

THE AUTUMN GAMES IN PICTURES

QUOTES

The New Age Kurling was fun. I had to use sticks to push the stones towards the target. I'd like to do it again!
Liam (Year 4)

"I felt great that I was part of the team and the whole day was really good fun!"
York (Year 4)

"I Liked Kurling the best. I tried really hard pushing the stones and we won medals!"
Tom (Year 5)

"The three boy's did the school and themselves proud. The determination shown by them was reflected by their silver medals. Well done!"
Phil (TA)

"It's such an achievement to be named County Runners Up at New Age Kurling. You should be proud because we are!"
Mr Smith

"I am very proud of all three boys for doing so well in a sport they have never played before. Well done!"
Miss Doe



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NEW AGE KURLING MEDALLISTS



On Wednesday 11th November 2015, three children from Dartington Primary School took part in the county wide event, the Autumn Ability Games, held at Barnstaple's Tarka Tennis Centre. The School Games, sponsored by Sainsburys, is a fantastic opportunity to inspire millions of young people to take part in more competitive school sport.

The school games are designed to build on the magic of the Olympic Games back in 2012, which were held in London. The three children, Tom, Liam and York, represented the Dartmoor School Sport Partnership, which covers a huge area from Moretonhampstead to Totnes, and across to Teignmouth. They took part in a new sport, New Age Kurling, which is based on traditional Curling to bring the sport to a much wider audience. This fun

and creative sport is adapted to not be on ice, so people that live in warm and rainy areas like Devon can take part in this great sport which is exciting for all.

York, Liam and Tom played against the other areas of Devon throughout the day. They ended up a brilliant joint second position after winning three, drawing one and losing one. To take home the runners up medals, Dartington were up against North Devon in the second place final. After drawing the match, the game went to sudden death and three of the four Dartington stones ended up nearer the centre of the house, the name given to the centre of the target. This resulted in Dartington winning the playoff and taking home the silver medals.

At Barnstaple, the children also had the incredible opportunity to try out archery, laser shooting and gymnastics, which included the actual

gymnastic equipment from the London 2012 Olympic Games. This equipment is permanently at the Tarka Tennis Centre. What a great venue to carry out these activities!

Tom, one of the children who took part, was handpicked from around 400 children to be awarded a gold medal for one of the spirit of the games disciplines. He was awarded the medal for passion which meant he showed enthusiasm and played each sporting activity he took part in with positivity.

All of the children tried really hard and really did the school proud! Coming second in the whole of Devon is amazing. Well done to everyone!

By Awen and Finn



HOCKEY STARS NARROWLY MISS OUT



Cowen with eyes only for the ball as he tries to set up an attempt for Dartington Green.



Emily trying to pick out a defensive splitting pass.



Above, Leo sends a lifted ball over the defenders stick.

Below, Oscar is trying to work the space for an opening at goal.



Dartington Primary School entered two teams into this year's Hockey league run by the local hockey club in the area, Dart Hockey Club, based in Totnes.

The league ran for five weeks. In the first three weeks, both Dartington teams played against each other to create a league table. The Dartington teams started off with a 0v0 draw against each other but went on to do very well. Dartington White ended the league in 3rd position qualifying for the cup and Dartington Green ended up qualifying for the plate competition, a trophy that Dartington B won last year.

In weeks four and five, the two teams played in their new smaller leagues with the finals for the school Hockey league taking place on 7th December 2015.

DARTINGTON WHITE

The squad consisted of the following members: Nini, Maddie, Emily, Tallulah, Felix, Oscar, Harry and Cai.

The Dartington White squad entered the fifth and final week with the knowledge that one win would give them a third place finish and awarded the bronze medals in the final. Unfortunately, following match losses against both South Brent A, the eventual champions and Canada Hill, they only managed to achieve a fourth placed position by the end of the contest. This position left the team one place away



from a medal position. Although they missed out on medals, being placed fourth out of the twelve teams competing is still a good position to achieve. The whole squad learnt a great deal about the game and working as a team over the five weeks of the contest. This will hopefully make them a stronger team in next years event.

