St Anthony's

Sports News

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Welcome to the 7th edition of St Anthony's Catholic Primary School's '**Sports News'**. This is a termly publication and one in which we share and celebrate our sporting achievements.

Top News Stories

Last summer, we achieved our second consecutive School Games Gold Mark. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Well done to our children for their enthusiasm for sport and desire to represent school and to our school staff for giving up their own time to lead our sports clubs and teams.

FOOTBALL Premier League

Current standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
SHERWOOD	3	3	0	0	4	1	3	9
QUEEN'S DRIVE	6	3	0	3	9	9	0	9
ST ANDREW'S	6	2	2	2	2	2	0	8
ST ANTHONY'S	**4**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**9**	**-6**	**4**
OUR LADY & ST EDWARDS	3	1	0	2	7	3	4	3
BROUGHTON	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
BLESSED SACRAMENT	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
HARRIS	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	0

We have made a solid start to our first season in the Premier League and are currently sitting mid- table. It is difficult to read too much into current positions as teams have played different numbers of matches. We

Harold Slater Shield: Round 1

For our opening match of this season, we played Queen's Drive in the first round of the Harold Slater Shield Cup. I selected five year 5 boys for this first match which is great for the future of football in school. We started on the front foot and had a great opportunity to take an early lead but unfortunately, Sean R shot wide. Queen's Drive then took control of the match but despite dominating territory they didn't manage to create much. We had another great chance to take the lead half- way through the second half, but Patrick Mc shot wide. Queen's Drive then took the lead. We had one more good chance to score and equalise, but Patrick Mc volleyed just wide. It was a difficult chance and Patrick did extremely well to be in the right place and make such a great contact. We lost the match 1-0 but I was proud of our performance. We look forward to competing in the Kids' Cup Tournament next Thursday and our first league match of the season against Sherwood on Friday. Well done to Sonny Q, Liam B, Heidi C, Joshua B, Sean R, Joshua M, Bobby W, Jayden B and Patrick Mc.

EFL Yr 5/6 Kids Cup 6-a-side

We entered the Kids Cup on the back of our first 7 a-side match of the 2019/20 season and unfortunately, despite a spirited performance, a 1-0 defeat against Queen's Drive. However, we felt positive about our chances in the tournament.

We were placed in a group with some of the favourites to win the competition and this became apparent in our slow start with two defeats, 4-0 against Fulwood and Cadley and 3-0 against Queen's Drive (the eventual runners-up). We then faced the unbeaten St Joseph's. This was our best performance and we ended up winning the match 1-0 with a late goal. What impressed me the most about our performance was the effort our team put into turning our fortunes around and winning this match. We played well in our next fixture and took a 1-0 lead against Our Lady & St Edward's, but we conceded an equaliser before succumbing to a late second. In our final group fixture, we fell to a 2-1 defeat against Harris- a match we should have won. We are feeling confident about a positive league campaign although we are sure to face some challenges throughout the season as we are competing in the Premier League. Well done to Sonny Q, Sean R, Heidi C, Joshua B, Jayden B, Bobby W, Josh M.

Girls Football Tournament

St. Anthony's year 5/6 girls' football team took part in the Preston School Football Tournament at UCLAN on the 9th October. Thirty teams competed for honours. We were placed in a competitive qualifying group that included Harris, Sherwood, Queen's Drive and Grimsargh.

The girls absolutely dominated in our first game versus Harris, but time was our enemy as we failed to find the winning goal- the match ended 0-0. Our second game was against a strong Grimsargh outfit, who had won their opening match convincingly. With this in mind, we went out all guns blazing and fired into the lead with a fantastic goal by the outstanding Heidi C only to be pegged back with a late equaliser. The girls continued their fine form with a convincing 2-0 win against Queen's Drive with both goals coming from Heidi C, who was a stand-out performer in the tournament. This set up a tense decider against an unbeaten Sherwood. The odds were against us with Sherwood brimming with confidence but, with both teams on equal points after three games, all was to play for. The game was end to end with both teams creating chances and playing some fantastic football but yet again time was against us and the game finished 0-0. Although we were unbeaten, only the top team progressed, and we dropped out at the group stage with Sherwood having the better goal difference.

