

Year 6 Sports Ambassadors



We are delighted to announce our Year 6 Sports Ambassadors: Lauren, Finn, Eden and Aoife.

Our Sports Ambassadors play an important role in supporting children across Felsted Primary School to develop their sporting skills and enjoy being active. As part of their new leadership responsibilities, they will be running a weekly lunchtime sports activity to encourage participation, keep everyone active and promote a love of sport.

They will also work closely with our House Captains to plan and lead exciting inter-house sporting events throughout the year. In addition, they will take on leadership roles at selected USSP sporting events and help organise and lead activities during our whole-school Sports Week.

The ambassadors will meet regularly with Mrs Campbell to discuss PE and sport at Felsted Primary School, sharing ideas and helping to shape future opportunities for pupils. They will also contribute to our half-termly PE newsletter, keeping the school community informed about sporting events, achievements and opportunities.

Most importantly, they will act as positive role models, promoting teamwork, fair play and inclusivity across all year groups.

At the time of writing, our sports ambassadors have just launched their first lunchtime club – a football club for Year 3 and 4 children. This will continue each week and culminate in a football tournament at the end of next half term.

Please join us in congratulating Lauren, Finn, Eden and Aoife as they take on this exciting responsibility. We are confident they will do an excellent job in inspiring and supporting their fellow pupils throughout the year.

What an exciting and successful start to the school sporting year! Our pupils have embraced every opportunity to take part in a wide range of sporting activities, representing the school with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship.

This term, we have enjoyed participating in a variety of inter-school competitions and festivals through the Uttlesford Schools Sports Partnership (USSP), while also developing our skills, tactical understanding and teamwork through high-quality PE lessons across the curriculum.

We were delighted to round off the half term with our annual **Sports Week**, which provided children with the chance to experience a range of new and exciting activities. A huge thank you goes to the parents and volunteers who generously gave their time to share their expertise and lead sessions for our classes. Your support helped make the week a memorable and inspiring experience for all of our pupils.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience and positive attitude shown by the children throughout the term and look forward to another fantastic year of sporting opportunities.

Here are some of our sporting highlights from this half term...

25th September: Year 3/4 Dodgeball



A huge well done to all the children who took part in the Dodgeball Festival. You represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.

It was a busy and energetic event, but every player rose to the challenge and gave their best effort. Congratulations to the Felsted Red Team, who finished in 4th place, and the Felsted White Team, who achieved a fantastic 10th place finish.

We were particularly proud of the way you supported and encouraged one another, especially when matches didn't always go our way. Your positive attitude and team spirit were a credit to the school.

29th September: Year 3/4 girls' football



Our Year 3/4 girls enjoyed a fantastic morning at the Dunmow St Mary's Football Festival, taking part in a variety of skill activities and short matches. They showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination throughout, scoring some excellent goals and representing the school brilliantly.

It was wonderful to see the girls growing in confidence as the morning progressed and putting their newly developed skills into practice during the games. Their positive attitude, effort and sportsmanship were a credit to the school.

29th September: Year 5/6 girls' football



Our Year 5/6 girls enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon at the Dunmow St Mary Football Festival, taking part in a range of football activities and small-sided games. The children showed great enthusiasm, worked well together and developed their skills throughout the event. Their behaviour and sportsmanship were outstanding, and they represented the school with pride. Thank you to all the parents for their support with transport, and to Mrs Hinks and Mrs Ivey for helping to make the afternoon such a success

30th September: Year 6 sports ambassador training at FPS



Felsted Primary School was delighted to host the DEEP Schools Year 6 Sports Ambassador Training, welcoming sports ambassadors from eight different schools across the cluster. Led by Jackie Coleman, Lead Sports Coach from the Uttlesford School Sports Partnership (USSP), the training provided pupils with an opportunity to explore the important role they will play in promoting and supporting sport within their school communities. Together, the ambassadors discussed ways to encourage participation in PE lessons, inter-house competitions and inter-school events. They also received practical training on how to plan, organise and lead sporting challenges, helping them prepare for a key role in delivering activities during our upcoming Sports Week. It was fantastic to see so many young leaders developing the confidence and skills needed to inspire others to be active and engaged in sport.

