



Upton Primary Sporting Star

Autumn Term - December 2016

Here is a first edition of the 'Sporting Star'. The name has been chosen by our sports stars who, like school council, are the children's voice for our school. They will be writing features, news reports and supporting sports activities.

Throughout the year different competitions that we enter go towards the County School Games. This year we have been awarded Bronze for our extra curricular opportunities and participation. This is something we are constantly trying to improve on. For this we need to make strong links with sports clubs outside school and would also like to hold intra-school competitions. We would like to celebrate our achievements in and out of school and increase our pupils involvement in afterschool sports clubs. We have elected a 'sports crew' who, like school council, will be the children's voice for sports in our school.



Please see our list of competitions and results on our website.



This term we have purchased a variety of new balls to use in our PE lessons with our sports premium money and have also used our Sainsbury's active vouchers to purchase further play equipment. Sports premium money is money provided to the schools to assist with purchasing sports equipment in order to raise the enjoyment and participation in sports in schools.

We have continued to use our strong links with Hanley Castle High School and other schools in our cluster through the Schools Games programme.

Years 3 and 4 played in the Quicksticks competition at The Chase school.



This was their first time playing competitively against other schools and they thoroughly enjoyed it. They won one match and drew another, with Ewan Lockyear being our star player.

Year 5 took part in a 'do something different' day at Hanley Castle. This was for all of the local schools to get to know each other and play against different people. They played Ultimate Frisbee, Tchoukball and Basketball. The children really enjoyed all of the activities and it was a great experience for them.

Years 5 and 6 took part in a Netball intra-school competition after completing their unit of work. This ensured that all children got to take part in competitive games. Teme were the winners.

Years 5 and 6 took part in a football competition at Hanley Castle School. The boys came 4th overall and the girls played in a friendly. Henry Smith and Arthur Quinn were awarded special player awards for their excellence. All pupils represented the school to a high standard.

Up coming events are:

- Year 5 - Gym festival at Hanley Castle High School on 20th January
- Reception - athletics at Hanley Castle High School on 27th January
- Year4 - dance festival at Hanley Castle High School on 3rd February
- Years 5 and 6 - athletics on 10th February

Details to follow.

On Friday 14th October all of Year 5 and 6 went to the cross country running championship at Malvern Common. They all ran extremely well in their different categories. A particular well done goes to the following:

- Harry Miles who came 8th and Ethan Hurley who came 11th in the boys Year 5 intermediate race
- Seyde Panova who came 13th in the girls Year 5 intermediate race
- Heidi Lennox who came 17th in the Year 6 girls intermediate race
- Arthur Quinn who came 3rd in the Year 6 advanced race

This is very impressive as there were up to 100 children in each race!



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