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AMAZING SPORTS MARK AWARD

Last year, Dartington Primary School achieved the super bronze sports mark. Teachers offered fantastic sporting opportunities in a variety of sports such as Hockey, Gymnastics, Swimming Gala and our amazing Sports Day. All of this won us the bronze sports mark which is a great achievement for our school. The sports mark, recognised and offered by Sainsbury's, is a national award for exceeding expectations in Physical Education and swimming. Well done to everyone who has represented the school at sport including the hockey and football leagues after school, good job!



Also, teachers have set up some new clubs this year that children have started to attend to boost their sporting talent. These include a new link with Totnes Rugby Club, a Tennis Ball Persons Club where children are training to become ball boys and girls and a specific Girls Football Club. These clubs are aimed to boost the children's learning and development in Physical Education even more so

next year so that the school can go for the gold award. The school will soon receive this amazing bronze award plaque to proudly exhibit in school. Please come along and have a look at it when it arrives, keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for the announcement! Another huge congratulations to the children and parents who have given up lots of their own time to continue the development in youth sport at Dartington Primary School.

By Callum and Ollie H

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GOING GREEN



The new Dartington PE shirts were brought into the school at the end of the 2013-14 academic year to resemble our lovely school.

The colour of these shirts Primary School and makes us are bottle green with our look very smart compared to white apple tree school logo the other schools fixture that stands out on the strips they play in.

front. They are also made of 100% cotton, which makes them very comfortable to wear. "It makes me feel confident about going to tournaments." (*Robin, Year 6*)

These shirts make us very distinctive. Also whenever we go on school trips around the local area, or even playing sports fixtures for the school, the shirts let people know that we are pupils from Dartington

"I find the new shirts a lot more comfortable than the old white ones and I think it neatens up the school." (*Oliver S, Year 6*)

By George and Leon



Crow and Ezra outwitting the opposition at the CVL Football, KEVICC



Sports Leaders hard at work during one of their lunchtime sessions



"I really wanted to be a dance leader because I like to dance and I love music. Also, last year, the dance leaders ran a club at lunchtime which I joined. They were all brilliant at their role and I wished I could do the same this year. I am so happy that I am a dance leader!"
Molly Year 6



Dartington Primary School have entered a Year 5/6 Football central venue league (CVL) that has taken

FOOTBALL FRENZY

place since the beginning of October and has happened once a month. The CVL takes place at KEVICC on the Astroturf. Dartington have played a variety of schools from around the area including South Brent, Totnes St Johns, Landscope, The Grove, Broadhempston and Stoke Gabriel. The squad have so

far played three rounds of the CVL football league, and although they started slowly, they have picked up some great results recently and are currently lying 4th in the league. Look out in the newsletter and on the website for updates throughout the year.

By Paddy and Yarnner

LEADING THE WAY



At Dartington Primary School, Mrs Honey has set up some special roles with responsibility for children in year 6. These are Sports and Dance leaders. There

are six Dance leaders and six Sports Leaders. Dance leaders are trying to teach the younger students a new dance routine, for a performance later on in the year. The leaders are currently organising and starting a club where they will plan and teach their routine to the younger pupils. The Sports leaders run lunchtime activities for

children of all ages. They make sure the activities are fun as well as making sure it is safe. They also have duties during Sports Day and Swimming Gala to make sure those amazing days run smoothly. Thank you to Mrs Honey and Mr Lyndon from KEVICC for the amazing training they have given the children.

By Amber and Caitlyn

TALENTED TWOSOME



Back in September, Finn and Lily, both in year 4, went to KEVICC Secondary for a Gifted and Talented camp. This is for children who were identified at Dartington as being 'Gifted and Talented.'

They took part in many activities, across all kinds of sports including throwing skills, hitting skills and reaction time.

KEVICC are committed to providing an environment which encourages all to maximise their potential and this includes pupils who display some form of giftedness and/or talent. Finn and Lily were also joined by other students from different schools, such as St. Johns Primary. From

the Gifted and Talented camp, Lily has been selected to attend the Totnes Learning Community SUPERSTARS group where she will be given sporting opportunities to further develop her sporting ability. In addition, Finn was selected to attend the South Dartmoor Partnership Elite group. This is an amazing achievement for both Finn and Lily, well done!

By Alisha and Honey

DEVELOPING MULTI SKILLS



In December, Key Stage One went to KEVICC for a multi skills session. Children from Dartington Primary School learnt lots of new skills in a variety of

different ways. The new skills they learnt were sprinting, ball games and warming up for different activities. The children were accompanied by KEVICC sports leaders, who had two children for each game they were running. The children that attended had lots of fun and cannot wait for their next opportunity in the spring term.

Hayden in year 2 mentioned that "It was really fun and I enjoyed it a lot."

