

HWCE SPORTS NEWS



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GALA PERFORMANCE FROM HWCE'S SWIMMERS!

Team performs well against
tough opposition

(All reports by Mr Burgin)

It was smiles all round for our team of eight swimmers from Year 6 and Year 5. They travelled the short distance to High Wycombe Leisure Centre on Friday 14th November to take part in The School Games Swimming Gala for the High Wycombe District.

Having missed out on participating last year when the competition was brought forward from its usual January slot in the calendar, we were keen to take part this year. Some of our strongest swimmers lined up to take on 7 other schools from the district: Ash Hill, Bledlow Ridge, Carrington, Cedar Park, Ibstone, Juniper Hill and Radnage.

Our team consisted of Agnieszka, Lucy, Elsie, Lois, Davi-Lucca, Flynn, Dylan and Matthew – all of who were nervously excited ahead of the event.

After changing and a brief warm-up to test the water temperature and to acclimatise a little, the races began – 14 of them in all.

There were a mixture of individual and team relay races and a mixture of different strokes too - front-crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.

It was very exciting to watch both for Mr Burgin and the members of the team at the poolside and for the parents in the viewing gallery.

We were consistently finishing in 5th or 6th



Smiling Faces from Mr Burgin and the swimming team at the School Games Wycombe District Swimming Gala at High Wycombe Leisure Centre

finish last. The highlight of the event was left to the very last race – the Girls 25 metre Freestyle Relay. We were challenging for the higher places all the way through but Agnieszka brought it home for us – overtaking the girl ahead of her to finish in 2nd place for the team – our highest position of the afternoon!

The team were brilliant in every race – cheering their teammates on and applauding the other schools taking part – many of whom had District Team swimmers representing them! But our swimmers were undaunted and always gave it their all.

We waited with baited breath at the awards presentation afterwards – hoping we would place as high as 5th (or dreaming of 4th). In the end, we had to settle for 6th place overall – this was a realistic position for us but we knew that it must have been very tight for that 5th spot. It topped our team's position from 2 years ago when we finished 7th with a team which included Lucy's big brother, Matthew and Matthew's elder brother, Robert. I guess this gives Lucy and Matthew bragging rights at home now!

The eventual gold medallists were Cedar Park – possibly showing it's an advantage it is having a swimming pool on their school site. Silver medals were awarded to Ibstone, who have made a great start to the sporting year despite being a small village school.

Our team's 'Swimmer of the Gala' award went to Agnieszka who the team felt consistently powered through the water like a torpedo but was still very modest about her achievements.

The best part of the afternoon (other than not having to return to school!) was the fun that everybody had. It was a well organised event and, no matter where we finished in any race, the team loved taking part. Mr Burgin said it was worth spending his afternoon off to see the excitement of the races and the joy on the teams' faces.

A massive thank you goes out to parents who provided transport and support from the gallery.

We can't wait to take part again – Year 5 and Year 4 start training now – we are looking for at least 5th place next time!

HWCE SPORTS STARS



Left: Sonny in kung-fu training. Right: Proudly showing off his certificate and orange belt.

THE FORECAST IS SONNY WITH A CHANCE OF KUNG-FU!

Year 2 star is loving his time learning the martial art and is racing through the belts.

A huge well done to Sonny in Year 2 who has attended his first junior grading in Kung Fu.

He had to not only demonstrate physical skills he has learned, but also had to write up some examples of life skills required to master martial arts. Sonny wrote about what it means to have both discipline and respect and

in doing so managed a double-grade, going from white belt, skipping yellow and was awarded an orange belt.

Sonny is enjoying his new sport and making friends and his favourite part of Kung Fu is mat-work. He said, "I like learning things on the mat so I can then do them in competition."



Isla (left) and Jude (right) show off their hard-earned certificates

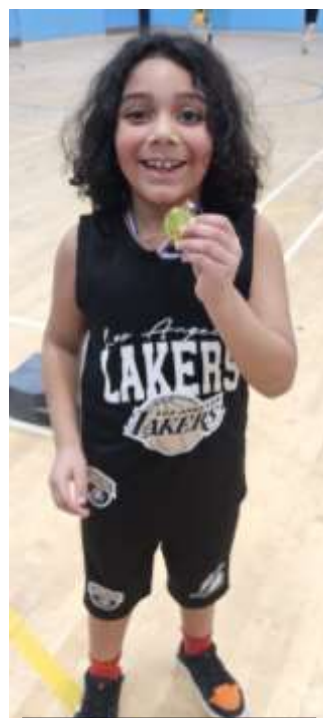
HAVING A BALL!

Congratulations to Aadam in Year 3 who has been awarded a medal for top scorer for the most baskets made in his basketball club.

Aadam has been playing for over a year now and had recently learnt how to do lay ups and can make successful shots in the 10ft high rim which is just over 3 meters tall - more than twice his own height!

His favourite teams are Lakers and Chicago Bulls and earlier this year he watched the Harlem Globetrotters play at the 02 arena.

Aadam said, "The best thing about basketball is scoring & being in a team."



Aadam is delighted with his top-scorer medal

DOUBLE SUCCESS FOR SIBLINGS

There's much to celebrate in Isla (Year 6) and Jude's (Year 3) home, & we're not talking about Christmas!

Isla was awarded player of the week at her rugby training session after scoring a series of tries in training and showing a huge improvement in her tackling. She started playing in September and is in the girls U12 team at High Wycombe Rugby Club.

