



SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

After winning their regional round, the athletes went off to Harrow Leisure Centre for the North London Youth Games Finals. The boys and girls all gave their best effort and all of their practice came into effect as Rhodes Avenue took a whopping 8 first places, more than any other school to win the regional and qualify for the London Youth Games Finals at Crystal Palace. Once reaching Crystal Palace, with a relatively new squad as a few of the athletes were out doing Tag Rugby at the London Youth Games, the boys and girls again did themselves extremely proud. After adding 12 new athletes, who ran, jumped, threw and bounced as high and as fast as they could, they did their school and the borough of Haringey a massive justice! There were many highlights including having one of the fastest 2 lap boys in London, along with some of the best field event scores in not just the borough but London wide. A great achievement to finish 12th in London. Some photos from the LYG are below.



HOCKEY

Our Red and Blue squads for Hockey went off to the Haringey Championships at Fortismere school. Both squads had put practice in and were ready for the challenge. Once arriving, both squads had 5 matches to play against others in their pool with 5 different Haringey schools to face. All the boys and girls really put tremendous effort in moving around the pitch, as it turned out to be much bigger than what we were used to, with the goals being much smaller too. However, they took it in their stride and showed their hockey skills off moving the ball much better than most of the other schools who were just trying to hit it anywhere. Both squads finished in the top 10 in Haringey; the first time that Rhodes Avenue has had 2 hockey teams in the top 10! Congratulations to all the players!



INDOOR CRICKET

The Indoor Cricket mixed team went off to the Leyton Score Centre to take part in the Semi Finals of the London wide Gandor Cricket Championships. Facing off against the best of the East of London, we always knew it was going to be a tough event. However the boys and girls took it into their stride in the first 2 games and won both games quite comfortably. Going into the 3rd, knowing they had already qualified, we slightly took our foot off the gas and let the team from Waltham Forest take some easy wickets and managed to score 4 more runs than us. Going into the last game, the rematch against Newham, who we beat in the London League Final, they managed to get their revenge and overhaul us by another small margin. A good learning experience and the children know they will have to put all their effort in should they want to be successful in the London Finals at Lords. However, already being in the top 8 in London is some achievement which the boys and girls should be proud of. It shows that the disappointment we had after losing a couple of games means our bar has been set so high and the boys and girls know they will do their best to become champions!



PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

After a cancelled first Cross Country event due to the snow, we were invited back to the rearranged event, where we took 36 runners from Year 4,5 and 6 to compete in the event. This race was a chance for all the athletes to earn a place in the Haringey squad for the National Championships. A big congratulations to the following children who made the Haringey squad for the Nationals; Delfin, Manu, Eric and Josie. The Year 6 boys' team also managed to finish an overall 3rd in the event giving us bronze medals. We as a school have now won medals in every Cross Country event, for the last 6 years. A truly remarkable achievement!

YEAR 4/5 GAME VS NORFOLK HOUSE

We used the fantastic link we are developing with Norfolk House, to provide our Year 4 and 5 boys to play some friendly football games against Norfolk House. The games were all played in the right spirit and all the children had a fantastic time. All the games were very tight and Rhodes managed to win 3 games while Norfolk House won 1. A great effort and we look forward to bringing some more schools down for some more games for the Year 4s and 5s.

INTRA SPORT DODGEBALL

Just after half term, we announced our Intra School Dodgeball winners. Each winning continent from each class received medals and all points went to their total house points for the year. Congratulations to all the winners of Dodgeball!



Student Sporting Achievements

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PRIMARY LONDON YOUTH GAMES BOCCIA

Boccia, a sport that many people have not heard of, is an indoor version of bowls where the aim of the game is to throw your colour ball closest to the white jack. A very tactical game, where teachers are not allowed to say a word to the competitors whilst the event is going on, so it is up to the captain of the team to decide who throws next and the best way to approach the game. Our Boccia boys and girls had lots of practice and we knew we were heading into the competition well prepared. Our captain for the day, Solene was commended as being the best captain in the whole competition with her tactical awareness on how to throw and where best to throw it. The other players, George K, Bektas, Ayan and Maddie all threw great shots on the day and managed to win ALL of their games. This means the fantastic Boccia team have qualified for the London Youth Games Finals at Crystal Palace, where they will be up against 3 other schools from London for the chance to become the best in London! What an achievement!



