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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Hastings and Rother Football Tournament

Eight of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Hastings and Rother Area Football Finals Tournament on Thursday 15th October, and what a brilliant afternoon of football it was!

Leading the team into our first game as captain was Jessica (Y6), who showed fantastic leadership skills and kept encouraging her teammates throughout the afternoon. We had a rocky start in our opening game, but after a quick team talk they were ready to go again!

The following games were a real rollercoaster, with some excellent defending from Daniel (Y6) and Jomiloju (Y6), alongside some solid performances out on the wings from Rupert (Y6) and Marcus (Y6).

Joseph (Y6) must have covered about five miles! He worked tirelessly, racing back to defend before appearing at the other end of the pitch to attack. He also scored some absolutely wonderful goals that gave the team a real boost!

Our penultimate game was a real highlight, with Marcus scoring a very respectable hat trick!

Tabs was our secret weapon, coming on as our super-sub and making some lovely tackles. A special mention must also go to Noah, who held things together at the back, making some spectacular saves and keeping the team organised.

You represented your school brilliantly and should be incredibly proud of yourselves. What a fantastic afternoon of football!









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Cluster Cross Country

We recently took a fabulous group of KS2 pupils to the cluster cross-country event at Mulberry Academy St Leonards, and they represented our school brilliantly.

All of the pupils showed fantastic resilience and determination, completing the challenging course in excellent times and achieving some impressive finishing positions. Their behaviour throughout the event was exemplary, and they were a credit to both their families and our school.

We are especially pleased to celebrate the success of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who have qualified for the next round: Chidera, Finley, Joseph, Piper and Marcus. With a special mention going to Marcus who actually Won the Year 6 boys run. This is a wonderful achievement and reflects the hard work and commitment they have shown.

Every pupil who took part should be incredibly proud of themselves for the effort, enthusiasm and sportsmanship they demonstrated on the day. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the parents who transported and supported their children at the event. Your encouragement and assistance are greatly appreciated and help make opportunities like these possible. Congratulations to everyone involved!









Pupil Achievements



Noah Farrise - Year 5

A huge well done to Noah, who won two medals with Hastings United Football Club - one for taking part and one for helping his team win their football tournament! As the team's goalkeeper, Noah made a fantastic contribution to their success. Congratulations, Noah!



Thenuri Wimalarathna - Year 4

A huge well done to Thenuri, who recently took part in the Amicus Dance Festival and was awarded a medal and certificate for her beautiful Ballet Solo performance. Thenuri dances with Nicola Rodmell's Dance School and should be incredibly proud of her achievement. What a fantastic accomplishment - well done, Thenuri!



Otto Bradbury - Year 4

A huge well done to Otto, who recently won a trophy for Best Defence while playing for The Grizzlys at St Leonards FC. This fantastic achievement reflects Otto's determination, teamwork and excellent defending skills on the pitch. We are very proud of you, Otto. Keep up the great work!



Joe McShane - Year 4

A huge well done to Joe, who recently achieved his Red Belt at HKA Martial Arts following a successful kickboxing grading. Joe was awarded a fantastic Grade B, the second-highest score possible, reflecting his hard work, dedication and impressive skills. We are incredibly proud of your achievement, Joe. Keep up the excellent work!



Piper Hancock - Year 6

Congratulations to Piper on her fantastic success at a swimming gala in Eastbourne! Piper achieved 1st place in the 50m freestyle and 3rd place in both the 50m breaststroke and individual medley. These are outstanding achievements and a wonderful reflection of her hard work and dedication to swimming. Well done, Piper - we are incredibly proud of you!

If you would like your child to feature in our termly Achievement newsletter next term, please send the information to the school office email: office@st-mary-star.e-sussex.sch.uk

Noah Farrise - Year 5



A huge well done to Noah, who achieved fantastic results at a recent swimming gala in Eastbourne! Noah swam brilliantly to earn 3rd place in both the 50m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle, as well as an impressive 2nd place in the 50m Backstroke. What an outstanding achievement and a wonderful reward for all your hard work and dedication. We are incredibly proud of you, Noah!



