have had an excellent take-up of these clubs and the children seem to be really enjoying them. Once again, we thank our staff, James Marshall of Excelsior and Premier Education for running these clubs and giving the children the opportunity to take part in a range of activities.

#### **Culm Valley High Fives and Basketball Finals**

Due to our success in the autumn term, we made the Culm Valley finals for both high fives and basketball. These were held at Uffculme School. Miss Hawkins accompanied the teams and reported that they all played brilliantly. Our basketball team came second in the competition and our High Fives team won the competition. Congratulations to Leighton, Ethan, James, Ronnie, Gustavo, Jacob and Billy from the basketball team and Marianne, Leighton, Tula, Jacob, Alex, Macy, Grace and Lily from the high fives team.

#### **East Devon Sports Hall Athletics**

Mrs Bosworth and Mr Weaver accompanied the winning Sports Hall Athletics team to the East Devon Finals. The team worked really well together and showed a lot of determination. They came 8<sup>th</sup> in the competition overall. Well done to Bethany, Nieve, Tia, Layla, Macy, Marianne, Liam, Alex, Maximillian, Joe, Jayden and Max. A special mention goes to Jayden for displaying the Spirit of the Games qualities.

## **KS1 Multi-Skills**

A team of Y1 and Y2 had the opportunity to take part in a Multi-Skills festival at Cullompton Community College. Mrs Bere accompanied the children through the activities and they all had a great time. Thank you to Asa, Ellie, Phoebe, Maia-Rose and Oscar for representing our school.

#### **Ability Games Finals**

Mrs Hamblett accompanied a team of children to the Ability Games Finals. The team reached these due to their success at the competition in November. They competed in some more taster sessions and competed in finals for activities such as Kurling. The children had an excellent time. Well done to Ella, Miles, Jude, Tom, Ronnie, Callum, Caleb, Zeco, Malakai, Antek, Jonah, Nathan, Zac, Brooke, Kitty, Kiera, Warren, Callum, Finley, Ellie and Logan.

#### **Boccia Finals**

Boccia is an inclusive sport which is similar to bowls. We were fortunate enough to take two teams of children to the finals at St Luke's in Exeter. Both teams competed brilliantly and the girls team of Cara, Zara, Kira and Ella came 3<sup>rd</sup> with the boys team of Callum, Tom, Caleb and Luke also doing really well.

#### **Swimming Gala**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 18 Y4, 5 and 6 children competed in the Culm Valley Swimming Gala. We were hoping to retain the trophy for the third year running. The children were excellent and showed real skill in the strokes in which they swam. It was very exciting to watch. When the results were announced, we found that we had in fact retained our trophy and finished in first place, just two points ahead of the second placed team. A huge well done to Jessica, Leon, Amelia, Tilly, Jack, Callum, Lewis, Bethany, Ellen, Alex, Sophie, Jake, Jacob, Evie, Grace and captains Leighton and Tula.

### **Cage Football**

Mr Cawthorne and Mrs Bosworth took a team of 10 children to CCC for a Cage Football competition. Cage Football is indoor football where only 3 children from each team are allowed on the court and these children are rotated every minute. The ball is allowed to bounce off the walls at either end and no goalkeepers are allowed. The children played excellently and won all six matches, qualifying for the Culm Valley finals. At the Culm Valley finals, the team finished second.

Congratulations to Joe, Luca, Max, Alex, Jayden, Jake, Alex, Szymon, Jack and Liam.

### **East Devon High Fives Finals**

On Thursday 21st March Willand took seven Year 5/6 children to compete in the East Devon Hi Five's Netball final at The King's School. Their first match was against Upottery and they won 3-0. This was a great start for us and helped settle their nerves. They then played the next team in their group which was a very close match against Feniton. Unfortunately, they lost 2-1 but still gained a point for scoring 50% of their opponent's score. This put them in a very strong position in our group. After a nail biting few minutes waiting..... it was announced that they had qualified for the quarter finals as they had won their group! In the quarter final they were against Offwell. They played excellently and scored two goals enabling them to win 2-0. What a match! The semi-final was a very tough match against Payhembury. The team stayed focussed and supported one another brilliantly off and on the pitch which helped them to victory with another win 2-1. The excitement and adrenalin was amazing – they couldn't believe that they were through to the final. The final was against Brixington - they fought hard and defended brilliantly but unfortunately they lost 2-0. Although they lost, they still qualified for the Devon Finals which will be played on Thursday 28th March in Paignton. A huge well done to all the players and good luck for the Devon finals!

### **Tag Rugby Megafest**

This was a fantastic, well organised which involved the children playing a variety of games. We took Y4 pupils and 2 of our pupils played for another team, exhibiting great sportsmanship, to help them make up numbers. There was a great effort from everyone and several certificates for skills, resilience and great team spirit were given out. Overall, Willand A and B came first and second respectively. Congratulations to Nathan, Elliot, Amelia, Joseph, Amelia, Ruby, Alfie, Gracie-Mae, Rocco, Harry, Chloe, Alfie, Kamden, Jack, Alfie, Dexter and Lucy.

### **Cross-Country Round Two**

Willand School competed in the second round of the Culm Valley Schools Association Cross Country tournament at Killerton. Willand entered teams from Year 4, 5 and 6 in both the boys' and girls' categories. Huge effort was shown by all and excellent team spirit displayed with all children cheering each other on enthusiastically. This time, a slightly shorter but more undulating and technically challenging course was presented to the runners. Alex and Jayden both made it onto the podium with third place finishes in their respective categories. Evie managed a very impressive fourth place in the Year 6 girls' race. Overall, Willand's team came 8th when the results were combined from both the Autumn and Spring events. This was especially impressive given that Willand did not enter a Year 3 team this year. Well done the children mentioned above as well as Jack, Jack, Harry, Rocco, Miley, Chloe, Max, Lewis, Bethany, Bethany, Ellen, Jake, Joe and Lily.

### **Devon Winter Games – High Fives Finals**

For only the second time in the school's history, we qualified for the Devon Winter Games in Paignton as one of the top two schools in East Devon for High Fives. This is such a huge achievement in itself! The team competed brilliantly and came 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done to the team!

### **Football Matches**

This term, we have played Culmstock, Duchy and Webbers/Burlescombe. The Y56 team have been able to win all three of these matches, winning 5-0, 2-0 and 9-0 respectively. The Y34 team have played two matches this term against Duchy and Webbers/Burlescombe. They lost the match to the Duchy 6-0 and won their match against Webbers/Burlescome 3-0. We have now played all of our matches for this year and await the results to ascertain whether we have made the final. Thank you to Billy, Max, Joe, Jacob, Jake, Jayden, Luca, Alex, Szymon, Alex, Zac, Lewis and Xavier from Y56 and Chloe, Joseph C, Kamden, Igor, Jack M, Sam, Charles, Callum Y, Oliver, Josh H, Harrison, Josh J, Leon from Y34 for representing our school.

### **And finally...**

A huge thankyou to all of the children for taking part, to the parents for transporting the children and to the staff who give up their time to take the children to all of these events.

We look forward to celebrating next term's successes!