2nd October: Year 5/6 Dodgeball



The children had a fantastic afternoon at the Dodgeball tournament, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the competition. There were some brilliant examples of quick reactions, agile dodging and accurate throwing, with all players showing growing confidence and skill as the event progressed.

It was particularly pleasing to see how well the teams communicated, encouraged one another and worked together during each match. Even when faced with challenging opponents, the children remained positive, resilient and supportive of their teammates.

Congratulations to Felsted Yellow Team, who finished 2nd in their group and an impressive 5th place overall, and to Felsted Red Team, who secured 7th place in their group. We are incredibly proud of the effort, enthusiasm and team spirit shown by everyone who took part. Well done all!

8th October: KS2 golf competition



A team of Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 pupils represented Felsted Primary at the KS2 Golf Tournament held at Great Chesterford Research Park Golf Course. Competing in pairs, the children played seven holes in a challenging and enjoyable event. Throughout the tournament, they demonstrated excellent concentration, teamwork and perseverance, carefully considering each shot and supporting their playing partners. The team showed great sportsmanship and represented the school brilliantly, making the most of this exciting opportunity to compete against other schools.

9th October: KS2 cross country



An incredible 48 pupils from Felsted Primary took part in the KS2 Cross Country Event at HRS School, competing in separate boys' and girls' races across each year group. The children showed outstanding determination and resilience, pushing themselves to keep going even when the races became challenging. Their encouragement of one another and positive attitude throughout the event were fantastic to see.

We are extremely proud of every runner for their effort, perseverance and excellent sportsmanship while representing the school in this first round of the cross country. Congratulations to the children who finished in the top four places in their race and have qualified for the next stage of the competition at Carver Barracks later this year. We will be sending 4 teams and 2 individual runners to the next round of the competition.

9th October: KS2 Inclusion event: Kurling and Boccia



Sixteen pupils from Felsted Primary took part in the KS2 Inclusion Kurling and Boccia Festival at Felsted School, showing fantastic teamwork, communication and sportsmanship throughout the event. The children represented the school brilliantly, supporting one another and rising to every challenge with great enthusiasm.

Our results were outstanding, with the Year 6 Boccia team and Year 4 Kurling team both finishing in 1st place. The Year 5 Boccia team and Year 3 Kurling team were just outside the medals, both finishing in 4th place. Well done to all involved on a fantastic achievement!

14th October: KS1 scooting workshops



Our KS1 children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in scooting workshops led by Fran Chester. The sessions focused on developing confidence and control on scooters while learning important safety skills, including stopping safely, manoeuvring around obstacles and being aware of others. Most importantly, the children had lots of fun, showing great enthusiasm and enjoyment as they practised their new skills.

14th October: Year 5 cheerleading workshop



Our Year 5 pupils took part in the first of three cheerleading sessions with Fran Chester. During the session, the children began learning and rehearsing a cheerleading routine that will be submitted as part of the KS2 Cheerleading Competition later this term. The pupils showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and concentration as they worked together to master the choreography and timing of the routine. We look forward to seeing their confidence and performance continue to develop over the remaining sessions.

16th October: Year 5/6 Tag Rugby



A team of Year 5 and 6 pupils recently represented Felsted Primary at the Tag Rugby Competition held at Dunmow St Mary's. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication and determination throughout the tournament, applying their passing, dodging and defensive skills in a series of competitive matches. They showed great resilience and sportsmanship, supporting one another and giving their best effort in every game. We were extremely proud of the way they represented the school and embraced the spirit of the competition.

