

Welcome to the 4th edition of St Anthony's Catholic Primary School's 'Sports News'. This will be a termly publication and one in which we will share and celebrate our sporting achievements.



Top News Stories

Back in September **Harry S**, year 6, was selected for the second year in a row to represent the Preston City Football Team. And, **Heidi C**, year 5, was selected for the Preston City Football Team for girls which is a great achievement as most players are selected from year 6.



Cycling team- 4th place finish

Hockey team- Mini- Hockey tournament 'Plate' winners



PNE Remembrance

James W represented our school in the Remembrance service before the Preston North End match against Rotherham. Each of the 21 school children wore a name on the back of their shirt to represent 21 soldiers that died in the war that were also associated with North End- coaches, players etc. They stood in a circle and did a minute's silence after the last post was played. James loved being involved and he walked out with Paul Huntington, North End's centre back, who gave him a pat on the back.



FOOTBALL LEAGUE

CHAMPIONSHIP (Under 11's)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
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| ST ANTHONY'S | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| BROUGHTON | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| LONGSANDS | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| ST MARIA GORETTI | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| ST BERNARD'S | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 12 | -5 | 3 |
| COTTAM | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 1 |
| ST CLARE'S | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | -2 | 1 |
| BROOKFIELD | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10 | -10 | 0 |

We have made a perfect start to the league season and are currently leading the Championship table. The top two teams will be promoted to the Premiership, so we are in a strong position after 3 games. We have still to play Brookfield, Broughton, Longsands and St Maria Goretti. After finishing in 3rd place last season and missing out on promotion by 1 point, we are keen to get promoted this season. Well done to Harry R, Jack M, Sean R, Harry S, Jack S, Alfie W, Thomas B, Alex B, Joshua B.

Preston School's Year 5/6 Football Tournament

The team's first competitive football came at the annual Preston School's Tournament at Playfootball.net. With a talented side consisting of Harry R, Sean R, Harry S, Alfie W, Jack M and Jack S, the team were placed in the group of death, which included Cottam, St. Augustine's, Alston Lane, Deepdale and Harris.

The team started quickly with a fantastic start against Cottam only to be denied a victory by the final whistle which blew just as we looked to have broken the deadlock. Unfortunately, the goal didn't stand, and we came away with a point. Despite the team's disappointment, the boys came out all guns blazing and dominated the next two games vs St. Augustine's and Alston Lane taking away six well deserved and precious points. Our destiny was in our hands going in to the final two games against two sides that were also unbeaten after three games. First, we faced a strong Deepdale outfit. Up to the final few minutes the game was in the balance but, following some confusion regarding a free kick, the game was snatched from us. This left the team requiring a significant win vs Cottam to progress. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be as we went on to lose against the eventual winners. No shame in losing to two very strong teams and the boys did themselves and the school proud with their display.

Overall, an excellent outing for the team and a very positive start to the season.

Premier League Stars Under 9

Early in the Autumn term, a group of year 4 children took part in the Primary Stars event at Play Football. The event consisted of a variety of multi-skills activities including, target throwing into a bucket, team throwing and catching, as well as running and jumping.

The event was incredibly well attended which resulted in a great sporting atmosphere. The children demonstrated excellent skills in each of the events but above all, they showed excellent team spirit. The only disappointment was the change in format as the children were very much looking forward to the relay races, which usually take place at the end. It was a pleasure to attend with those involved and once again, I was proud of the children of St Anthony's. Well done to Ellie R, Karley R and Elyse B, Jayden B, Noel J and Patrick Mc. Mrs Czarnota

Primary Stars Skills- U7

We had a wonderful team of Key Stage 1 children taking part this year. The children were so enthusiastic and loved taking part in the competition. We did a variety of activities such as relay, throwing and catching, a ladder race and a bean bag challenge. We all gave it our best and were great team members. We came in 18th position which we think is fantastic! Well done to: Eliana R, Macy B, Emily B, Zach B, Myles J and Filip J.



