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So what's been happening?

As we approach the end of our first half term of this academic year I thought I would put pen to paper on a new blog to celebrate the efforts and achievements of the children over the past few weeks. As ever, the children have been superb and have really hit the ground running with their commitment to all aspects of PE and sport this term.

The hockey and rugby seasons began at the end of August with pre-season training sessions and are now in full swing for all of the Prep department, as they contest fixtures with other schools. These fixtures are predominantly in the form of festivals, this format is ideal in ensuring the appropriate level of challenge and engagement for the children, as well as optimising the time available through playing matches against a number of schools on the same day. The half term concluded with the first school sports fixtures for our Form III class, with both the hockey and rugby teams impressing during their matches at the Stamford Festival.

We are delighted to have hosted a number of events here this half term, including hockey and rugby festivals. One of the highlights was the annual Brooke Priory cross country, which took place on a sunny Friday afternoon at the end of September. As staff, we were incredibly proud of all of the children in the way they approached their races, showing confidence, determination and resilience to complete the course. The children put into practise the tactical side of running impressively, displaying effective pacing as they tackled the course, preserving energy for the final uphill towards the finish line. The camaraderie and teamwork on show was also amazing to see, as the children supported one another round the course to ensure all of their peers completed the run. A mention also to our Kindergarten, Form I and Form II children for providing a superb spectacle as they set about completing the fun run.

Under 10 Hockey squad



Rutland schools cross country

The icing on the cake was the individual and team medals won by the children, including team winners medals for the Form III and IV girls and boys teams; an incredible achievement. Well done to Zara (second place), Luke (third place), Seb (first place) and Jemima (second place) who all finished in the top three in their respective races.

A week earlier a select group of Prep children represented the school in the Rutland schools cross country meet. Form III were outstanding and as a result won the team trophies for both the girls and boys competitions. Seb and Jemima both ran impressively to win their races, with Zara, Sophia, Benny and Shirli all finishing in the top three.

As the new school year begins it is always a pleasure to award leadership responsibilities to the Form VI children. I'm delighted to have Annie, Elizabeth, Finn and Shirli working with me as PE prefects. They are doing a superb job and helping to keep our daily PE and sport running smoothly! Congratulations to Shirli and Jake, who were deservedly awarded hockey and rugby captains. Also a big pat on the back to Bea and Felix on being named vice captains. It is always wonderful to see how much these positions mean to the Form VI children. The commitment and dedication they show in embracing the responsibilities that go with these roles is key to the development of their leadership qualities.



Cross Country practise morning

Best Wishes, Mr Smith - Head of Sport

