

South Farnham Sports Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019



Despite the miserable weather, over 100 children from the junior school took part in the cross-country event at Farnham Park. All children involved showed great determination and resilience in the pouring rain! They can all be very proud of their efforts and they all contributed towards what was a very successful morning of running for the school. Although it is ultimately a team event, special mention should go to the following children for their incredible individual achievements:

Michael S (6W) 5 th	Eddie W (5W) 6 th	Lewis B (4D) 7 th
Tristan C (4J) 8 th	Jude V (6L) 9 th	William P (6L) 11 th

Maya J (6S) 1 st	Darcey T (6S) 2 nd	Tilly R (5S) 3 rd
Orla D (6S) 13 th	Pippa G (5F) 19 th	Orla W (6W) 24 th

South Farnham were eventual winners of the girls', boys' and overall competitions. We are so proud and grateful to every runner who gave up their Saturday morning to contribute to a thoroughly enjoyable and successful event!

Huge congratulations to the Year 6 runners who travelled to Priors Field for their annual girls' cross-country event. This was a brilliant opportunity for the girls, who all had a fantastic time running in this very competitive event. The girls can be very proud of their efforts and were deserved winners of the U11 category.



To celebrate the Rugby World Cup, each class competed in a touch rugby tournament against other classes in their year groups. The children loved pretending to be Owen Farrell, whilst developing their rugby skills and competing against their friends. Each class participated as their chosen sweepstake nation, which only added to the excitement! If your child enjoyed the rugby tournament and has been inspired to continue playing, then please contact Farnham Rugby club.

On Wednesday 18th September, a year 5 and a year 6 team travelled to Salesian College for the annual boys' tournament. The year 6 team were unbeaten in their group and progressed into the quarter-finals where they continued to impress with their determination, attitude and quality of possession football. Sadly, they were knocked out in the semi-final in a narrow 1-0 loss to the eventual winners. The year 5 boys were also unbeaten in their group and managed to progress into the final after two closely contested matches in the quarter and semi-final. The boys demonstrated their resilience and hard-working nature until the final whistle and were deserved 4-0 winners, winning the year 5 tournament. All of the boys can be extremely proud of the way that they played and they were a credit to the school.



Caspar M-H (5S) represented South Farnham Junior School at the Surrey Schools Ski Race. He skied incredibly well and came away with a bronze medal, making him the 3rd fastest primary school boy in Surrey. Congratulations Caspar, what a fantastic achievement!

On Friday 25th October, the year 6 children received a master class in fencing. For the majority of the children, this meant being introduced to a new sport where they were able to learn and develop different skills. At the highest level, fencing is physically demanding, requiring intense concentration and tactical awareness. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and hopefully we have some future Olympic stars in the making.





The children have played very well in this term's competitive netball matches. As a result of their determination and collaboration, they have qualified for the league finals (taking place early next year). There are still lots of matches to play and therefore any children still keen to play, should come along to netball squad practice on a Tuesday lunchtime to express their interest.



It has been an impressive league season thus far for the boys' football team. The squad have managed an unbeaten run, which has resulted in a well-earned place in, what is sure to be, a very exciting finals night in January. The boys have really enjoyed the opportunity to represent the school and have shown great maturity, determination and sportsmanship in their approach to every fixture. With lots more friendlies and competitions planned for the Spring term, children can show interest by attending squad training on a Monday lunchtime.



Well done to all of the children who competed in the hockey tournament at South Farnham last half term. It was a very competitive event, with a high standard of hockey being displayed all round. All of the players can be proud of the way in which they played and represented the school.

The Year 6 team who attended the Floorball tournament at Farnham Leisure Centre were a real credit to South Farnham School. Their hard work, collaboration and skill saw us to the final. It was fantastic to see how quickly the players adapted to a new sport and how much they enjoyed competing. Well done to you all!



A group of year 6 children have dedicated their time and effort to become the school's PhysiFUN Champions and they are there to lead the children in playing a wide range of FUN games and activities on the school's playground. These young leaders have been specially trained in the art of leadership and know how to create and run a session that is safe, fair but most importantly FUN. Just approach anyone wearing a purple bib and they will be only too happy to invite you to play in one of their games! Harry and Maya also attended a leadership academy to further develop their skills in leadership. Well done to you both for all your hard work and effort!



The children thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon at Weydon, learning new skills and playing various basketball games. Supported by year 9 students, they were taught the fundamentals of the sport demonstrating great teamwork and collaboration. Well done to all involved!