Julie, a member of staff that attended said "They played a lot of games which were really fun for the Year 2 children."

By Alisha and Honey



Nate enjoying the multi skills festival at KEVICC in December

BALL KIDS IN TRAINING

The Tennis Ball Persons club at Dartington Primary School is a new club that has started this year to give young people the opportunity to be a ball boy/girl. It is run by Dartington's Physical Education leader at the school, Mr Smith.

In February 2015, the children attending this after school club will hopefully be representing the school at a tennis event held at Ivybridge Tennis Club. If successful, further opportunities could lead from this event where children, at

the age of 12, will be able to apply to ball boy/girl at the Masters ATP World Tours. This is an amazing and unique opportunity for the children of Dartington Primary School.

By George and Leon



Children in 'training' during one of their afterschool Tennis ball persons sessions

FANTASY FOOTBALL

At the start of the year, children designed their own football teams and whatever the footballers do in real life gets you points for your team. Children's teams have been building up their total points and it creates a league table which can be seen on the PE notice board outside Miss Doe's class. Well done to Oisín who won Manager of the month in October, and Oisín and Harry M who shared the award in November. Who will win the overall league in the summer?

By Callum and Ollie H

TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL A HIT WITH THE CHILDREN

Year 3/4 went to KEVICC in October and learnt new skills through fun activities. It was all about Tag Rugby and all of the children improved. All of the people who taught the children were students at KEVICC. This was a fun way to learn Tag Rugby further, and all of the children that went, got a great idea of what sport at KEVICC could be like. All of the Dartington children played with children from other schools around the area which was a good

opportunity to meet new people. The children spent the whole morning running around and competing. Luckily for them they had refreshments to keep them going. From this great experience, Totnes Rugby Club have come into school and have run a club for the children to go to. The children's Tag Rugby skills have improved lots since the Rugby Club started their club.

By Tilly and Molly



Elizabeth & Toby in year 3/4 enjoying the Tag Rugby Festival, held at KEVICC





"I am proud to have lead the 'B' team to being the hockey plate champions! Well done everyone."
Kian Year 6



Lauren swimming in the breaststroke final at last years Swimming Gala.



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DART HOCKEY CHAMPIONS



Over the last five weeks Dartington Primary School entered two teams to take part in a hockey tournament run by Dart Hockey club, based in Totnes. The teams that took part included children in years 3-6 who had previously attended the after school hockey club run by Mr Smith. The hockey league was run on Mondays from 4-6pm and all the children had to play hockey in every sort of weather - rain, hail, bitterly cold wind and freezing temperatures. The

first three weeks of the tournament saw all the local school teams play each other once and even the two Dartington teams played each other which was really exciting! After three weeks the league was split into two mini leagues. All teams in 'league 1' played in the Cup competition and all of teams in 'league 2' played in the Plate competition. After two more weeks of very exciting games in their own mini leagues, Ipplepen 'A' became the champions in the Cup with Dartington 'A' team coming second place. All of the children in the Dartington 'A' team played incredibly well and deserved the medals they won. In the Plate, Dartington B came out as the eventual champions

winning the shield and a medal each, with Ipplepen B close behind in second place. Dartington 'B' played amazingly well and they went through the Plate competition undefeated! The children would like to thank Mr Smith for all the work he put into organising the schools league, running our hockey teams and coaching us to winning glory as well as Miss Doe for all of her help organising the squads. They would also like to say a big thank you to all of the parents (especially Charlotte who helped coach) who have supported the teams and taken us to the hockey fixtures for the last five weeks!

By Amber and Caitlyn

A LOOK BACK: SWIMMING GALA

In July, there was another Swimming Gala at Dartington Primary School. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part with help and amazing support from the children in years 1 and 2, as well as parents. Even though the swimming was tough, everyone was a great sport whether they came first or last. Some of the strokes

that were allowed this year were backstroke, front crawl and breast stroke, all in width or length. There was also lots of excitement happening in the relay races! Children in the Swimming Gala competed in Forest Families groups. Forest Families are when children are placed in new

classes with different teachers and with a variety of different children across all year groups, trying to put siblings together. The winning Forest Family for the Gala was Holly. It was an amazing experience for everyone and roll on next year!

By Molly and Tilly

A LOOK BACK: SPORTS DAY



Sports Day 2014 was an amazing experience to have had. Those who missed Sports Day last year were in

great sadness because they had missed the greatest event at Dartington Primary School. Last year, there were long distance races, sprint races and traditional races like the egg and spoon race and the sack race. When children were not competing in these, there were lots of other

challenges to take part in which was great fun. On Sports Day, all of the children represent a Forest Family, all named after a common tree. Sports Day 2014 was won by Oak! "I found Sports Day very exciting. I cant wait till next year" Freya (Year 6)

By Yarnar and Paddy