



St Matthew's School Newsletter 29th April 2016

More Sporting Success



Monday last week saw our Year Five/Six Boys' Football Team crowned League Champions for the second year in a row.

The team went into the second round of matches having won all of their previous games by convincing margins. They knew however that they were facing two of the strongest sides in the competition in the final games at Coleridge.

The team played with tremendous spirit. They fought back from one-nil down to win against St Paul's and won 1-0 against Abbey Meadow's, rivals for this year's championship and three times champions themselves in the last four years. This gruelling journey meant that an exhausted team, now carrying injuries and one player ill and unable to play, into a deciding match against St Philip's. A draw would see St Matthew's crowned champions, a loss and St Philip's would be champions.

In a fabulous game, St Matthew's went one-nil down early on and were facing disappointment. A never-say-die attitude saw us fight back strongly, though. A second half goal brought us back on level terms. St Matthew's nearly added another goal or two as the fight back continued and then, in a nerve-wracking finale, brilliant last-ditch defending and goal-keeping earned the draw that saw us crowned champions.

We were very proud of the achievement, and prouder still of the determination and team work that earned the victory. Well done to everyone in the team, to Mr Collard and Mr Wellington for running the football club and thank you to the parents and carers who came along to cheer us on.

The Girls Netball B Team have also played in an inter-school tournament, coming fourth in their group and missing out on qualification to the next round on goal difference. The team played superbly, winning one match, losing one and drawing all their other games, including a draw with the eventual group winners. Thank you to Ms Chatfield for all the time she has given coaching the netball teams and well done to all of the children involved.



As you are probably aware, in October 2015, St. Matthew's was awarded a Silver level Kite mark for School Games for 2014-15. Above is Mr Collard receiving our pendant last term at a presentation at the Cambridge School Sports Partnership network event, held at Comberton Village College.

Important! - Safety in PE

We have received updated advice from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding safety in PE lessons. This advice now states that "all watches, jewellery and cultural or religious adornments must be removed. This includes earrings, studs and sleepers". It is no longer permitted for stud earrings to be taped over. Furthermore, "schools should not accept responsibility for removing or storing rings or studs" and these "should not be stored communally to avoid contagion and infections".

This means that we now must insist that children remove and leave at home any such items on days when they have PE. IF they do come into school wearing such an item, they will have to remove it themselves before PE and store it themselves. The school cannot accept responsibility if these items are then lost.

The advice also states that "long hair must be tied back securely and fingernails should be appropriately short to prevent injury". This applies to boys and girls.

Please ensure your children have the right clothing for PE – white t-shirt, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, plimsolls or trainers.

Parents and Carers eSafety Workshop – 10th June 2016

Early notice of a workshop for parents and carers on eSafety. The workshop will be from 8:55 to 10am on Friday 10th June. The workshop will be open to ALL parents, so do come along.

Throughout the rest of the day, children in years five and six will also be having their own workshops.

More details will follow closer to the time. Thank you to the PTA who are helping us pay for the day's activities.

Meet the Head

We are organising a "Meet the Head" event for Friday 27th May at 8:55am in the Sports Hall. All are welcome to come along.