Over the past term, girls from Year 6 have represented the school in football events running at Weydon School. The event, which ran over a three-week period, saw the girls develop their skills, showing amazing enthusiasm and teamwork throughout. The girls managed to get into the plate final and, even though they lost the game, they showed great sportsmanship and team spirit all the way to the final whistle.



The year 4 boys had a fantastic time competing in a football tournament at Weydon this term. In cold and windy conditions, they battled to show great determination and skill in a competition of a very high standard. Each of the players showed a positive attitude in reaching the semi-finals, showing what great potential they all have for the future.

A huge well done to all of the year 6 children who travelled to Barrow Hills for a cross country competition. This was another opportunity for the children to compete in a brilliant event and represent the school. We are incredibly proud of all of their running efforts this term!



Huge congratulations to Oscar in 5W on his amazing performance at the U9 Grade 5 boys' tournament in Weybridge. We are all extremely proud of your efforts and well done on achieving 1st place!

Children from the infants have absolutely loved attending specially designed and delivered sports evenings this term. They have had the opportunity to explore and get involved in a variety of sports and activities held at different venues within the Farnham area. Lots of future sport stars in the making!



Throughout this term the children have participated in a wide range of sporting activities during timetabled PE and Games sessions. They have enjoyed playing netball, football and basketball during Games, culminating at the end of each half term with a friendly competition between classes. In PE, the children have experienced either circuit training, boot camp or an introduction to the basics of gymnastics. The year 5's also participated in a swimming assessment at Farnham Leisure Centre.

During recent weeks, each class has been given the opportunity to rehearse a dance routine, before being given the fantastic opportunity to perform this on stage during the Christmas play. What an incredible job each and every child did to perform on the stage. We are incredibly proud of their passion and enthusiasm! Next term we look forward to a range of sports and activities including rugby, hockey, gymnastics, basketball, Pilates and Bhangra dance.



Thank you very much to all parent helpers that have supported the school with term with transporting the children to and from sporting events. These events cannot go ahead without your support, so we are extremely grateful for your commitment to this.

There have been a variety of sports after school clubs offered to the children throughout this term, including; hockey, rugby, netball, football and gymnastics. Please look out for the range of sports clubs in the Spring term – please note that football will now be split into year 3 & 4 and year 5 & 6 clubs.



Remembrance

Thank you to all the parents and friends who joined us for our Remembrance Service. 2019 marked 100 years since the first two-minute silence was observed on Armistice Day, 11th November 1919. For those of us born during peacetime, all wars seem far removed from our daily lives and for this reason it is even more important we remember together the men and women from so many different nations, cultures, religions, faiths and backgrounds who came together and stood shoulder to shoulder to defend our freedom and way of life. A Remembrance Service took place at both sites where the children reflected upon the importance of the Armistice while some year 6 pupils represented the school by reading poems they had written at the service at Gostrey Meadows.

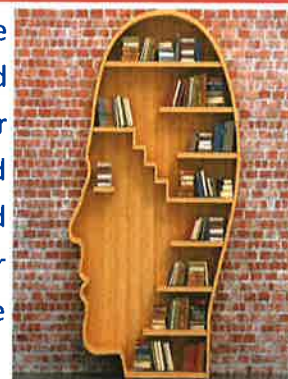


At the junior site we were delighted to welcome Alan Earwaker, Deputy Mayor of Farnham and bugler, Graeme Verroken, who played the Last Post and Reveille. Keeping tradition, Mr. Carter's father's military uniform was displayed on the stage with the school's Chair of Trustees' grandfather's medals. The children's moving performance was filmed by ITV News as part of their coverage of Remembrance across our region. The school featured in two news pieces, as Farnham sits on the borderline of Thames Valley and the South West area.

If you would like to view them click on the link to find the reports by Juliette Fletcher and Richard Slee.

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2019-11-11/young-and-old-pay-tribute-on-armistice-day/>

We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful libraries at the school and the children delight in the opportunities they have to read a wide variety of fiction and non fiction. We have begun a programme of 'libraries without walls' at the junior site with book shelves appearing along the walls of the corridors on the ground floor and upstairs. Currently we have lots of over due books showing. Please could you take a few moments over the holidays to check for any library books that your child may have brought home that need to be returned to school. We have some big plans for the libraries next term and need the shelves to be full!



The British Heart Foundation visited Year 6 pupils and provided training on how to call the emergency services, putting someone in the recovery position and carrying out CPR. The children were (as quoted by the BHF visitors) 'very enthusiastic, engaged and well behaved - a credit to South Farnham'.



