

# St Andrew's Prep

## EASTBOURNE

Dear St Andrew's Prep sports supporter,

Please enjoy reading a round-up of all the fantastic achievements and sporting news over the past term.

### SPRING TERM – SPORTS ROUND UP

#### RUGBY

With a return to contact rugby post pandemic, it actually seems a disservice to refer to just the A team in this round up as the U13 group as a whole were fantastic to coach. It was a pleasure to see them take on-board the feedback, implement it where possible and move from strength to strength on the field. With a backline packed full of pace, and powerful ball carrying threats in the pack, the St. Andrew's teams were always going to be a handful in attack. An excellent showing against Great Walstead in our first encounter displayed this wonderfully with early scores backed up by further pressure. The biggest test of the season was up next, Hurstpierpoint. We came up against a side who had more game-playing experience at the time and, as such, organisationally made the most of our enthusiastic, but at times ineffective defence. We scrapped hard to stay in the game and the fact that the last team to score was St. Andrew's, shows just never say die attitude the boys embodied at all times. Lessons were certainly learned here. From this point on we moved closer and closer to the complete rugby side, with members of the wider squad stepping up and fitting in seamlessly.

Overall it was a season to be proud of and I would be hard pressed to mention only one or two names for outstanding performances, as everyone stepped up and had their moments, often more than once. I hope the wider group all continue to pursue their rugby with the same intensity and enjoyment they showed this year.

The U11 rugby teams enjoyed an outstanding season, competing against all local prep schools and performing to a high level. U11A team were unbeaten throughout their campaign, putting together some impressive performances. The U10 teams also represented the school with pride, the U10B team played a touch version of the game to further increase their confidence and understanding. The U10A team were unbeaten, scoring an extraordinary amount of try's in the process. Our junior teams started the season playing touch then the U9's moved onto contact after Christmas. They progressed really well and I look forward to seeing develop even further as they move through the school.

For the first time in 2 years we also hosted our Mini Rugby Festival for U9, U10 and U11 club teams, it certainly was a fantastic day for it in glorious sunshine. Not only did our teams play exceptionally well, the sportsmanship and demeanour on the day by all club players involved was excellent. It was an great opportunity to see the standard of club rugby in our local area and for the community to get together.

Thank you to our parents who came out in their numbers to support their children.

#### NETBALL

This season girls netball has gone from strength to strength making huge progress across all of the teams. Considering there has not been any regular Netball for 2 years, the girls embraced the sport and have adapted well to all the new Bee Netball rules in Year 3-6. With 11 teams and every girl involved in fixtures we have certainly been busy!

At the IAPS the U11 team played hard and didn't give up in wet and blustery weather against very strong teams from Sussex, Surrey and London. They lost their first two matches against Wimbledon High 0-4 and Reigate St Marys 0-3, however they got into rhythm and then drew against Surbiton High 1-1 and St Christopher's 2-2 which meant they qualified for the Plate competition. This was played after lunch when we even encountered sunshine and then a snow flurry and lost in the quarter final to St Hilary's who were a very organised team. Throughout the day the girls were a credit to St Andrew's in that they never gave up and fought hard to the final whistle.

The U13 team played some great Netball at the IAPS in glorious sunshine against some very strong teams from Sussex, Surrey and London. They drew their first match against Seaford College Prep 5-5. Up against Copthorne next the girls had moments of brilliance and showed how much progress they had made since January. Copthorne however were consistently strong in attack, shooting with accuracy and quick to move around the court. We lost 4-9. The next match against Handcross Prep was much tighter and very a very evenly matched game, every turnover counted and it went to the wire. Unfortunately for us Handcross got the winning goal in the last 10 seconds resulting in a 4-5 loss. This meant we qualified for the quarter finals in the Plate competition and the way the groups worked meant we were up against local rivals Vinehall. The pressure got to our team as we made unforced errors. Vinehall capitalised on this and won convincingly in the end. Despite the loss the girls have done themselves proud, they learnt a lot and they didn't give up and will continue to build and made progress on their play for the rest of season.

Hugr thanks goes to Mrs Price and Miss Dagwell for their support in Netball this year. We have plans to keep Netball ticking over during the summer with some lunchtime Summer 7s Matches as the girls have loved it so much. Congratulations also goes to Maisie Gregory and Lucy McDonald for their selection into the Eastbourne Netball Club Performance Pathway.

#### U11 NETBALL TEAM AT THE IAPS TOURNAMENT



#### U13 NETBALL TEAM AT THE IAPS TOURNAMENT



## BOYS HOCKEY

The boys' hockey season has been a successful one, the standard of play and the improvements over the season has been excellent. In the seniors, our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teams have competed very well with all the local prep schools. With our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams remaining unbeaten throughout the season. In the middles our Colts teams have been making up for lost time and proving they have great skill ability. Our Colts A and B teams have been involved in some really close competitive matches and this will stand them in good stead for the future. In the juniors the boys' have played in lots of junior festival matches and all took part in a house hockey competition.

## COUNTY HOCKEY MATCHES

Congratulations to Rosie Hill who Captained Sussex U13 a few weeks ago. They lost 1-2 to Oxfordshire and then played really well in a 1-1 draw with London South at Hazelwick School in Crawley. Will Fellows also had his debut playing for Sussex in the u13 boys team and he scored 4 goals! The team won against Oxfordshire and narrowly lost against north London in the last minute. Well done to both Rosie and Will – we are very proud of you!



## FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Ella Quigley and her U13 girls football team, Pevensey and Westham, who recently won the Sussex County Cup Final! The final score was 2-0, with Ella scoring the opening goal.



## TENNIS

Congratulations to Sienna Charlsley who has not only be taking part in the U10 Sussex County Squad, she has been selected to play up a level in the U11's Sussex Squad too. Her focus and dedication has been second to none particularly given all the after school activities she participates in. In full recognition of all her hard work, she was selected to train in the Regional Squad which as she said, was a real honour. To compete and train with the best of Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Middlesex is a phenomenal achievement and testament to her focus, drive and dedication to the sport. She also went on to compete in a Grade 3 tournament in Corby where she was a finalist and came runner up, gaining victory on some higher ranked players than her which was fantastic. Sienna's focus during the Easter Break is a qualification for a National Grade 2 Tournament in North Wales. This is a fantastic accomplishment and we all wish her well.





Lucca Thurley-Newton won a grade 5 LTA tournament at Henfield Tennis Club and he came sixth in a grade 4 tournament on recently too.



### COUNTY CRICKET SELECTIONS

Building on from last term's selections, congratulations also goes to the following pupils who have been selected for the county Cricket Pathway:

Adam Ibrahim - U13 A Sussex Pathway and part of the Sussex Emerging Player Programme

Rupert Anderson- U13 A Sussex Pathway and part of the Sussex Emerging Player Programme

Georgiana Pedley – U14 Performance Squad

### GIRLS CRICKET – PLANS AHEAD

As we head into our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of competitive Girls Cricket we wanted to update you with the progress that has been made and our plans for the future. We follow the Lydia Greenway 'CRICKET FOR GIRLS' programme and now have staff qualified up to Level 2 in Coaching. We are also fortunate to have staff that have played at club level and those who are also going through their County Umpiring training. In our Senior girl section alone we now have 6 players in the county pathway and have been offering pre-season Cricket training this term. We have been introducing hard ball to our more able girls in training and are now in a place to say that our Girls 1<sup>st</sup> team will be playing hardball Cricket in weekly fixtures and we have entered the U13 Hard ball IAPS competition. This is a very exciting milestone in our long term plan for girls cricket and we hope to build on this over the season to carefully introduce hardball in training for some of our U11 girls too.

## ENGLAND FENCING

Congratulations goes to Isabella D' Abbraccio for her selection to the U14 England Pathway in Fencing. Izzie recently competed in the U14 Girls Epee at The Youth Series event at The Manchester Fencing Centre and won Gold which is a fantastic achievement and has her first International competition coming up in the summer term alongside the IAPS Fencing championships.



## SWIMMING

Another successful term as a school, with a clean sweep of wins for the school team, a highlights being a fantastic win for our Senior team against Claremont, & what we hope will be some individual & relay finalists from the IAPS qualifiers.

IAP qualifiers swim team



Individually Mark McKie swam at the Brighton Swimming Club open meet competing in 6 swims, gaining 6 new PB's, & medalling in 4! **More to add from spring Galas.**

Hattie Stone competed in the 2022 Sussex County Championships reaching the finals in 5 of the 7 events she entered & with PBs in 6. She also gained a couple of regional times.

Along with Hattie, Becky Hao also competed in the event, gaining 3 silvers & 1 bronze in her individual events. Both were part of a successful relay team that won the event in the U13 4x50m Free, & got a bronze in 4x50m Medley relays.

**Becky with her county medal haul**



### TABLE-TENNIS

The Butterfly Regional Table Tennis Team Final in Bristol kicked off with a very difficult match against Devonport high from Plymouth with England ranked 1 and 2 in their team. Well done to Dan who beat England ranked 2 from Davenport 3 - 2 and the team lost 6-2 against them. After some very close games all day the team achieved a 3rd place in the tournament a first in over 10 years of trying to get to the tournament. Well done to all the team, Daniel Caroe, Barney Bathard-Smith, Guillaume Becker and Josh Wong.

Good luck to Daniel as he travels to the National finals in early April with the knowledge he is competing at the highest level of England table tennis.



### X-COUNTRY



Georgie & Bea Gribble have progressed their passion for cross country by taking part in a run at Whitbread Hollow in Eastbourne - Bea came in 2nd & Georgie a close third! The conditions were pretty rough, driving rain & wind but the girls showed real guts and did so well. Lottie Hecks and Bea also competed at the Warren Hill run and came a respective 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



House X-Country was such a fantastic way to end what has been a very busy term for sport. Pupils from all year groups enjoyed the sunshine and the challenge of completing the course. With differentiated distances to run to suit all abilities and the course making the use of our wonderful woods and school fields, it really is a wonderful site. The main emphasis is all about team work and supporting each other when we need that extra boost, whether it be to run up the hill or get back up after a fall. Even the pre-prep embraced the opportunity to run in the wooded section and complete laps of the course to gain points for their house. Well done to all pupils who gave it their best and took themselves out of their comfort zone and a special mention to our top runners in each section.

SENIOR RESULTS – 1<sup>st</sup> RO, 2<sup>nd</sup> SK, 3<sup>rd</sup> VC, 4<sup>th</sup> AR.

MIDDLES RESULTS – 1<sup>st</sup> SK, JOINT 2<sup>nd</sup> AR & RO 4<sup>th</sup> VC

JUNIOR RESULTS – 1<sup>st</sup> RO, 2<sup>nd</sup> VC, 3<sup>rd</sup> SK, 4<sup>th</sup> AR





