

JUNIOR SCHOOL

It has been a busy year of sport in the Junior School with many opportunities for the girls to participate in a wide variety of activities. There have been numerous fixtures in hockey and netball, the teams have shown great enthusiasm and promise.

Clubs continue to be extremely popular and well attended, with pupils taking part in hockey, rounders, netball and swimming clubs on a regular basis. A number of new clubs have been introduced this year including horse riding and sailing, adding a new dimension to our sporting experience.

The Year Six netball team attended a GDST rally at Wimbledon High School, the girls finished runners-up in the plate competition. Two hockey teams took part in the under 11 County Tournament, finishing fourth and fifth in the final standings.

A new event for the Junior School was cross country and pupils travelled to London to participate in the GDST cross country competition. Well done to all the pupils for completing the course and also to Phoebe Ellis who came second in a neck and neck race to the finish.

The Junior Swimming Team travelled with the seniors to the Whitgift School in Croydon for the GDST Gala where Ellesha Swanston performed well to finish in sixth place.

We entered a Freestyle Relay team and a Medley Relay team in the Midlands Division of the National Swimming Championships for Primary Schools at Grantham where we finished in third place in both competitions.

Inspired swimmers from Year Six undertook a sponsored swim for the victims of the Haiti earthquake, raising over £600 to date. In any fund raising attempt this would be highly impressive; that the pupils took it upon themselves to organise and raise the money, is hugely commendable.



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SENIOR SCHOOL

Again it has been a super year of sporting endeavours, with some spectacular achievements that we hope you enjoy reading about.

It has been great to welcome new colleagues to the department. Miss Fraser, Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Robinson joined us in September, with Mrs. Robinson becoming our Junior School specialist in January. Our new head of department, Miss Bentley, has taken us all by storm since January, as she is determinedly building even further on our successes.

We say farewell this summer to Mrs. Jackson, who has been a wonderful teacher of girls of all abilities and an inspiration to our badminton teams who frequently excel regionally, as well as defeating all comers on the local scene. We will miss Mrs. Jackson and we wish her every happiness in retirement.

Sarah Dixon, *Headmistress*

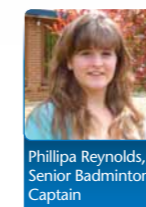
Since joining the school I have been continually impressed with the girls' commitment, determination and enthusiasm towards their sport. They all work exceptionally hard both in and out of school to constantly improve their standard of performance. And we are very lucky to have some high achieving girls here.



I would also like to take the opportunity to thank parents for their continued support, both on the touchlines and behind the scenes, in helping us to produce such talented sportswomen. I look forward to meeting more of you during the coming seasons at a range of sporting events.

Jo Bentley, *Head of Sport*

Badminton



Philippa Reynolds,
Senior Badminton
Captain

This year badminton has gone from strength to strength culminating in our winning all three of the Leagues we have entered.

The U17 team have had an excellent season becoming League Champions for the first time after winning all of their games. Their best performance came against strong opposition in the final match of the year against Prince

William School which they won 153 points to 126. The U15 team have won their league for another year running, and were also undefeated all season so are now League Champions for the fourth time. They played their last match against Campion School and won 168 points to 71 points. This team also reached the Midlands Finals where they finished as runners up.

The U13 team are also League Champions with convincing wins against Guilsborough and Northampton School for Girls.



U17



U13



U15



Netball

It has again been an outstanding year for our netball teams. The U12, U13, U14, U16 and U18 teams were all District Champions this year with the U12 team continuing on to become County Champions.

The U14 and U16 teams also performed brilliantly at their County Tournament finishing second and therefore qualifying to compete at Midlands. The girls played extremely well and both teams finished fifth overall.

This year, the U18 team took part in the Oundle Invitational Tournament competing against teams from all over the country. We performed really well winning three of our matches and drawing one which secured our place in the semi-finals, the furthest a team from the High School has ever reached in this tournament. After a very tough game against Oundle, we finished third overall which was a fantastic achievement.

More and more girls are also playing and coaching netball outside of school and this year Nicole Hudson and Verity Sayers, after performing exceptionally well at trials, gained places in the Northampton Talent Development Programme. Nicole was then invited to trial for the East Midlands Regional Talent Development programme and successfully gained a place.



