

"I loved every minute of the cross country event, the only bit I did not enjoy was when I fell over".
Halo, Year 6

RUNNING FOR GLORY



Cross country is a sport where many athletes run around a track at a good pace so they don't get tired. At the end there will be a winner so you have to speed up just before the finish line to try to end as high as possible. Cross country is a hard but a fun event.

In early March 2015, a Cross country event was held at Stover School, Newton Abbot. Hundreds of children from around the area took part and we even had an amazing thirty runners from our school. This event took part on a muddy track with tall grass and thick mud so it was a really difficult running condition.

Callum B, a sporty boy quoted "I really enjoyed this year's Cross country event and I hope to go to another event and they hope to go again soon."

This was the first time Dartington Primary School entered the cross country event this year and all of the

By Paddy and Yarner



Yarner, Ebony, James and Max all earning points for their team in the Cross Country event at Stover School.

A TALENTED BUNCH

On the 5th February, a group of talented year 5 children went to KEVICC to be assessed as Gifted and Talented in PE. The year 5 children from the superstars club that Mr Smith runs attend sessions at a secondary school (KEVICC) to prove their talent to Mr Lyndon - a PE teacher at

KEVICC. The event included lots of skills like throwing, hitting and reaction skills. represented our school extremely well and will do very well in the future at these events as all of them were selected to attend the G&T sessions run by KEVICC.

Unsurprisingly, these fantastic children did not struggle at all even though they had the pressure of the other schools watching them. Well done to Calum, Finn, Freya, Crow, Maddie, Miki, Caspian, Clem C and Felix.

Thanks to them, they have

By Callum and Ollie H



DART REACH PARTNERSHIP FINALS



In this fabulous, well organised hockey event, Dartington entered two teams; an 'A' team and a 'B' team. The 'A' team had the privilege of showing off the new school sports kit, which is very comfy! Each of our squads was part of a group of four teams. Dartington A did



excellently and came second in their group. This meant they had a semi-final fixture against private school Stover. The squad played really well only to be knocked out by a late goal losing 1v0. "Absolutely spectacular and well organised" is just one of the quotes we have received.

The B team however did not qualify for the semi-finals but they did qualify for the 5/6 playoff and managed to beat Canada Hill 'B' 2v0 with two really good goals. They worked their socks off throughout the day, literally!

Altogether, everyone enjoyed the hockey and the children hope there will be another one soon.

By Callum and Ollie H



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TOP CLASS TENNIS TRIALS



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Most of the children who have taken part in Mr Smith's Tennis Ball Persons Club have been given a fantastic opportunity to have trials in Barnstaple, to take part as ball boys and girls in the biggest women's indoor tournament in the UK. What makes this opportunity extra special is that if the children pass the trials they will be ball boys and girls for the semi-finals and final of the whole competition which attracts up and coming players from around the world with rankings inside the top 250.

The children who have trained are Leon, George, Rowan, Paddy, Ziggy, Yarner, Ruby, Erin, Lochie,

Amber, Robin and Callum. The budding ball children have been working extremely hard to get ready for this outstanding competition. However, none of this would have been possible without Dartington's physical education teacher Mr Smith who has been in contact with Devon Tennis so this amazing opportunity can take place. If the children are successful at the trials, they go to Barnstaple to work at the biggest indoor women's tennis

event in the UK. They have been learning what to do if the player gets angry and blames it on them. They have also learnt the basics like rolling the ball to each other when it's the other players service to the tense and nerve-wracking situation of tie breaks.

These children have been training for five to six months and are ready to trial. They are all really nervous and are hoping they will be selected. The date of the last trial is the 28th March. Keep an eye on the website and newsletter to hear whether they have been selected.

By George and Leon

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DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA



So far this year, the dancers have been working really hard on a dance that they performed at Coombeshead Academy theatre in Newton Abbot.

On March 11th, many schools from the local area came together to perform their dances.

When the children from stage and did their dance which were excellent.

coach they were so excited they could not stay still. Each child stayed at the academy performing non stop theatre, they were split in until 8pm at night (isn't that brilliant!).

