

Sporty News – Spring Term Catch-up

It's been a cold, wet and windy term, but even the weather couldn't stop the Godolphin children getting out and about, taking part in a whole variety of sporting events and competitions...

Sport Relief

Red and sporty was the theme last Friday when the children and staff from Godolphin Primary joined thousands of other schools across the country to show their support for Sport Relief. A damp start to the day prevented us from using the field, but little could dampen the enthusiasm of the pupils who embarked on a circuit of sporting activities which included ball games, fitness workouts, running relays, target throwing and racket sports. The generous donations were carefully counted, totalling a fantastic £78.00 for the charity. Thank you to all of the children, staff, parents and families who helped to make the event such a resounding success.

Gymnastics

In January, three teams of four KS1 gymnasts were entered in the Helston Key Steps Gym Competition at Mullion Gym Club. All 12 pupils performed their routines with outstanding control and finesse, contributing well to their teams' scores. Congratulations to the school's non-club team of George, Halcyon, Harriet and Evie who finished as the 2nd placed non-club team overall, with Halcyon also receiving the bronze individual medal. Thank you to Mrs Williams and the volunteer parents for helping with this event.

After winning the non-club category of the Helston KS2 Gym Competition back in November, our talented team of four – Elowen, Lucy, Archie and Elijah, were back in action at the Peninsula Finals, held at Penryn College. Competing against other winning teams from different areas, the Godolphin gymnasts held their nerves and executed their routines with precision and poise. Although unconfirmed, we think the team finished in a highly respectable second position. Brilliant!

Football

In February, the school's Y5/6 football team played against ten other teams in the Helston Y5/6 Football Tournament. They started well with two good wins and a draw before suffering a heavy defeat in the final match of the group stage. This resulted in the team finishing 3rd in their group. Unfortunately, they then went on to lose their 5th/6th place playoff against Porthleven in a tight game, meaning our Godolphin team had to settle for 6th position overall and top small school in the competition. Our team will soon be in action once more when they take part in the Small Schools' Football League after Easter. We wish them the best of luck.

More recently, 11 of our younger players competed the Y3/4 Helston tournament, many playing in a proper match for the very first time. The team worked well together, playing some super football and demonstrating their tidy skills learnt in football club with Liam and

Mr Dawson. After their six matches, Godolphin ended the competition in 6th place overall. The footballers would like to thank Mrs Ford and Liam for taking them to the tournaments, and also Mr Dawson for being an excellent coach at football club.

High 5 Netball

The school was delighted to send two teams of High 5 netballers to the Helston Festival back in February, held at Helston Community College in very challenging conditions. Our 'B' team won four and drew two of their eight matches, leaving them third position overall out of the nine teams entered. The Godolphin 'A' team ended unbeaten, winning six and drawing two, finishing the tournament as runners-up just two points behind Parc Eglos. The 'A' team will now be progressing to the Peninsula Finals sometime in the Summer Term. We wish them good luck! Thank you to Mrs Hughes and Mrs Ford for guided our teams so successfully!

As well as the inter-school competitions taking place, we also held an intra-school netball competition involving every pupil from Years 2-6. Each of the house teams from the three classes battled hard, with Levant house emerging as the eventual winners. Well done to everyone who took part.

Cross-Country

Peninsula XC Finals

On 20th February, 11 Godolphin runners from Years 4/5/6 were selected to represent Helston Primary Schools at the Peninsula Finals, held at Pool Academy. All of the Godolphin athletes ran hard, tactical races, scoring valuable points for the Helston team, with Harry (Y5), Esmee (Y6) and Lucy (Y5) qualifying for the Country Finals. Harry, who had won this event in 2017 as a Year 4, managed another podium finish, achieving a very impressive silver medal position. Well done to all of our talented athletes and thank you to the parents who supported the children at these races.

Cornwall XC Champs

Harry and Lucy, both from Year 5, recently took part in the Cornwall Primary Schools XC which took place at Newquay Sports Centre. Representing the Peninsula area, the two pupils tackled the muddy sports fields in energy-sapping conditions, achieving solid performances and contributing to strong team results. Lucy's Y5 girls finished first team and Harry's Y5 boys' team was runners-up. Great running!

Coose Trannack Cross Country Races

Well done to the 23 Godolphin pupils, and their families, who braved the elements at this year's Trannack cross country races. As usual, the standard was incredibly high with determined children from around the county crowding the start line in anticipation of the starting whistle. There were excellent performances from all of the Godolphin runners, but special mention must go to Harry in Year 5 who won Godolphin's only medal - a well-

deserved bronze! Once again, the school would like to thank all of the parents and families for encouraging their children to take part.

XC League

Godolphin was incredibly well represented in the latest XC league match, held at Helston Community College earlier this week. 29 KS2 runners, backed up with an additional 10 children from KS1 meant that close to half the school took part. This was arguably the best set of results for Godolphin this season, with the majority of our runners achieving their highest positions to date, notching up valuable points for the school team. With one league match to go (Mullion School on Tuesday 24th April), 23 of Godolphin's athletes are still on course to win an 'Endurance Medal', awarded to pupils who complete 5 or 6 races. We also have several children who are still battling for individual medals in their age groups. Keep up the good work!

Touch Rugby League

The school's rugby team continued its run of good form with three more victories in the Helston & Mullion Touch Rugby League. The team, who have now completed all of their matches in this competition ended with 5 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses, accruing a highly respectable 16 points. We will now have to wait for the final round of fixtures to be played after Easter before seeing where Godolphin finish in the league. Thank you to Mr Dawson and Liam from Acorn Multi-Sports for delivering our after school rugby club and for expertly preparing our players so well.