U16



U14



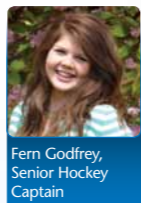
U12



U13



U18



Hockey

It has been a busy and exciting year for hockey this season, with each team going from strength to strength claiming well deserved victories.



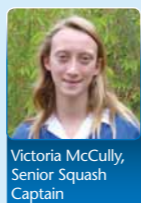
U13

The U13 team have shown great skill this year; they won the District Tournament with ease and progressed to the County Tournament without losing a game. They came away second due to goal difference, but it was an excellent performance by all. The U14 and U15 teams also showed prominence in the tournaments this season. Both teams finished runners up in the County Tournaments with the U15s narrowly missing out on a place in the GDST Semi Finals.

The U16s had a great season, only losing one match in its entirety and coming second at the county round of the English Schools Open.



The current U18 team came third in the county round of the English Schools Open and made it to the quarter finals of the GDST rally.



Squash

At squash club, along with learning new skills and improving in the game, we have had our yearly tournament, consisting of a junior and senior section. There were exciting and tough matches for the senior players with girls taking part from Upper Fourth to Upper Fifth, Lucy

Chard was the eventual winner. In the Junior Tournament the girls demonstrated how their game has improved since the beginning of this school year and the top three positions were very close but the winner of the tournament was Harriet McCulley.



Harriet McCulley & Lucy Chard (right)



Swimming

The highlight of our year was our performance at the annual GDST swimming rally at Whitgift School in Croydon. There were impressive performances from Zoe Gidden in the 50m Freestyle and from the U14 Relay Team. The Senior Team were superb reaching every final and winning the Butterfly and Individual Medley. We finished a very close second overall in the competition.



In the 2010 County Championships, Zoe Gidden took the title for the 14 year olds, with Ella Thompson closely second. The 15 year olds displayed exceptional performances with Charlotte Milligan, Georgie McManus and Alex Galun taking first, second and third places respectively and in the U16s Charlotte Bell dominated the age category.

Following this meet, Charlotte Bell went on to compete at the British Gas National Swimming Championships held in Sheffield. Qualification for this meet is an incredible achievement in itself because it is also used as trials for the English team, who are due to represent the country at the Commonwealth Games being held in Delhi later this year.



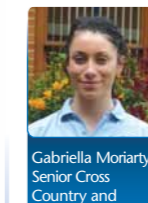
Tennis

The tennis season is only just beginning and we are looking forward to repeating our successes gained last season.

Throughout each school year we are fortunate to have many girls representing not only the school but their county at various levels.

Last year we were very successful in organizing a Road to Wimbledon Competition. Alice Johns went on to represent Northamptonshire at Wimbledon in the Road to Wimbledon tournament where she played on the Wimbledon courts. Not only were we successful out of school but last year the school team played in their first GDST tournament where they represented the school very well and were unfortunate to narrowly miss a place in the semi final.

We hope to continue the success of the last tennis season this year and reach an even higher level through extracurricular clubs.



Cross Country and Athletics

Following last year's success on the track with each year group entering a team into the South Northants Track Championships, a top five team finish was achieved by all and some excellent individual performances saw a few girls become

District Champions and qualify for the Northants County Schools Championships. Abigail Reynolds achieved a personal best and finished in fourth place in the Inter Girls 1500m and Gabriella Moriarty came first in the Inter Girls 800m.

This prepared the cross country team for the Town Cross Country League. All the girls performed exceptionally with the U13s becoming Town Champions.

Many girls qualified for the Anglican Schools Cross Country Championships with the most notable achievements being Gabriella Moriarty finishing fifth, Rebecca Leadbeater finishing twenty third and Eleanor Barnes finishing twenty eighth. Gabriella and Eleanor then qualified for the English Schools Cross Country Championships where they performed well.

We also entered the GDST cross country competition for the first time this year. We entered a Year 6, an Upper Third and a senior team from Lower Fifth and above. The school team finished second overall, which was a superb debut by the teams, with Gabriella Moriarty winning the Senior Category.

Athletics

The U17 and U15 teams competed in the South Northants Schools Athletics Championships; all the girls performed well. In the U17s Maxime Ozuzu finished second in the 200m and Gabriella Moriarty won the 1500m, setting a new county record, closely followed by Eleanor Barnes in second place. In the U15s Katie Perkins won the shot putt and Nicole Hudson finished first in the javelin ahead of Megan Exley. All of these girls have now qualified to compete in the Northants County Schools Championships.