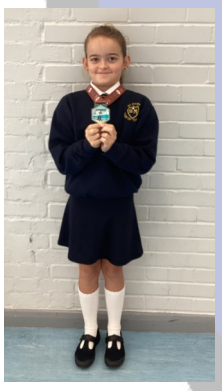
Mia Dadswell - Year 3

A huge well done to Mia, who was presented with a certificate for taking part in a Coding Academy workshop. During the session, Mia designed and built a fantastic Ferris wheel using LEGO before bringing it to life by making it interactive with technology. What an impressive achievement, showcasing creativity, problem-solving and coding skills. We are very proud of you, Mia!



Isabelle McShane - Year 6

A huge well done to Isabelle, who recently took part in a one-mile run along Eastbourne Seafront with her running group, Hastings Runners. Isabelle completed the mile in an impressive 7 minutes and 37 seconds, demonstrating fantastic determination, stamina and dedication. What a brilliant achievement! We are incredibly proud of you, Isabelle!



Piper Hancock - Year 6

Piper recently ran a mile along Eastbourne seafront with her training group, Hastings Runners, in an impressive 6 minutes and 54 seconds. This is a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to her hard work, determination and dedication to her training. Well done, Piper – we are incredibly proud of you!



Pola Read - Year 6

A huge well done to Pola, who also recently completed a one-mile run along Eastbourne Seafront with her running group, Hastings Runners. Pola achieved a fantastic time of 7 minutes and 38 seconds, demonstrating great determination, resilience and commitment to her training. What an incredible achievement! We are very proud of you, Pola!



Albie Cornelius - Year 2

A huge well done to Albie, who was awarded a certificate for an excellent first training session at HKA Martial Arts. This fantastic achievement is a wonderful start to Albie's martial arts journey and reflects great enthusiasm, effort and determination. We are very proud of you, Albie, and look forward to hearing about your future successes!

Ollie McShane - Year 3



A huge well done to Ollie, who recently completed his grading at HKA Martial Arts and achieved his Red Belt! This fantastic accomplishment reflects Ollie's hard work, commitment and perseverance in training. We are incredibly proud of your achievement. Congratulations, Ollie!



Jessica Grimes - Year 6

A huge well done to Jessica, who was awarded Player of the Match while playing for Hastings United in a fantastic 9-0 victory against Ninfield. Jessica scored one goal and provided two assists, making a brilliant contribution to the team's success. What an outstanding performance and a well-deserved trophy! We are incredibly proud of you, Jessica!

Ava Brookes - Year 2



A huge well done to Ava, who recently completed a sponsored march with her majorette troupe, Hastings Tornados. Ava marched and twirled for an incredible three miles, helping to raise money so the troupe can perform at more carnivals and purchase new equipment. To top it all off, Ava was also awarded a Dancer of the Week certificate! What a fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of dedication and teamwork. We are very proud of you, Ava!



Sienna Grimes - Year 2

A huge well done to Sienna, who recently competed in the Sussex Gymnastics Competition. Sienna had the honour of leading her club onto the floor and was the first gymnast to perform her acro pairs routine for the judges. Showing great confidence and skill, Sienna and her partner achieved an outstanding second place in their category. What a fantastic achievement! We are Incredibly proud of you, Sienna!

Betty Bradbury - Year 2



A huge well done to Betty, who has achieved her Level 4 Gymnastics Badge at Hollington Gymnastics Club. This fantastic accomplishment is a testament to Betty's hard work, dedication and determination as she continues to develop her skills and confidence in gymnastics. We are incredibly proud of you, Betty, and wish you every success as you work towards your next badge!



Ava Brookes - Year 2

A huge well done to Ava, who has achieved her Level 1 Swimming Badge after just three weeks of lessons! This fantastic accomplishment shows that Ava has developed the skills and confidence needed to move up to the bigger pool. What an amazing achievement in such a short time. We are incredibly proud of your determination and progress, Ava . Keep up the brilliant work!