Preston City Indoor Athletics

We had a great day at the Tom Finney Sports Hall in Preston competing against a record number of schools in both track and field events. This was a daylong event and was enjoyed by the team whose behaviour and competitiveness was excellent. Although we didn't place in the top three, we gave a good account of ourselves and excelled in some events both on the track and on the field.

Well done to Ella B, Kiera H, Chloe H, Molly R, Grace G, Rachel T, Tiara F, Charlotte H, Kzarina F, Jack M, Sam J, Thomas B, Harry S, Sean R, Matthew A, Galvin D, Josh B, Tommy T, Jack S, Jack L

Girls Football season review so far

This year, the girls' football team were placed in the highly competitive Championship division with tough opposition St. Andrews, Queens Drive, Broughton, St. Ignatius and Longsands. With last year's squad mainly comprising of girls in year 6, the personnel almost completely changed. However, following the first training session with the girls, it was clear that we would have no problem in fielding an excellent team from the exciting crop of new players.

In goal, a combination of Poppy B and last year's keeper Phoebe B proved hard to beat and the quality of outfield players was outstanding with Kaylee R, Zuzanna G, Chloe B, Molly R, Chloe and Keira H and team captain Heidi C making up the squad. Our first game in the cup was a dominating performance, which we came away with a deserved 3-0 victory. This result saw us progress to a mouth-watering quarter final match up against Queens Drive in the new year.

Our league results were mixed but having played three, won one and lost two, we still have lots to play for with fixtures against Broughton and St. Ignatius to come. Despite the squad being relatively new, the girls have played some excellent football, demonstrated desire and fantastic team spirit and have been great representatives for the school. Overall, an excellent start by an outstanding group of players.

Well done girls!

Autumn achievements

- We are 1 of only 10 out of 63 primary schools to have entered all 8 point-scoring competitions.
- We are currently in 8th place out of 63 primary schools in the Championships.
- We have had 59 different pupils represent our school in competitive sports this term alone.
- We have had 9 different members of staff lead sporting teams so far this year.

Tri- Golf

Dance Festival

Change 4 Life

Cross Country

Football competition- year 3/4

LEAGUES CONTINUE

**COMING
NEXT TERM**

Gymnastics- year 3/4

Swimming Gala

Tag Rugby

Indoor Cricket

Mini Skills- U7 & U9

Orienteering

Hockey season review

Last term, a group of keen and talented Year 5/6 pupils got together every Thursday morning for a hockey training session. From a slow start, these pupils improved with every match they played.

A tournament was held at Broughton High School. We took a squad of 9 players to the competition (Joshua B, Sean R, Lennon B, Harry R, Seb C, Kaylee R, Amelia P, Kzarina F and Molly R). Our first game was against Grange and we drew 0-0. We weren't very confident in attack during the game, but we defended well. However, during the second match this all changed when Harry R scored a goal for us to beat Kennington 1-0. Spirits were high going into the third game. We were confident in our own ability and we were determined. Cottam were a strong team and although we came close to scoring a couple of times, the game ended 0-0. We were happy with this result as they pressured our goal throughout the game. Our game against Broughton was next. We knew this would be difficult as we had watched them beat every team so far by a few goals. We fought hard but unfortunately, we lost the game 1-0.

The results from the group meant that we got through to the Plate competition. This itself was a huge achievement for a group of young players who have only played a handful of games. However, this was not good enough for our team. They went on to win the Plate trophy on penalties after some close encounters. A special mention to Joshua B for his fantastic defending!

A huge well done. I am so proud of you all. Miss Davies

Cycling

A well organised event again this year and it was even better than last year as there was no waiting around! We were straight into a timed course as soon as we arrived. The team were excellent at getting around the course in quite a quick time.

Next, we got going on the cross country event where we had to cycle on a bit of rough terrain and be able to manoeuvre the bikes on some steep slants and hills. Again, our team did very well, and we were pleased that we had given it our best shot.