Despite their disappointment, the team can hold their heads high for their conduct and team spirit, not to mention their excellent football. An enjoyable day out and lots of promise for the talented girls' football team in the league this year. A massive well done to Heidi C, Chloe H, Kiera H, Holly J, Elyse B and Karley R.

Girls FOOTBALL Championship League

Current standings

The girls have made a great start to their league campaign and remain unbeaten. We have played the current top two teams and are looking forward to the remaining league matches. Schools finishing in the top 2 positions will be promoted to the Premier League next season.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
ST MICHAEL'S	3	3	0	0	13	3	10	9
ST ANDREW'S	5	1	2	2	6	7	-1	5
ST ANTHONY'S	2	1	1	0	5	1	4	4
COTTAM	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
ST JOSEPH'S	3	1	0	2	2	6	-4	3
BLESSED SACRAMENT	3	0	1	2	1	10	-9	1

Primary Indoor Athletics Competition

On Friday 22nd November, we took 18 children to the Sir Tom Finney UCLAN Sports Hall to take part in the Primary Indoor Athletics Competition. Our athletes were incredible ambassadors for St Anthony's and behaved with respect, resilience and put in great effort in their chosen skills.

The obstacle race was the most successful track event our team competed in. In the field events, the girls scored highly in the vertical jump and the boys competed strongly in the speed bounce. Overall, we finished in 15th place out of 25 schools.

Well done to Kiera D, Eve B, Grace G, Karley R, Heidi C, Zuzanna G, Charlotte H, Lily May SF, Leah W, Joshua B, Josh M, Jack L, Bobby W, Bobby P, Noel J, Patrick Mc, Sonny Q, Joe H

Year 3/4 Mini- skills

On Thursday 10th October, a team of six year 4 children represented our school in the mini-skills competition at Prestons' College. They competed in 6 events which included throwing for accuracy, throwing for speed, shuttle sprints and hurdles. The team were a credit to our school and showed great skill and speed, finishing in 10th place. Well done to Zaya B, Daniel G, Grace H, Bobby P, Deneo S and Lucy T.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019-20

Division 1

This year, the school championship table has been split into three divisions. Division 1 is made up of the top finishing 16 schools from last year's school championship table; division 2 is made up of the remaining schools and division 3 is made up of small schools. We are in division 1.

DIVISION ONE School Name	Kurling /Boccia	Kids cup 6-side football	Girls football	U9 mini skills	Mini hockey	Triathlon	U7 mini skills	5-6 gymnastics	Indoor athletics	Netball Skills	TOTAL
St Andrew's	30	60	85	100	90	100	90	100	90	90	835
Sherwood	30	90	95	90	80	85	60	90	80	100	800
Queens Drive	30	95	45	70	85	90	85	95	90	80	765
Our Lady & St Edwards	30	75	0	80	100	95	95	85	95	95	750
Broughton	30	60	100	0	95	40	80	80	100	70	655
St Joseph's	30	60	75	60	80	55	70	75	75	75	655
St Anthony's	**30**	**45**	**85**	**65**	**60**	**75**	**50**	**65**	**60**	**40**	**575**
Goosnargh Oliverson's	30	75	75	75	60	70	0	60	65	35	545
St Maria Goretti	30	35	90	85	50	60	55	45	0	60	510
Fulwood & Cadley	30	85	55	45	0	50	75	40	55	55	490
Longsands	0	45	0	95	0	80	100	35	0	85	440
Kennington	30	35	75	50	50	45	45	55	0	45	430
St Clares	0	85	75	0	0	0	0	70	70	65	365
Alston lane	0	0	0	55	80	0	65	50	50	50	350
Cottam	0	100	50	0	40	65	0	25	0	0	280
St Lawrence	30	75	0	0	80	0	0	30	0	0	215

