



Summer 2014 : News this term

Well the run up to half term was a busy time and continues in the same way!

So well done and thank you to all involved in the organisation and participation of a range of events:

Tuesday, 13th May

The first Tri Golf festival of the season was hosted by Studlands Rise and superbly organised by Greneway leaders; the event finished with a win for the hosts with Icknield Walk narrowly beaten into second place.

Thursday 15th May

Ralph Sadleir welcomed year 1 - 4 pupils from Roger de Clare, Jenyns and St Thomas of Canterbury for their cross country festival. Year 8 sports leaders from Ralph Sadleir set about organising the warm ups, running the course with the children and placing the finishers at the end of the races, ensuring everyone had a safe, enjoyable afternoon's activity. The first school pupils showed great enthusiasm and determination to get around this challenging course and they gave it their all.

Greneway year 3 & 4 cricket festival involved 130 pupils from Icknield Walk, Studlands Rise, St Mary's and Reed led by Greneway year 8 sports leaders and everyone enjoyed an excellent afternoon of coaching, skills and games - a great experience for all involved.

Weds 21st May:

12 teams took part in the Royston round of the year 3 & 4 tennis competition organised by Coach, Matt Fellingham at Royston Tennis Club with a host of Meridian leaders officiating and running the event so thanks to Matt and to the Meridian team - a marathon morning with great concentration and work from the leaders.

There was a really high standard of tennis and the top 6 teams have qualifield for the finals on Weds 11th June as follows: 1st = Studlands 1 & Icknield Walk 1, 3rd Tannery 1, 4th Icknield Walk 2, 5th = Roman Way & St Marys 1.

Thurs 22nd May

In the morning St Mary's hosted a KS1 multiskills festival for 93 pupils from Roman Way, Barley and Therfield with St Mary's also providing the leaders to ensure a fantastic event. Many Thanks to St Mary's and to Tracey Stimson and Emma Brown for organising the festival.

Whilst, over in Buntingford, around 60 Edwinstree leaders hosted a cross country event for Anstey, Ardeley, Hormead, Layston & Millfield. 200 years 1 - 4 were put through their paces with some really great running and leaders ensuring a safe and well organised event.

And in the afternoon Roysia hosted the annual cricket and tri golf competitions. 6 teams from the middle schools and St Mary's contested Under 11 girls' cricket with umpires from Freman; Ralph Sadleir finished victorious.

St Mary's and Roman Way year 3s & 4s had an excellent tri golf competition organised by an efficient and enthusiastic team of Roysia leaders assisted by older students from Meridian.

Rain didn't stop play although the cricketers were rained upon as they left the field.

Tuesday, 3rd June

Freman College and leaders hosted a rather damp tri golf competition with 120 children from Layston, Millfield, Anstey and St Thomas of Canterbury; there were some great scores and fantastic team names referring to their golfing skills such as Potty Putters, Dizzy Drivers, The Happy Hole in Oners and the winners of the competition, the St Thomas of Canterbury Golfbusters!

Wednesday, 4th June

There was some apprehension again about the weather but a bright start confirmed that the Buntingford Year 3 & 4 Tennis Tournament would go ahead. Despite developing into a damp morning there was again some excellent tennis and Jenyns took the honours and will travel to Royston next week for the finals and will be joined by Ardeley, Roger de Clare and Barley. Hosted by Freman the 20 Freman leaders worked hard to ensure that the players had the full competition experience.

Thursday, 5th June

At Tannery Drift there was more tri golf with 55 taking part and this was the final event; there were some high scores and these will be compared with those from the other competitions and the Partnership winner declared!

Cockenach Cricket Club hosted the annual Under 11 competition with A and B groups involving the 4 middle schools. Thanks to Michael Johnstone and other club personnel for their work and support and to the Freman students and apprentices who umpired the games and very well done to all the players for a great standard of cricket. How good it was to finish this week's events in the idyllic countryside setting bathed in sunshine! Congratulations to the winners, Ralph Sadleir.

What a busy time of year but an amazing amount of activity.

Well done and thank you to everyone.

And we still have the Rounders Festival at Freman on Thursday, 19th June, the Herts School Games on 26th June and the Schoolympics at Meridian on Thursday, 3rd July as well as several smaller events!

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