Jude received his Chief Scout's Bronze Award earlier this term, which is the highest award Beavers can earn. In his two years of Beavers he earned all 22 activity badges, 9 staged badges and all 6 challenge awards. He has now moved up to Cubs and is already on the way to earning some new badges!

SISTERS IN THE SWIM

Well done Olenka from Year 4 and Gabriella from Year 2 for achieving their Level 11 and Level 10 Swimming Certificates from their swimming lessons outside of school!

The girls said, "There were lots of different challenges we had to do to get our certificates including swimming 4 whole lengths without stopping at all. It was hard work but worth it!"



Olenka and Gabriella proudly show off their swimming certificates.

BRONZE MEDAL FOR MICAH IN DEBUT

Congratulations to Micah in Year 5 who, on Saturday 22nd November, attended the Core Staines Invitational Judo Festival in Egham. This was Micah's first ever Judo competition, and we are very proud to share that he won a bronze medal.

Micah is currently a red belt, working towards his yellow belt, and he trains at the High Wycombe Booker Judo Centre. He showed great confidence, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

When asked about his love for judo Micah said, "I wasn't very nervous, I was just excited. I hope I will be able to get my yellow belt soon but there is a lot of work to do first. Hopefully I can get it by the end of Year 5."



Micah shows off his bronze medal

"ON DASHERS..."

Annual Santa Dash sees whole school fun

Our Christmas Jumper Day on 10th December saw the entire school making a run for it at breaktime. Classes gathered together on the playgrounds to complete 3 full circuits of both playgrounds (plus extra for those who chose to do it) as an act of fun and physical fitness – and to show off their colourful jumpers and other Christmas regalia. It was a fun event with no sense of competition and saw older children supporting the younger children in the school. Many members of staff gave up their breaktime to join proceedings too. There were smiles all round and it certainly helped everyone to work up an appetite ahead of their Christmas dinner. The Dash and the wearing of Christmas jumpers allowed the school the opportunity to fundraise for charity.





Andrey – delighted with the shiny gold trophy to add to the many medals he has already won in judo.

Below – Andrey & Micah celebrate together and Andrey enjoys the view from the highest point on the podium.



GOLD!

Andrey tops a silver medal one weekend with gold the next!

Just like his classmate, Micah, Andrey took part in the CORE JUDO, Invitational Judo Festival, Saturday 22nd of November, held at Egham, ACS Egham International School, Woodlee Sports Centre. We are excited to report that he won the gold in his division!

Andrey had busy two weekends in a row, by taking part in two Judo competitions. He started with silver and finished with gold this Saturday.

Andrey mentioned that, this Saturday, his opponents were tough and used all their strength. But that didn't stop him winning all of his three fights securing the gold trophy.

This was the first competition that Andrey had taken part in where instead of gold medal they offered a proper trophy for the first place.

Andrey was very excited when he saw the trophies on display and really wanted one. This inspired him even more to fight with determination in order to bring a trophy home. His family, coaches and all of us at High Wycombe C of E School are very proud of him.

Andrey enjoyed sharing this competition with his team mate and class mate Micah. Andrey was happy explaining the routine of the competition and what was expected of his friend, as this was Micah's first competition. It is great that the two friends can take part together and that Andrey can provide some mentorship for Micah.

STAFF SPORTS STAR – MR SMITH

We all know our Year 3 class teacher, Mr Smith, loves sport and keeping fit, but none of us realised that his interests went beyond playing rugby, enjoying a bit of cricket, maybe some football too and cycling to work. Little did we know that Mr Smith is a whizz (pun intended) on wheels and has recently taken up roller blading – or, at least, rediscovered it after several years away from the 'sport'.

Mr Smith said, "I used to roller blade and skateboard lots as a teenager, but stopped at University. My daughter brought me a pair of roller blades for my birthday this year and the two of us have been skating at our local park. I'm not as good (or daring) as I used to be, but it's been great fun!"

I think we are all waiting for the day when we see him gliding along the A40 (or at least safely on the pavement and through The Rye) on his way to work.

Of course, as you can see from the photograph, safety comes first and Mr Smith will not be seen on his rollerblades without the regulation helmet and protective pads/clothing.



Blades of Glory – Mr Smith showing off his skills on wheels!

HOUSE TO HOUSE ENQUIRIES

Latest House-point Scores

Year One - Robins – Running & Ball Skills



1st Riders, 2nd Skaters 3rd Bikers 4th Surfers

Year Two – Swallows – Basketball



1st Surfers 2nd Riders 3rd Bikers 4th Skaters

Year Three – Kites – Netball



1st Skaters, 2nd Riders, & Surfers, 3rd Bikers

Year Four – Hawks – Badminton



1st Bikers, 2nd Surfers 3rd Skaters 4th Riders

Year Five – Eagles – Quidditch Skills











1st Surfers, 2nd Bikers, 3rd Skaters, 4th Riders

Year 6 Owls: Quidditch Skills



1st Bikers, 2nd Surfers, 3rd Skaters, 4th Riders

HOUSE-POINT RUNNING TOTALS

1st		1083 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – KAEDON & ESHAAL 
2nd		1053 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – JOEL & LUCY 
3rd		1044 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – JONATHAN & AMARA 
4th		956 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – LOIS & WILLIAM 

After the first term, things are hotting up in the house-point competition. Despite coming 3rd this term, Riders hold on to their top spot. Both Bikers and Surfers made up ground coming 2nd and 3rd respectively.

The House captains have been doing a brilliant job in gathering team support from their members. The amount of team mile tokens in the tubes on the playground is the highest seen in a term and it was very close with less than 20 points separating 4th place from 1st place!