YEAR 3/4 GYMNASTICS

The year 3/4 Gymnastics team went off to Hornsey school for girls for their first competition of the year. All of the practice they had done both at home and in school had clearly paid off as they all produced some scintillating performances in front of the judges. All competitors had to perform their floor routines, body management routines and their vaults. This has always been a tough competition with many gymnasts around Haringey all competing to be the best. With Toby retaining his crown as best boy in the borough, Rhodes Avenue took home the overall title. A superb performance which qualifies them for Crystal Palace!!!

WATFORD CURRICULUM DAY

We want to say a massive thank you to Watford FC who, thanks to our Boys Football team winning their Premier League qualifying tournament, came in to give a wonderful assembly about never giving up and always trying to realise your potential in everything you do and teaching mini lessons to all the classes in the juniors. They also gave a training session to both our boys and girls football teams who will be making their way up to Leicester for the Premier League Finals!!!

YEAR 5/6 GYMNASTICS

The year 5/6 Gymnastics team had also been working very hard on their routines and had practiced just as hard with all their floor routines and body management routines. Once shown to the judges, they were up against 2 extremely competent schools in Coldfall and Coleridge who came 1st and 2nd last year also. To pick up the bronze medal in one of the most fiercely competitive events of the year, shows the progress the children have made in their gymnastics. A special mention to Sacha, who only found out he was competing the night before the event after an injury to another competitor and only had 1 night in which to learn all the routines. He has also put his Gymnastics skills onto the ice by winning the Lee Valley Ice Dance Competition. He will now be working towards qualifying for the British championships later this year. Well done!



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3 v 3 BASKETBALL

A relatively new sport in the borough of Haringey, 3 vs 3 basketball is played around 1 hoop where the objective is still to score the most baskets. We selected 2 squads to go to this event; a red squad and a blue squad. The red squad started off by winning their first 3 pool matches, whilst the blue squad managed 1 win 1 draw and 1 loss against eventual finalists Coleridge. This put the red squad in the final 6 bracket playing for 1st to 6th and put the blue squad in the 7th to 10th category out of the 36 teams there. So to already have 2 teams inside the top 10 was an achievement in itself. The blue squad then came up short against some other schools 1 squad teams and managed to win 1 draw 1 and lose 1 to finish in overall 8th position. A great effort from the squad. The blue squad managed 1 win and 2 losses in the final category to give them an overall position of 5th in Haringey, our highest ever basketball finish. Well done to both squads who gave it their all throughout the whole tournament.



LONDON YOUTH GAMES TAG RUGBY

After winning both the Haringey title and the prestigious HAC PCubed title, we knew going into the event that we should be doing well in this tournament. Having turned up fully practiced, the officials decided to change the rules from 7 a side to 6 a side. This was a major downfall for us, as we had practiced playing the larger game and not with as much space on the pitch. The boys and girls got on with it, and after losing their first game whilst getting used to the rules, they didn't look back and won the next 8 straight! Due to the rules of the LYG, because we lose our first game we were put into the lower bracket, meaning that 1 loss and 8 wins put us 17th in London, a great achievement. However the other team in our pool at the start of the competition won 2 games and lost 7 and managed to finish 16th. To be 17th best school in the whole of London, should however, be more than commended as many schools don't even get close to reaching this far. Well done boys and girls!

DANCE FESTIVAL

On Thursday 15th March, Rhodes Avenue took some dancers off to Hornsey Girls School for a showcase of dances. The Year 3 dance was made of an ancient Greek dance to the music of Beowulf. They spent their lunchtimes practicing with Ms Stoddart and put all of their practice into their dances at the festival. The Year 6 groups, which were chosen after they auditioned in a talent show in front of all the Year 6 staff and Mr Hall, came together to make 1 group separated by 4 different pieces of music. They worked extremely hard with no teacher led influences and their dances were all their own creations. A fantastic effort from all the 20 dancers involved!



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