

St Hilary School – Sports Round Up!

Wow, where to start? What another fantastic year it has been for St Hilary School sport! I must begin by saying a huge THANKYOU to our coaches, parents and supporters who tirelessly spend hours watching, training, washing kit and cheering the children on throughout the year – it really has been immense!

In the Autumn Term St Hilary entered leagues and festivals in football, High-5, hockey, rugby and cross country. It was fantastic to see so many children involved in this. More than anything it was great to see children giving it their all and trying something new, with true grit and determination to succeed for themselves and the team.



In **Football** we were runners up in the Miller Shield (Yr 5/6), a big thank you to Mr. Hamshar, Harry and Justin for coaching the

children.

In **cross-country** some of our talented runners represented Penwith at the finals in Newquay.

Our **High-5** team, coached by Mrs. Holmes came 4th in the Penwith League – all children playing amazingly throughout



the season.



This year we have been extremely fortunate to have volunteered their time to coach the children both in contact and RL Touch rugby, along with Harry. We took two teams to Hayle

Rugby League Touch tournament and both teams were successful and reached the finals at Redruth where they played some awesome games.



skills developed noticeably throughout the season.

Throughout the Autumn Term St Hilary entered two teams in the **Penwith Hockey League** where they played various schools. A massive thank you to Richard Harvey, Alex Cock and Mrs Gardner for volunteering their time to coach the children and take them to various league competitions. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and their

Shortly afterwards followed our next 'batch' of competitions in the form of Swimming Galas, Athletics, Quad Kids, Rounders and Cricket. The **swimming gala** never fails to be a nail biting event, even the quietest of parents are seen to be 'cheering' the children along! We had a fantastic email written by a grandparent from another school noting the impeccable behaviour of the children and how our staff were so supportive of everyone – thank you Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Ballard.

This season St Hilary entered the **Penwith Rounders League** where the team reached the finals and came 4th overall, which was a fantastic achievement.

Throughout the year we have been fortunate to have Clare Strong and Kyle Richardson who have taught both Junior and Infant **Dance**. They have certainly been popular with the older and younger children and it's been great to see the children show such confidence busting their moves!



Penwith Quad Kids festival we entered two teams for this event (Yr3/4 and Yr5/6) All children competed at a fantastic level, with our Yr5/6 team qualifying in silver position for the Cornwall School Games, which were held at Liskeard Community College. The children showed true determination and outstanding sporting attitudes coming away with being placed third in the County!

For the **Penwith Athletics Championships** we took a squad of 28 children from Yr3 to Yr6. They competed in a variety of different events with varying degrees of success. A great day had by all. A huge thank you to Mr Larter, Mrs Randall, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Ballard for taking the children to these athletic events.



The Hardball Cricket Team went to King's College, Taunton where they played teams such as Exeter and Millfield. Our Yr 6 team consisted of children from Yr 4, 5 and 6 and they played with fantastic sportsmanship and talent. One of the highlights had to be meeting Lewis Moody (England Rugby World Cup Winner 2003 and Leicester Tigers). The children were commended on their super sporting attitudes and our minibus was re-named the 'Jolly Bus!'

St Hilary Kwik Cricket Teams have been extremely successful involving 57 children in total. We entered the Penwith Leagues



which each age group qualified to the County Finals. Our Year 4, Year 5 AND Year 6 kwik cricket teams all went to the County Finals across different venues and days

and ALL became COUNTY CHAMPIONS IN EACH YEAR GROUP!

Following on from this our Year 6 team have, today (Thursday) travelled to Bristol (The Hollow) to play for the South West Of England. Results to follow on their return. A huge thank you to Mrs Butcher (Cricket organiser/minibus driver), Justin Stephens, Mr Hamshar and Mark Waters for all their contributions during after school club, festivals etc.



Judo – Joshua and Jacob Mann represented St Hilary in a Judo competition. Both boys did amazingly well against many other schools and Josh came back with a Gold medal. They fight again next week, so we'd like to wish them both the best of luck!

Our **minibuses** have proven their weight in gold, so much so that they are 'out and about' most days, with some shuttling children here, there and everywhere... gymnastics, swimming, sporting events, trips, surfing and much more.

This year we have also had brand **new sports kit** for cricket and rugby (which has proven to be a universal kit) very kindly sponsored by Movewell physio, Clutch Centre and the Wearne family (rugby kit) and Kernow Transport and Clutch Centre (cricket kit). Without fail St Hilary's kit is always commented on, whether it's in Penzance or King's College, Taunton. Special thanks to our sponsors!

As you can all see, it's been a busy year on the sporting calendar and I hope I have included everyone in my thanks. Every year I think that it will be hard to top the previous one but somehow I always feel completely overwhelmed by the children's abilities and attitudes both on and off the sporting field. A huge well done to EVERY CHILD who has taken a sport on this year whether is it at a competitive or enjoyment level. I'm already looking forward to next year and excited to see what it'll bring!

Kate Ellis (P.E./Sport Leader)