



## Sticklepath School Sport News Blog – 2022/2023

### September 2022

**Sports Leaders** - Thank you to Mrs Farr (SSCO) for training up our next cohort of sports leaders. We hope to see them all out on the playground very soon!

### October 2022

**KS2 Cross Countries** - What fabulous mornings back at Park School. The weather was very kind to us on both occasions and we witnessed some top class running. Special mention to our podium athletes:

Yr 3 Agnes Wines 2<sup>nd</sup> , Yr 4 Sonny Beades 2<sup>nd</sup>, Freddie Hummerson 3<sup>rd</sup>

Yr 5 Maisy Berry 3<sup>rd</sup>, Yr 6 Matilde Lourenco 2<sup>nd</sup>, Amelia Manning 3<sup>rd</sup>, Josh Harley 1<sup>st</sup>, Ted Hill 2<sup>nd</sup>



Congratulations to each and every one that completed the course. It takes just as much effort (if not more) the further back in the field you are. You are all stars!



## Rugby

Albert Slee, Rafe Bulpett and Harvey Jones (6RSO) all represented Barnstaple U11s at the Exeter Chiefs Land Rover Cup. The boys were excellent helping their team to win 5 out of 6 games against teams from across Devon and Somerset. Well done boys.



**Yr 3 Multi Skills Festival** - A great morning was had by all at the Yr3 Multi Skills event at Park School. The children took part in eight different activities involving passing, shooting, dribbling and learning skills for playing football, netball and rugby. As always it was great to see many of our ex-pupils leading and running the stations as sports leaders.

## November 2022

**Gliddon & Squire** - Last month Sonny entered the first Gliddon & Squire race for the season and he did amazingly well finishing 10th. This made him realise the stakes were high, and the other boys attending were all very quick. They had the second race at the weekend and Sonny absolutely smashed it coming first place - Fabulous news! Well done to other Sticklepath runners that were spotted too 😊



**ND Primary Climbing Completion** - These five Sticklepath pupils took part in the Climbing Competition at Rock and Rapid. They all competed for The Kids' Adventure Company who won the event!!!! They all climbed really well and showed great effort, perseverance and team spirit.



**Rising Stars** - A small group of Yr 6 Sticklepath children had the most enjoyable day out with other primary schools at the new Leisure Centre. Under the guidance of Mrs Farr they spent the morning in Falcons gym and the afternoon in the tennis centre learning new skills as part of the Rising Stars programme.

**January 2023**

**Balance Ability** – our Reception classes had a lovely time learning new cycling skills with Kevin and Bradley our Bikeability Instructors. They had such fun and were so attentive and well behaved!





**Yr 4 Tennis** - Yr 4's had a lovely morning learning new tennis skills at the Tarka Tennis Centre. Thank you to Mrs Farr and the Park School Sports Leaders for running the event.



**Sportshall Competition** - Congratulations to our Yr 6 Sportshall team that WON the Park School event this morning. In a dominant display they took first place in four of the six events and came second in two others. They

**We are the CHAMPIONS!** ⚽

Our Yr 5/6 girls football team played some fantastic football to win the Park School tournament. Four wins and two draws saw them top of the table and winning some silverware for our cabinet!

They all showed great teamwork and were superb in both attack and defence. Thank you to their coach Gina for her support. We now look forward to the North Devon Finals at Kingsley School.





**February 2023** - Whoop whoop, another victory for 'Team Sticklepath' - winners of the Barnstaple Netball tournament - next stop North Devon Finals! Such great play and team work from them all, congratulations 🥳

**Bikeability** – The first group of Yr 5/6 children hit the roads this morning. This year we have had 48 students participating. Thank you to Neil and Bradley from Devon County who continue to provide this training free of charge.



**Yr 6 Rising Stars** - Our Yr 6 'Rising Stars' spent the morning at Pilton School learning new basketball skills with Mr Hill, Mr Roper and children from other Barnstaple Primary Schools. They had the most enjoyable morning which culminated in small sided games.





**Dance Festival** – we took a group of KS2 children to a dance festival at Park School. They worked with the Park School dance teacher and GCSE dance students to build a dance to High School Musical. Some parts were choreographed and some improvised. What a fabulous bunch they were taking part with lots of effort and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Jayden and Mollie who were picked out as dancers of the day in their groups for their dance work, increased confidence and support to others. 😊



### March 2023



**North Devon Girls' Football Finals** - Well done to our girls' team who played in the North Devon Finals at Kingsley School. They played some great football in their pool, narrowly missing out on a place in the play-offs. As always they played with guts and determination. We were very proud of the team work and respect shown to the opposition and officials. Big thanks to Gina for her time coaching the girls this season.

### North Devon Netball

**Finals** - This trophy has eluded us every year until now. One member not feeling their best then scoring a crucial goal, and another nearly knocking herself out in the final but back on her feet to finish. Their game play and skill was absolutely awesome and



every player a real star ★- 6 matches, 6 wins and only 6 goals conceded over the whole tournament. They have now qualified for the County Finals in Paignton.

**North Devon Sportshall Finals** - Well done to our Yr 6 athletes that took part in the North Devon finals at Bideford College. It was a tough competition which saw us finish in eighth place out of fourteen schools. As always we were very proud of their commitment, attitude and support of each other.