Everyone performed with their head held high and kept dancing with a massive smile on their face. If it was up to each and every child, they would do it all over again in rooms and waited for the audience to arrive. One by one, each school went on

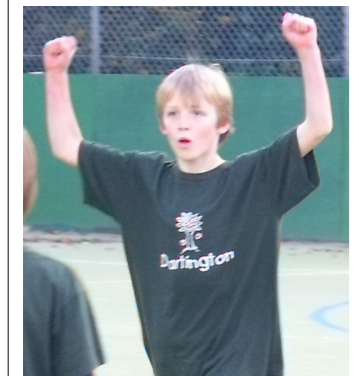
By Amber and Cate



Lochie, Rowan and Ziggy at the Tennis Ball Persons Trials in Barnstaple



Crow celebrating a win for the CVL Football squad



"It's really good for me because I can see what sports clubs the school offer!"
Molly Year 6



An extraordinary performance from our dance club members at the Dance Production, Coombeshead Academy.

THANK YOU PTFA



The School's new competitive kit has been delivered to us and it is used for when our school go out on competitive sporting events so we have a

proper kit instead of playing in our normal P.E kit. This kit has already been used for a number of events including Hockey, CVL Football and the Tennis Ball persons trial.

The PTFA (Parents and Teachers Friends Association) have paid for this kit after they raised money by doing fundraising stalls and the annual

Christmas fayre. They have then used the money to buy the competitive kit and many other things for our school. Many thanks to Alison Muscutt and her team for raising the money and buying the kit.

Without these kits we would not be able to represent our school in such a manner.
By George and Leon

CVL FOOTBALL



Dartington entered two squads into the latest CVL Football meeting for the first time this year, and all of the children participated to the best of their abilities.

The Dartington 'Green' team sporting the school's competitive kit picked up some really good and well earned points against difficult teams in the latest league fixtures. They even gave South Brent, the top team in the league, a run for their money!

The Dartington 'Dark Green' squad competed in their

first ever fixtures for the school and picked up some very good results too, with two wins, a draw and one defeat. A real team effort was evident as the squad worked well for each other to secure the good results.

Both squads are looking forward to the next round!

By Mr Smith

DART WEBSITE GOES LIVE



Did you know that Dartington Primary school has it's very own sport website? It includes a variety of information that would inform you what your child

would be up to. It contains all of the latest news, fixtures and the school's results. It also has a 'what it's about' section and copies of the Sports Eye magazine written by us; the Dance and Sport Leaders!

The home page has lots of images of children from our school taking part in lots of different sports.

If you haven't visited the website yet, you need to go

online and check it. It's amazing!

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Alisha in year 6 stated: "The website is really helpful to my parents, because they can see what sports I'm doing!"

By Alisha and Honey

JUMPING FOR JOY



In early February, children from year 5 took part in a Sports Hall Athletics event. The children participated in

long jump, chest push, javelin and many other activities.

The event was at Seale Hayne and the children from Dartington competed against nine other schools from the local area.

It was the first ever time that Dartington have been to this event and they all did amazingly well. The

squad finished in a brilliant 9th place against some very good sporty schools.

After speaking to some of the year 5 squad, they all said it was one of the best things they have done in their childhoods.

By Paddy and Yarnner



Cowen and Sophie doing their best at the Sports Hall Athletics

SPECIALIST SESSION FOR OUR G&T



On Friday 6th February, Callum, Lochie and Leo all attended a P.E specialist session held at South Dartmoor Community

College. The children did warm ups, stretches and cool downs to understand how our bodies work fully when exercising.

The children were chosen to do this because of their skills and talents in P.E. They all had a great time and

really enjoyed themselves even if some of the exercises made their muscles ache the next day.

The children should use what they've been taught in all of their sporting opportunities.

By Matilda and Molly



"it was really fun but really tiring."
Callum B Year 6

FANTASY FOOTBALL

Here is a new update to tell you all you need to know about the league so far since Christmas.

In January, Oisín took the monthly title with 147 points, February's winner was Harry M with 144 points and currently this month, Jake S is leading the way with 139 points. It is getting tight at the top of the table for the overall lead. Harry M is currently leading on 784 points, in second is Finn G on 781 points, Callum B on 743 points, Mr Smith on 731 points and in 5th is Leo E on 711 points. Who will win? Keep your eyes peeled for the winner!

By Matilda and Molly

HANDBALL FESTIVAL

Dartington Primary School's year sixes recently participated in a yearly sporting activity at KEVICC. This year it was a Handball Festival.

This festival was led by KEVICC's year ten sport leaders. They had multiple activities to help the year sixes enhance their skills in the sport of handball. These included throwing, catching and aiming whilst doing it in a fun and enjoyable way.

Despite the cold, the children powered on in the most fun and entertaining matches. It was a great way for the year sixes to interact with the older leaders as well as the other children from different schools - they even made new friends!

All together this event was a total success, and many of the children who went would definitely do it all over again!

By Alisha and Honey



Matilda and Halo competing at the Handball Festival