DARTINGTON GREEN

The squad consisted of the following team members; Lola, Evie, Ebony, Sophia, Alex, Ben, Reuben, Leo and Cowen.

Dartington Green entered their final week of the contest with the determination and a decent chance to earn third position. Unfortunately, they also met some strong competition along the way. They achieved a brilliant fourth position by the end of the contest, just one place away from receiving a bronze medal themselves. Their loss to Berry Pomeroy was the all important game in the final week. With that win, Berry Pomeroy crept into that third spot. The

team, just like Dartington White, learnt a great deal from the contest which will make the team a stronger opponent in next year's competition.

All of the players were invited by Dart Hockey Club to take up Hockey further. From the brilliant Hockey that both teams played, you're sure to see many Dartington children at Dart Hockey Club soon. Anyone of any age, child or adult is welcome to join the club, based at KEVICC astroturf on Monday evenings.

By Cowen and Nini



GIRLS TAKE PART IN CRICKET FUN



The girls in years 5 and 6 unfortunately they lost all of their matches. This did not get them down however as they improved all day. Their three matches but

Exminster and 218 runs against Chudleigh. The girls really enjoyed the day and had a fantastic time at the tournament. Maddie stated "the girls really enjoyed the day even though they lost their matches. Ten girls from Dartington took part in the tournament with eight of them playing in each match."

By Cowen and Nini

SLOGGING FOR GLORY



The boys cricket squad met for the first time at Teignmouth CC in November. After a quick

check of the rules and a last minute change in opposition, Dartington took on Rydon. After a very slow start the children of Dartington got to grips with what was expected and managed to score a super 204 runs. Rydon came into bat with some clear shots to score as many as possible and took a good win with a few overs to

spare. This surprising defeat did not deter the boys and they had improved a lot in their final two fixtures scoring 232 against Exminster and 234 against Chudleigh. They can all hold their heads up high as this was the first time many of the children had played cricket. Well done!

By Max and Dan

DART LEADING THE WAY AT KEY STAGE 1 FESTIVAL



Some of Dartington's Year 5 children were assistant leaders at KEVICC for a Key Stage 1 multi skills festival. Each leader worked at

different stations including cup stacking and ten pin bowling. They had a variety of roles at these stations from and sorting the music. Some good they were even left to lead on their own!

Emily claimed that "it was fun and I would recommend it to other schools. I enjoyed the awesome activities and it was a great experience."

Oscar also said "I found it fun because the activities were

great." Miss Hope, a Key Stage 1 teacher who was at the event stated "Key Stage 1 thoroughly enjoyed the sports festival at KEVICC. All of the children were engaged in fun and exciting activities including Badminton and Dance, which were led by KEVICC sports leaders as well as our very own Dartington sports leaders. It was a really lovely morning and it was enjoyed by both adults and children."

By Cowen and Nini



Above, Girls Cricket squad. Alex and Ben competing in the Boys Cricket event below.



Below, Emily is hard at work during the Key Stage 1 multi skills festival.



Dudley working with a KEVICC sports leader to deliver one of the activities.



Odin and Fin celebrating a goal scored against Diptford at the latest CVL Football meeting.



Max is man-marking his opponent to stop them from attacking the Dartington goal.



Felix and Cowen trying their best to outwit their opponents at the CVL Football.

IT'S ALL GO AT FOOTBALL



The CVL football league happens at KEVICC roughly once a month. Dartington Primary School have entered two teams into this years league and have done really well so far. This is a great opportunity for the children from Dartington to play football on a regular basis.

The two teams are up against some of the toughest competition in the local area including teams from South Brent and Totnes schools, The Grove and St Johns.

Dartington A and B have had different amounts of success during the three weeks they have played so far. Dartington A started slowly with just a few wins although they battled really hard for the ball. Max in goal kept the team in some of their games. However, in week three, Dartington A played some great football and picked up a number of wins and draws, not losing once! They are now demonstrating how to be a good team and they learnt a lot from weeks one and two.

Dartington B were the complete opposite. They did really well in weeks one and two picking up lots of points meaning they climbed the league table quickly. In week three however, they played against all of the top teams including past winners from the last two years, so they found the matches quite difficult.

