



Park Hall Academy

School Sports

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If anyone works for a local business and is interested in sponsoring a kit, please see Mrs K Boult / Mrs Brindley or contact us on 01782 312384.

Thank you to the PHFF for providing the pupils of Park Hall Academy with new Athletics tops. They are very smart and will hopefully bring us lots of luck at Northwood in the summer term (not that we need it with our talented pupils!)

Thank You!



As PE leader at Park Hall Academy, I am always gobsmacked at the team spirit and enthusiasm our pupils have for competitive sport within our school, cluster, district and city competitions. Whilst this has been evident again this term, I am truly thankful to Mrs Boult, who has voluntarily taken on the huge role of organising the sporting events for this term. She has given our pupils some fantastic opportunities to represent the school by organising the letters, permission slips, transport, providing kit and organising the equipment. What a great example of team spirit! I know she has been assisted by some of our fabulous parents too and Mrs Preece, so I would like to say a huge thank you to you all! Mrs T Brindley (PE Leader)

Cross Country



The cross country season started back in October, where Mrs Boult took representatives from Park Hall to their first four cross country races at Moorside High School, Sandon High School and The Discovery Academy. Both the girls' and the boys' teams have done really well competing against pupils from other schools within the Longton district. There were around 50 boys and 50 girls competing in each race and it doesn't matter what the weather has planned, the event always goes ahead, so the pupils, parents and staff need to be extremely hardy!!! The competition resumes after February half term. Good luck everyone!



New Opportunities

On 3rd October, 6 boys and 6 girls went to Northwood to take part in the St Bart's Trust Quad Athletics event. The children really enjoyed this new event.

Dylan set the record of 1.00min for four laps sprint and Corey sprinted to success in a speedy time of :1.02 mins.

"I had a great time especially when we were sprinting because I was proud of my time!" (Corey Rogers Y6)

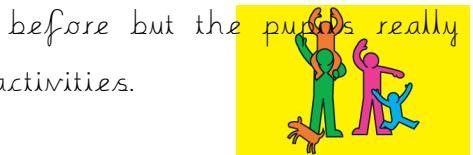
"It was lots of fun but also quite nerve wracking because the corners were really tight although I wanted to go dead quick!" (Dylan Salmon Y6)

On 9th October, 8 pupils (4 boys and 4 girls) went to a change 4 life festival at Trentham High School, we have not attended one of these events before but the pupils really enjoyed it and took part in a variety of activities.



Another new event for this year was a Paralympic Festival, at Trentham High School, for some of our pupils with Special Educational Needs or those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. We took 4 boys and 4 girls who represented the school impeccably well and enjoyed having the opportunity to represent the school in a sporting context. Our girls came 8th out of 15 teams and our boys' team came 10th. What a fabulous way to meet pupils from across the city and try out a variety of Paralympic events.

On 7th November, Mrs Boult, Mrs Preece and a fantastic group of parents, took a Y5/6 girls and boys team to Dimensions on a ridiculously wet Tuesday, for the St Bart's Trust, 7 a side football tournament. The pupils' attitude, despite the terrible weather conditions, was incredible. Our girls' team made history by taking part in the first ever girls football tournament and the boys team **WON** the event and brought home a lovely shiny trophy! What a fabulous start to the football season! The children were absolutely buzzing on their return to school although very soggy!



Sporting Success

On Tuesday 21st November, twenty-one of our best Y5/6 athletes went to Trentham High school to take part in the South Stoke Sports-hall Athletics competition where we came 3rd overall out of 14 schools. A fantastic achievement to all involved and the children worked so well as a team, they were an absolute credit to the school! We also had 5 last minute replacements who did phenomenally well! A special thanks to them and their families for helping me out at such short notice!



On 23rd November, we took three teams to a Premier Sport, dodgeball competition and we are delighted that our A team **WON** the tournament! The other teams played brilliantly too: Our B team came 10th and our C team came 17th out of 27 teams in total!

Being able to take three teams to this sort of event just goes to show how talented our pupils really are! I feel a special mention needs to go to Mitchell. Who was meant to play in our A team but then volunteered to help the B team out at the last minute, he played brilliantly and gave up his place in the winning team, which we thought was very noble of him!

Well done Mitchell what a fabulous attitude!

As we are so talented at dodgeball we attended the Y5/6 St Bart's Trust Dodgeball competition at St Nathaniel's on 4th December. Again we took three teams.

All of the children did really well, and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves although we did not come away with the trophy this time!



Park Hall Academy Ambassadors:

We are extremely proud of our commitment to PE and School Sport here at Park Hall Academy, and we are delighted to have so many pupils who demonstrate fantastic sporting skills but also those who have a passion for the subject and who make great role models. We have nominated these pupils as School Sport Ambassadors and we aim to engage these pupils in leading, managing and officiating some school games activities both in curriculum time and in extra curricular activities.



Please can you ensure that your child always has their kit in school on their P.E. days as PE is a vital part of our curriculum and is compulsory. Also as the weather is turning colder please ensure your child's outdoor PE kit is warm. this may include a sweatshirt, tracksuit bottoms etc. Children will do outdoor PE regardless of cold weather in order to meet the government guidelines of taking part in 2 hours PE per week. If your child has no kit in school they will be given school kit to wear.



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Sports Day Dates for your Diary

12th June—key Stage 2 at 9.15am (reserve 25.6.17)

19th June—Foundation at 9.30am (reserve 26.6.17)

21st June—Key stage 1 at 9.15am (reserve 28.6.17)