17th October: FPS staff Shine Night Walk in Cambridge for Cancer Research



A team of Felsted Primary staff recently took part in the Cancer Research UK Shine Night Walk in Cambridge, completing a 10km route to raise money for this worthwhile cause. The team showed great determination and team spirit as they walked together through the city, supporting one another every step of the way. The event was a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness and funds for cancer research while promoting the importance of health and wellbeing. Together, the team raised an amazing total of £1943. A huge congratulations and thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising effort.

Sports Week

A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers for giving up your time this week to share your expertise and help make Sports Week such a memorable experience for our pupils.

19th October: Athletics with Mrs Bailey



Our Year 1 and Year 5 pupils enjoyed an exciting start to sports week with an athletics session led by parent volunteer Mrs Bailey. The children took part in a range of fun running, jumping and throwing activities, developing their athletic skills while encouraging and supporting one another. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, determination and teamwork on display throughout the session.

19th October: Fundamental Movement Skills with Mr Roberts-Jones



Cherry Tree enjoyed a fun and active PE lesson with Mr Roberts-Jones, focusing on developing their fundamental movement skills. Through a variety of engaging activities and games, the children practised running, jumping, hopping, balancing and changing direction safely and confidently. They also worked on co-ordination skills by travelling in different ways, navigating obstacle courses and taking part in activities to develop their agility and spatial awareness. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they developed these movement skills that provide the foundation for future participation in sport.

19th October: Tag rugby with Mr Roberts-Jones



Our Year 3 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a series of tag rugby training sessions with Mr Roberts-Jones, developing their rugby skills in a fun and engaging environment. The children worked on key techniques including passing, catching, dodging and spatial awareness, while learning the importance of communication and teamwork during games.

Throughout the sessions, pupils demonstrated excellent cooperation, supporting and encouraging one another as they applied their skills in match situations. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow as they developed their understanding of the game and worked together to overcome challenges.

20th October: Football with Mr Roberts-Jones



Our Year 4 and Year 5 children enjoyed a football training session with Mr Roberts-Jones. The rain held off for the afternoon, allowing the children to develop key skills including dribbling, passing, shooting and ball control, while also working on moving into space, maintaining possession and making smart decisions in game situations. It was wonderful to see so many players growing in confidence and supporting one another, with excellent effort and sportsmanship on display from everyone.

20th October: Teddy Bear run



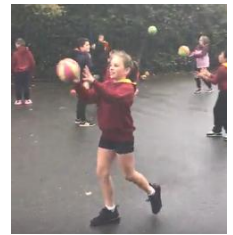
YFS and KS1 children had a wonderful time taking part in annual Teddy Bear Run. Armed with their favourite cuddly friends, the children enjoyed running around the field in this fun-filled fitness activity. There were lots of smiles, laughter and encouragement as they completed the course alongside their teddy bear companions. The event was a fantastic way to promote physical activity, build stamina and celebrate the joy of being active together.

21st October: Hockey with Mrs Hales



Children from Years 1 to 6 enjoyed participating in hockey sessions led by Mrs Hales. Throughout the sessions, pupils developed key hockey skills including dribbling, passing, receiving and shooting, while also learning the importance of teamwork, communication and positioning. The children showed great enthusiasm and determination as they practised their skills through a variety of fun drills and games. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow and their teamwork develop as they applied their learning in small-sided matches.

21st October: Netball with Mrs Parmenter



Our Year 3 and Year 5 pupils enjoyed taking part in netball sessions led by Mrs Parmenter. The children developed key netball skills including passing, catching, footwork and shooting, while learning the importance of communication and teamwork on the court. Through a range of fun activities and small-sided games, pupils grew in confidence and worked together brilliantly, demonstrating excellent effort and sportsmanship throughout the sessions.