The team battled and worked hard for each other in these games and narrowly lost out by the odd goal. Dartington B have worked very hard this season and look to take their great footballing skills into the next league meeting in the New Year.

Kitty, one of the players stated "I really like playing football and it is fantastic being part of a team."

By Crow and Maddie

JOINT LEADERS AT HALF WAY STAGE

Pos	Team Name	Manager Name	GLS	ASS	Points
1	Nathanie's blind bats	Jonathan Gale	25	16	347
2	Jake's all stars	Jake S	24	15	347
3	Smithy's Superstars	Mr Smith	19	18	317
4	Finn's Fighters	Finn G	24	19	315
5	MOLE WONDERLAND	Harry M	17	20	314
6	lolingtons	Oscar G	24	10	297
7	Becky's Brilliant Boys	Becky Matthews	16	23	269
8	Fourth Place	Charlie M	19	12	268

Since September, Dartington Primary School have been given the opportunity to manage an online fantasy football team. This is where each participant is given an imaginary sum of money of £110m to spend on players of their choice to

create a team of Premiership players. Every month, children have been rewarded with a manager of the month certificate to the person who has scored the most points with their team. Octobers manager of the month was Mr Smith whereas the winner of the award in November was Jonathan Gale. Anticipation is building to see who takes the crown for December but the current leader is Jake.

Currently Jonathan Gale, a parent, and Jake are joint top of the league with 347 points. In third place we have Mr Smith with 317 points and in fourth place on 315 points is Finn.

After the Spring term when the Football season has ended, we will discover who will come first overall to win the gold medal (and to beat Mr Smith).

By Max and Daniel

NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Dartington Primary School have built on the success of achieving the bronze award last year by gaining a silver sports mark award, which is

the only national recognition for school sport.

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Last year, Dartington achieved a School Games Silver award and the school will shortly receive a

pennant to proudly display alongside last years' bronze award just outside of our school reception area.

Huge congratulations to the children for their hard work and commitment. In addition, the school would like to thank the parents for their continued support of the development of sport at Dartington.

By Mr Smith



Ben is fully focused on the shuttlecock.



Zac and Ella showing us their super newly-learnt racket skills.

CHILDREN GIVE BADMINTON A GO



Four Dartington children attended a Badminton event on Monday 21st September at Coombeshead, Newton

Abbot. Preparations were halted due to power cuts that struck some parts of the town but that did not stop them as they were so excited to get started. Dartington played Canada Hill first and found the going tough with each of their children losing their single matches resulting in a 4 v 0 defeat. Although they were defeated by Bradley Barton by the same

score line all of the children improved so much that each child won at least one game during the day, with other results being 1v3 against Wolborough, a 2v2 draw against Chudleigh A and a 3v1 win against Chudleigh C. All the children improved dramatically through the day and they should be proud of their performance. Well done!

By Freya, Odin and Emily

SUPERSTARS TRIUMPH



On Tuesday 10th November, eight pupils from Dartington Primary School travelled to Newton Abbot College for a morning of sport activities.

Three of our new trainee teachers encouraged our

fabulous children to give every sporting opportunity a go. The children had the chance to give a range of sports a go like badminton, parachute games and athletic type activities. The sports the children played helped them to

develop more confidence and improve their core skills and coordination.

The eight Dartington 'Superstar Children' had a wonderful time and cannot wait until the next sporting event.

Elliot mentioned that "I really enjoyed the day especially when we played the catching game."

By Maddie and Crow



Ben enjoying the morning of sport and Elliot displaying his super catching skills.



"Mrs McInally taught us some hip hop dances. At the end of the training, we celebrated our dance and mixed together our solos. We also chose Reuben to be our captain."

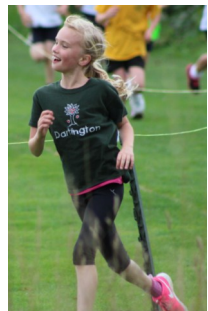
Dan (Year 6)



The Dance Leaders above. Below, Mrs McInally puts the children through their paces.



Esme enjoying her run at the half way point. Eventually she finished in a superb 22nd.



James and Sol earning points for their team with some superb team running.