Triathlon

On Monday 25th November, a team of six athletes, three girls and three boys, represented our school in the Bob Alexander Memorial Triathlon at West View Leisure Centre. It was a great afternoon with 22 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. We competed in the gym tests first and performed superbly. We achieved the 8th highest score of all schools. We then moved onto the swim- we knew this was our weakest discipline, but the team tried their best and achieved better times than they had in practice. We achieved the 15th best score. The run was the final event and one we were looking forward to as all our team are strong runners. Each child had to run 8 laps, 500m equivalent, before tagging the next team member. The time stopped when the last runner crossed the line. We ran in heat 3 and won this heat by 2 laps, achieving the 2nd best time of all schools. When all points were added from the three disciplines, we finished in 8th place which is a great achievement, especially as our three boys are in year 5 and will be eligible next year. The children worked well together, encouraging and supporting each other and were excellent ambassadors for the school.
Team: Heidi C, Kiera H, Chloe H, Bobby W, Jayden B, Josh M.

Hockey League

A squad of 9 players represented St Anthony's in Division 3 of the Hockey League (Joshua B, Jayden B, Josh M, Jake B, Kaylee R, Karlee R, Elyse B, Holly J and Lilly-Mae F). Our first game was against Goosnargh. We started off very confidently, with the team determined to keep possession and we mercilessly attacked the opposition. The hard work paid off; we won 2-0!

Spirits were high going into the second match, where we played Lea St Mary's. This was a game that we totally dominated. The team kept the ball in our opponents' half for most of the game and our goalie (Jake B) was only required to make one save! The match ended with St Anthony's winning 4-0.
Our players went into the final match with the belief that they could beat anyone on the day. Although we lacked some of the attack that we had previously shown, we still won 1-0. This incredible run of wins meant that we were crowned Division 3 Champions; without even conceding a goal.

All this means that we have gained our second promotion in two years and will next season be playing in Division 2. I am so proud of this team, who had never played a game together before this season. Every single member showed determination, resilience and the understanding of the meaning of teamwork.

Hockey tournament

A team of Year 5/6 children represented our school at the Hockey Festival at Broughton High School. After winning Division 3, we were optimistic, but we knew that we would be playing against teams in higher leagues than us. We were a little nervous in our first game, but we held on to a 1-1 draw against St Joseph's. Unfortunately, our next game was against Sherwood, we knew this would be probably our hardest game and we ended up losing 2-0 but we put up a fight. We drew against St Maria Goretti and then beat Cottam 3-0 before drawing our final match. When the results were being added up, we were hopeful that we might just make it through to the knockouts, but it wasn't meant to be. We just missed out. I was extremely proud of the all the children for how they played and how they conducted themselves during the Festival.

Thank you for being great ambassadors for our school, Joshua B, Jake B, Jayden B, Josh M, Elyse B, Holly J, Lilly-Mae F, Karley R and Kaylee R.

Year 1/2 Mini-skills

On Thursday 7th November, Mrs Livesey and I attended an U7 Mini Skills event at Preston's College for six Year 2 children. Throughout the event, the children took part in six activities that required the fundamental skills of throwing, catching, passing, aiming at a target, hurdles, relay, running and following instructions. The children had to work as a team effectively and within a certain time frame had to gain as many points as possible. The enjoyment of this event was evident throughout and the children took part with enthusiasm and determination. Every member of the team became more confident and skilful as we progressed through each of the mini skills activities.
We were extremely proud of them and the way they represented St Anthony's. Well done Cai D, Annie S, Louis M, Vanessa K, Ernie P and Poppy K. Mrs Walmsley.

Boccia and Kurling

On Thursday 26th September, a group of year 3/4 children represented our school in the inter-school boccia and kurling event at West View Leisure Centre. This is a new event on the school calendar and was introduced to encourage enjoyment rather than competition. Our children most certainly enjoyed themselves. We took part in a variety of boccia and kurling activities and scored plenty of points in each. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the smiles on our children's faces and the success that each of them had. Well done to Keaton S, Connor H, Jack M, Dominik D, Lula B, Aizah H and Milly S.