Finally, we ended with a detailed course where we had to get off and carry our bikes in one part of it. There was a lot of weaving in and out of cones, but the tricky bit was manoeuvring our bikes in a circle around a cone, this took skill and balance.

All the team were excellent, not only on their bikes but demonstrating excellent behaviour. They were brilliant ambassadors for our school. A massive well done to Owen S, Poppy B, Molly R and Harry R. We came joint 4th overall out of about 18 schools. Great effort! Mrs Ballard



Tag rugby

The tag rugby team played five league fixtures this term against some very tough opposition. It was great watching the squad gel as a team and improve their quality of play from match to match. We are a new team and our lack of experience showed in our first few fixtures but a determination to succeed and a refusal to give in rewarded us with much more competitive matches towards the end of our set fixtures. The team's behaviour and sportsmanship was outstanding and each team member was an excellent ambassador for the school.

Well done to Jack S, Jack L, Sonny Q, Sean R, Josh P, Josh B, Tommy T, Seb C, Jake B, Kzarina F, Molly R, Rachel T

Netball Skills

The girls arrived with lots of enthusiasm and excitement for the netball skills competition. They had been practising their passes, running and shooting in netball club, so were ready to put their new skills into action. We started off with the passing and shooting race, where Amelia scored for the team.

Our next challenge was the shoulder pass, and the girls worked as a team to pass the ball around the rectangle, ensuring the ball reached their team mate. We then moved onto chest pass, which is a skill the girls are growing in confidence with. We did well in both challenges.

Shooting is an area the girls were worried about, however, there was no need to be, as half of the girls scored in the shooting competition. A great achievement!

The competition ended with the running slalom, where they all worked hard to move as quickly as they could around their team mates and back to their positions.

Miss Callagher and I were very proud of the positivity and team work that all the girls displayed. We came 14th in the competition and the girls are motivated to continue learning new skills ready for the league starting in the spring term. Well done Year 5 netballers- Leah W, Rachel T, Amelia P, Lydia T, Isabelle S, Kaylee R, Chloe B, Erika R.



Change 4 Life



In November, a selected group of four children, from our school, attended a Change 4 life event at Ashton Community College. The group enjoyed an afternoon of a variety of activities focusing on teamwork, inclusion and keeping fit and healthy, interacting with pupils from various other local schools. Our pupils, as always, represented their school with beautiful manners, enthusiasm and a willingness to 'give anything a go'. We had an amazing, fun afternoon learning about healthy eating, the best way to achieve a healthy lifestyle and how to work with others. The group from St Anthony's was singled out for the way they supported other children during activities and their growth in confidence during the afternoon. As always, I was so proud to be associated with these children. Well done to Byron C, Lily B, Kyle P, Dominik D. Miss Davies

Year 5/6 Gymnastics

We competed in the year 5/6 gymnastics competition on Thursday 8th November at City of Preston Gym Club. We took a team of boys: Harry R, Sonny Q and Adam R and a team of girls: Heidi C, Ella G, Amelia P and Zuzanna G. They did a fantastic job and came 9th out of 29 schools. Our overall score was 97.4.

They all worked hard before the competition and did a fantastic job on the day. All children were very well behaved. Well done to both teams we are all so proud of you. Miss Leighton.

Triathlon

On 5th November I took a team of six athletes, three girls and three boys, to West View Leisure Centre to take part in the Bob Alexander Memorial Triathlon. It was a great afternoon with a record number of schools taking part. The children had to take part in a timed swim, a timed run and a series of gym activities, working as a team to accrue points towards an overall score. The children worked well together, encouraging and supporting each other and were excellent ambassadors for the school. We didn't score highly enough to position in the top three, but our team deserved top marks for behaviour and effort. Team: Sam J, Josh P, Jack M, Rachel T, Molly R, Maggie L.

Don't forget to check out the Preston School Sports website for all the latest sports news, results and leagues at:

<http://www.leaguewebsite.co.uk/prestonschoolsports>