DANCE LEADERS LEADING THE WAY



During October, the dance leaders had some training, run by Mrs McInally from KEVICC. The dance leaders, which are Reuben, Dan, Maddie, Freya, Emily, Awen and Margot, said they had a

very good time learning all of the dance moves and practising the games which they are teaching to younger children in Dance club, which they run on Thursday lunch times. The Dance leaders have been doing this training in preparation for two very fun events. One of these, just for the Dance leaders, which will take place at Coombeshead. The other one will be at KEVICC after Christmas. Margot stated that "Mrs McInally was a great coach for our dance training. She really inspired me to go even further in my learning. The dance training was so fun and she gave our group of dance leaders a lot of ideas for our dance which we are performing at the annual dance celebration." *By Margot and Reuben*

SLAM DUNKING FUN



On Tuesday 29th September, Felix, Lola, Reuben, Caspian and Ben represented Dartington at an amazing Basketball event at Berry Pomeroy KEVICC. This was the very

first time they had played Basketball for Dartington. In Dartington's first match, they took on Diptford B and for both of the teams, the score line remained 0v0. The competition really picked up in the next couple of games and Dartington lost 6v2 to Diptford C, 6v0 to Diptford A and they lost to Diptford B by the same score line. The team regrouped and in the final game it paid off. Great passing and careful shooting resulted in a great 4v2 win against The Grove with Dartington proving to themselves to be a force to be reckoned with. Staff commented on their great team spirit. They all should be proud of their first competition. *By Dan and Max*

RUNNING THE COURSE



Twenty children from Dartington Primary School volunteered to represent the school in a cross country run at Stover. Unfortunately, due to a couple of children pulling out at the last minute due to illness, there was just one girl from Dartington who finished

the course for the year 3/4 girls race which was Pheobe! She did superbly well and made the school proud by coming in the middle group of more than 100 runners. Next up was the year 3/4 boys event. Everyone who started the race finished the race and it was a very close battle for top position from our school. Leo took top spot with brothers Henry and Max who finished an amazing 2nd and 3rd place. *By Reuben and Margot*

ALL SMILES AT THE FINALS



Dartington Primary School sent two year 3/4 squads to this year's Totnes Learning

Community Netball finals. They didn't win too many games but they all took part and did their best which is the main thing. Well done everyone. Leo F, who scored the winning goal said "I really enjoyed it! Even though we did not get to the final, everyone was really happy and enjoyed the tournament." *By Crow and Maddie*

Community Netball finals, held at KEVICC sports hall. The children started slowly against some very good opposition but as the day went on, the squads improved in their Netball skills and their tactical skills with both teams winning at least one of their matches. The excitement on the children's faces was superb when they won!



The year 3/4 Netballers above with Gabriella showing us an overhead pass.

IMPROVING THROUGH COMPETITION



On November 15th, year 5 and 6 took part in a High five Netball competition at KEVICC. It was the first

time they had worked together in a competitive situation, and they played against lots of other schools. They found it quite tricky at first, however, with the support of their trainee teacher coaches, the children started to understand the rules more and apply them in a competitive situation. Caitlin said "I worked the hardest I have ever worked in Netball to try and beat the other teams. I put into practice everything I learnt in class. I really enjoyed the event." *By Freya, Odin and Emily*



Max and Nini displaying their chest pass technique in the year 5/6 Netball Tournament at KEVICC.

SPORTING FUN!



Tom in year 5 and Daniel in year 2 took part in this year's Paralympics held at KEVICC in October 2015.

The two of them took part in lots of different sports like Badminton and Boccia and lots more. For those that do not know, Boccia is a game similar to Bowls, it is great fun!

Staff from the Dartmoor Sports Partnership ran the event superbly with excellent support from the KEVICC sport leaders. All of the

leaders did a brilliant job to make the event really fun for all of the children that took part.

The Dartington children were really looked after by the sport leaders and were a credit to their school for completing a wonderful morning of sports. The children got a certificate and a ball which they also loved. Tom said that he would do it again and Daniel said "it was awesome." *By Freya, Odin and Emily*



Tom, above, showing a variety of different skills at the Paralympics event.

Daniel enjoying showing off his Badminton skills.