**Devon Netball Finals** - What a great day at the Devon Netball finals and what a fabulous facility in Paignton. We won some matches and lost some matches but they were tantalisingly close scores and there were some very tall children! We finished in 5th position which I consider to be outstanding seeing as there are 366 primary schools in Devon. It was an amazing experience for the children to play at such a high level. Thank you to Cheryl for being a super supporter/coach/taxi 😊



**North Devon Gymnastics** - North Devon Gymnastics Competition - What a great day at Kingsley School, our gymnasts did us proud, every one of them doing their very best. It must be very scary performing in front of all those people! Practice makes perfect so well done to all the children for their hard work. Huge thanks to Tara for prepping them so well and giving up her weekend to ensure they all got to experience this great event.



Big congratulations to them all but especially our individual medallists:

Ted - Gold

Abigail - Gold

Reuben - U11 Gold

Conrad - Bronze

Under 7 Boys Team - Gold

Under 7 Girls Team - Silver

Under 11 Mixed - Gold

Good job we have a new trophy cabinet!



**Rich Parker, GB Athlete** - We had such a great time with Rich Parker and Tom from Sports For Schools. Rich shared his inspiring story with the children in assembly. It was clear that

he had a growth mindset throughout his career. After a humiliating failure, crashing out at his first attempt at the World Championships, he picked himself up to win many major medals at the X Games and other championships. There was also a question and answer session at the end. Following assembly we all took part (staff included) in a fun fitness workout. It was a manic morning with 400 plus children moving through the hall.

Thank you to all you parents that supported the school with the fundraising sponsorship - a large part of this money will go to our school to purchase new PE resources.



## Yr 6 Boys' Football Tournament at Park School

- The Year 6 boys' football tournament was amazing. After winning all our pool matches we went into the semi-finals against Our Lady's, this culminated in extra time, golden goal then a penalty shootout. A tense few minutes ensued with our goalie pulling off a great save and all of ours scoring to make the final.

Moving onto the final against Orchard Vale we went a goal down. With only a minute left on the clock we equalised then again it went to extra time, golden goal and penalty shootout. With a large crowd of Park students cheering us on from the terraces it went down to the last shot and we won! It was an amazing feeling for the boys! Winners and qualifiers for the North Devon Finals 🏆🏈 it was all very stressful for the manager 😅



## April 2023



Yr 2 have had a great morning at the Tarka Tennis Centre where they practised their tennis skills. The fun circuits were completed with enthusiasm and all of the children were so polite and well behaved, it was a pleasure to take them. Thank you to all the Park School sports leaders that helped run the event and our volunteer parents.



**May 23**



**Yr 1 Multi Skills** - It is always a delightful morning with the Yr1s at their multi skills festival at Park School. They all joined in and had a really fun morning trying out eight different sports stations. It is always great to see our ex-pupils taking up their roles as Sports Leader too!

**Torrington Aquathlon** - Congratulations to our Yr 5/6 Aquathlon team who raced at Torrington today. This event is a huge challenge, so well done to every one of you for your amazing efforts.



**June 2023**

**Olympic Legacy Relay** – We are so proud of our team - 13 schools, 9 races, 7 wins and two 2nd's made Sticklepath unbeatable. Each athlete ran their socks off. Thank you to those that stepped up to the mark and to those that made sensible decisions for the benefit of the Team. Guts, determination and teamwork made the day. You were simply awesome 🤘





## Sports Days -



KS 2 - Two fabulous sunny sports days. Congratulations to the Red Team (Yr 5/6) and Green Team (Yr 3/4) and our individual winners.

**KS1 and Reception Sports Days -** What a fabulous atmosphere at our lower school sports days. They were full of fun and enthusiasm. Well done to everyone but especially to our sprint finalists and to the winning teams France (Yr1/2) and Crabs (Reception)

A big thank you to our Yr 6 sports leaders who did an excellent job running the events and encouraging the children and to the parents for being so supportive. Thanks also to our marvellous PTFA for providing refreshments.





**Yr 5 Cricket Festival** - Congratulations to all our Yr 5s who enjoyed the cricket festival at Pilton Cricket Club. We had three gold medal winning teams who topped their groups - an excellent day's play!



**Rising Stars 2023** – Day 3 - Our Yr 6 pupils had a great day out as part of the Rising Stars programme at Skern Lodge. They challenged themselves and worked in teams with children from other Barnstaple primary schools.





**July 2023 –**

**In-line Skating Workshop** – It was fabulous to welcome GB skater Rich Parker back into school to run a workshop with our Yr6's. After apprehensive starts most were up confidently whizzing around the hall and completing challenges.



**Yr 6 Athletics Festival** - The Yr6 children really enjoyed their last festival at Park



School today. They were mixed with pupils from the other primary schools to compete over several different athletic events. Congratulations to team 'New Zealand' the overall winners.

**North Devon Football Finals**- It was a hard day for our boys at the last event of the year. With all four semi-finalists coming from our pool it was always going to be a tough ask to qualify for the play-offs. It was a very well organised tournament and the boys enjoyed the day and gave it their best shot. They should all be very proud to have been part of the Sticklepath Football Team.