Tag Rugby

The tag rugby team, comprising of six boys and three girls took part in a series of league matches at UCLan sports arena during November. The team played extremely well demonstrating excellent passing and running skills. The results of our matches and our overall ranking in the league did not reflect how well the children gelled and performed as a team and we were unlucky not to win more matches. It was great to see how the children improved their performance from match to match.

Team: Joe H, Noel J, Josh B, Jake B, Chloe B, Karley R, Alyse B, Seb C, Owen L

Gymnastics- Year 5/6

On Thursday 14th November, we competed in the year 5/6 gymnastics competition. We took a team of three boys and a team of four girls. All gymnasts performed a floor routine and competed on the vault. We finished in 8th place of 16 schools. Our overall score was 95.7.

They all worked hard before the competition and did a fantastic job on the day especially as some of the team hadn't done any gymnastics before. All children were very well behaved. Well done to Sonny Q, Adam R and Charlie W and Zuzanna G, Bethany F, Dominique RT and Lilly May SF. Miss Leighton.

Netball skills

A group of Year 4 and 5 children took part in the Netball Skills Competition at Preston's College. The competition allowed the children to demonstrate their sprinting, passing and shooting skills; skills that are essential when playing a game of netball.

It was a strong start with our team opening the games with goals galore, scoring within such a short time frame. It was great to see the children perform well under pressure. The whole team were focused and worked well together during this challenge. Following on from this was another shooting challenge. This time the children had to line up, pass the ball from the back to the front and then shoot. The children successfully passed, received and aimed towards the target with no problems; it was great to see all children encouraging each other. Two passing challenges followed, where the children had to pass the netball around their allocated space as quickly as they could, ensuring their pass was precise and correct, whether it be chest pass or shoulder pass. They all worked hard putting their new skills into practice and beat their personal record of passes from training.

To conclude the afternoon, the children raced against other schools in a running slalom challenge. Yet again, the team were focused, determined and tried their best to get around in the quickest time. Unsurprisingly, the team beat their personal record during this challenge.

I felt so proud as I watched and supported the children throughout the afternoon. The determination, resilience and sportsmanship demonstrated is something that all staff and children back at St Anthony's would have been proud of. Well done Eve, Imogen, Georgia, Holly, Karley, Daniel, Keira and Olivia.

Spring Competitions and Festivals

Month	Event	Age Group	Date/Time	Venue	Champ Event
January	Kurling	KS2	Friday 17th 1.00 - 3.30	West View Leisure Centre	Yes
January	Sir Tom Finney Trophy football	Year 3/4	Thursday 23rd 1.00 - 4.00	Play Football	Yes
January	Dance Festival	KS2	Friday 31st 1.00 - 3.30	Ashton CSC	Yes
February	Tag Rugby	Year 5/6	Thursday 6th 1.00 - 4.00	UCLan Sports Arena	Yes
February	Change4Life PNE H.E.L.P festival	Year 5/6	Wednesday 12th 1.00 – 3.00	Play Football	Yes
February	Mini Skills	Year 3/4	Thursday 13th 1.00-2.30	Preston's College	Yes
February	Gymnastics	Year 3/4	Thursday 27th 11.30-3.00	COPGC	Yes
March	PPSSC Swimming Gala Divisions 4-6	KS2	Monday 2nd 2.00-4.00	West View Leisure Centre	
March	PPSSC Swimming Gala Divisions 1-3	KS2	Monday 9th 2.00-4.00	West View Leisure Centre	
March	Indoor Cricket	Year 4	Wednesday 11th 1.00 – 3.30	Preston's College	
March	Quick Sticks	Year 5/6	Friday 13th 12.30 – 3.30	UCLan Sports Arena	Yes
March	Indoor Cricket	Year 4	Wednesday 18th 1.00 – 3.30	Preston's College	
March	Mini Skills	Year 1/2	Thursday 19th 1.00-2.30	Preston's College	Yes
March	PPSSC Cross Country	Year 5/6	Wednesday 25th 4.00 - 5.30	Archbishop Temple	Yes
April	Tri Golf	Year 3/4	Wednesday 1st 1.00 – 3.30	Preston's College	Yes

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