22nd October: Netball with Mrs Rudd



Our Year 1, 2, 4 and 6 pupils enjoyed taking part in netball sessions led by Mrs Rudd during Sports Week. The children developed their passing, catching, shooting and footwork skills through a variety of fun drills and activities before putting these into practice in a series of netball games. The matches encouraged pupils to work as a team, find space, make quick decisions and support their teammates on the court. It was wonderful to see pupils of all ages growing in confidence, communicating effectively and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout the sessions.

23rd October: Football with Mr Eastaugh



Our Year 3 and Year 5 pupils enjoyed an exciting football session led by Mr Eastaugh during Sports Week. The children developed key skills including dribbling, passing, ball control and shooting through a range of fun activities and challenges. They then put these skills into practice in small-sided games, where they demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication and decision-making. It was fantastic to see the pupils encouraging one another, working together to create scoring opportunities and showing their developing skills throughout the session.

24th October: Basketball workshops with Paul Sturgess



To conclude our Sports Week, the whole school enjoyed exciting basketball workshops led by Paul Sturgess, a former professional basketball player and the tallest British basketball player, standing at an incredible 7ft 7in tall. Paul has played basketball professionally around the world and has also worked alongside the famous Harlem Globetrotters, inspiring young people through sport and physical activity.

During the workshops, pupils from across the school took part in a range of fun and engaging basketball activities, developing their dribbling, passing and shooting skills. The children were amazed by Paul's height and enjoyed hearing about his basketball journey, as well as taking part in challenges and games that encouraged teamwork, resilience and confidence. The sessions were full of energy and enthusiasm, providing a memorable experience that inspired all of our pupils to be active and aim high.

Paul also shared highlights from his acting career, including appearances in popular films and television programmes. The children were fascinated to learn about his Guinness World Records and hear how his height has helped create unique opportunities throughout his life. Most importantly, Paul spoke about embracing differences, being proud of who you are and turning challenges into strengths. We finished the sessions with class photographs and signed pictures, giving everyone a special reminder of a truly inspirational visit. A fabulous way to end the week!

Individual Sporting updates

	Congratulations to Erin who has learnt to ride her bike without stabilisers in September!		In October, Monty and Raffy were chosen to play up in their first U8 hockey tournament. They were the only 5 year olds on the team. The boys played hard, scored goals and impacted the games they played. Most of all though, they absolutely loved it! Well done boys!
	In September, Lauren competed in the Ollie Clark Tennis junior finals playing really well and winning 2 out of her 3 matches. She also had a lovely surprise when she received a special recognition award given to one player from the club each year.		Bodhi was delighted to be awarded a trophy at tennis in September.
	At the start of September, Rose was awarded 'Swimmer of the Year' by her club. Her coach described her as a 'gold star athlete' of which she was very proud. Rose works really hard with a tough training schedule of 2 before school swims, 2 hours land training sessions and 8 swims a week (excluding galas). She has already achieved her County times and the season is yet to begin! Congratulations Rose!		Finn and Jos competed in the junior finals tennis championship at their tennis club. Jos won the U9 category and Finn won the U12 category. Congratulations to you both! 

Upcoming sports events

November: - 3rd Nov: Year 6 class multiskills leaders training with Nick Wilderspin at Felsted Primary. - 4th Nov: Year 5 cheerleading session 3 with Fran Chester. - 6th Nov: Year 4 class to Multiskills Festival at Felsted School. Year 6 class to lead the event. - 12th Nov: KS1 inclusion event at Lord Butler LC in Saffron Walden. - 13th Nov: Year 3/4 sports hall athletics at Felsted School. - 13th Nov: Year 5/6 sports hall athletics at Felsted School. - 17th Nov: KS2 archery training sessions and competition with Nick Wilderspin at Felsted Primary. - 20th Nov: Year 3/4 boys football competition at Dunmow St Mary's. - 26th Nov: KS2 inclusion event: Panathlon at Dame Bradbury's school in Saffron Walden	December: - 1st Dec: Year 5 parents invited to watch performance of cheerleading routine. - 8th Dec: Whole school Santa Dash
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