

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS – SPRING TERM 2013

BOYS SPORT

RUGBY

The Under 15 team have reached the ½ final of the Staffordshire Cup to be played after Easter (due to weather)

The Under 14 team have reached the final of the Staffordshire Cup to be played after Easter.

The Under 12 squad won the Staffordshire tournament for the third consecutive season.

In 7 matches they scored 26 tries and only conceded 1 winning a tough final against Queen Mary's Walsall by 1 try to nil.

Individual Achievement

Staffordshire

Under 18

Peter Manning, Tom Austerberry

Under 17

Michael Pine

Under 15

Tom Vickers, Jack Furnival, Simon Mitchell, Jordan Binns

Vickers, Furnival and Mitchell are also part of The Leicester Tigers EPDG (Elite Players Development Group)

Staffordshire School of Rugby

Under 14

Tom Sant (also Leicester EPDG)

Under 13

James Parton, Joe Wagg

GIRLS' GAMES

CROSS-COUNTRY

Staffordshire School Cross-Country

India Mellor (Yr. 9) overall 5th She was in the first 8 and qualified for the All England Cross-country Championships at Catton Park, Derbyshire on 16 March. India also ran the next day at the English Talent Pool training at Solihull and got a PB of 2.29 in 800m.

India raced at Catton Park on Saturday 16 March, there was a pack start of 350 athletes. India managed to get a good start but was pushed over within 200metres of the start. She was run over by athletes behind her receiving grazes at the side of her head and on her chest, as she attempted to get up she was kicked in the back of the head. She did eventually get up and finished the race at the back of the field. India was very disappointed with her performance as she had been training well; she had to receive first aid treatment to her cuts and grazes after the race. Hopefully the experience doesn't put her off cross country. Last year in the bottom age group she was first counter for Staffordshire this year she was unfortunately last counter. On Sunday 17 March she attended Solihull for West Midlands English talent pool training.

India next races in the National Schools Biathlon Championships at Crystal Palace on 23/24 March and will hopefully have better luck!

DANCE AND GYMNASTICS

Movement Evening raised £125.40 for the 'Asthma Campaign'. Over 80 performers took part and were watched by over 150 spectators.

HOCKEY

County 7 a-side Tournament

Third overall – missed runners-up position and chance to go to Midlands Tournament by one point. Well played, scored some good goals and worked hard to limit opponents attacks.

v. Walsall Academy Won 1-0

v. Churnet View Lost 0-1

v. Chase Academy Won 1-0

v. Stafford Grammar Lost 0-2

v. King Edwards Drew 1-1

v. St. Edwards Won 4-0

v. Friary Grange Won 3-0

Junior Development squad

Sophie Brammall (Yr. 7)

NETBALL

West Midlands Netball tournament

U16 represented Staffordshire - with one exception all six matches were close and really could have gone either way.

The performance of the girls was very good indeed.

U19 represented Staffordshire – played six matches, won 3, drew 1 & lost 2. Had we won the last game by one, the team would have made the semi-final where we would have met a very strong Bromsgrove school. It was all very close for second place.

National screening

Ellie Stevenson (Yr. 12) has been chosen by West Midlands to go forward for National Screening on 23rd March.

Chemistry Olympiad

The following students gained awards in the Chemistry Olympiad:

Philip Ecclestone - gold

Ronit Agarwal - Silver

Sharmaine Rizvi - Silver

Lauren Horton - bronze

Annabel King - bronze

Raihan Mohammed - bronze

Utkarsh Ojha – bronze

CHESS SUCCESS

Newcastle under Lyme School's Chess Team beat The King's School, Chester to go forward as winners of the North Midlands group and one of only 12 schools in the National Finals.

This year the English Chess Federation U19 Championship brings together 130 schools from across the UK. Schools are divided into 12 Zones with Newcastle under Lyme School winning their Group to become Zone 4 champion. The winning team of girls and boys, aged 6 to 16, now face King Edward VI Five Ways School in the National Stage which consists of a Championship Knockout for Zone winners, and a Plate Knockout for Zone runners-up. Two rounds will be played by early May. Following a break during the summer examinations period, the semi-finals and Finals will be played at Uppingham School on 4-5 July 2013.

IFS STUDENT INVESTOR CHALLENGE

A team of 4 boys all in 11DP, Alex Campbell, Michael Pine, Barnabus Bagguley and Chad Dawson, collectively known as "The Money Makers", have come 13th in the country out of 7584 teams that entered the IFS Student Investor Challenge. They have been awarded a place in the Regional Final in Birmingham on Thursday 21 March 2013.

SWIMMING/LIFESAVING

28 February 2013 - Newcastle Schools Swimming Championships at Kidsgrove Leisure Centre - 7 other schools contested this event

U12 Boys 1st

U14 Boys 2nd

U16 Boys 2nd

U12 Girls 1st

U14 Girls 2nd

U16 Girls 1st

26/2/13 Jonathan Stafford (lower 6th) passed the Distinction award of The Royal Life Saving Society (the highest award in Lifesaving).

12/3/13 Laura Franks & Emily Tunnicliffe (both lower 6th) passed the Distinction award of The Royal Life Saving Society (the highest award in Lifesaving).

19/3/13 Jenny Gee & Naomi Lownds (both lower 6th) passed the Distinction award of The Royal Life Saving Society (the highest award in Lifesaving).

Awaiting the results from the Bromsgrove Relays 25/2/13

18/3/13 – ESSA West Midlands Division (Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire) Primary Schools Championships at Bromsgrove School Pool.

18 other schools contested this event with at least 10 in each event.

U11 Boys 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay 3rd in the final in a time of 1min 08.79

U11 Boys 4 x 25m Medley Relay 3rd in the final in a time of 1min 20.16secs

U11 Girls 4 x 25 Freestyle Relay 4th in the final in a time of 1min 11.06secs

U11 Girls 4 x 25 Medley Relay 8th in a time of 1min 25.14secs

This was an exceptional result in a competition which was of a much higher standard than normal. Boys' teams now qualify for the National Championships at Ponds Forge International centre, Sheffield on 15th June.

Our school has qualified on 9 previous years in the last 13.

Congratulations to Charlie Hossack, Oliver Knee, Oliver Share, George Sketcher, Joe Salisbury, Ethan Jones, Finlay Macdonald and Ed Smith.

The girls' team of Alisha Jasani, Lucy Goldstaw, Abigail Carter, Eve Turner and Grace Llewellyn Leach performed superbly to reach the final

19/3/13 – The Sutton Trophy Invitational Swimming Relay Championships at Manchester Grammar School (8 other schools contested the event).

4 x 50 yards Freestyle Relay – 4th in the A final

4 x 50 yards Medley Relay – 2nd in the B final

A good performance by James Parton, Alex Mitchell, Dan Furnival & Ben Meir