

Hillstone Primary School

A Year of Sport

2021-2022



Boys Football League



This season, we once again entered the Erdington and Saltley District League. Most Tuesdays, throughout the academic year, our boys team competed against local schools either on our pitch or an away fixtures at another school. Our children performed consistently throughout the league, playing 10 matches, winning four games, drawing three and losing three. Overall we finished in joint 4th place in our league.

We also entered multiple cup events, in which we were once again competitive, getting to the semi final in two of them and a quarter finals in the other.

A special mention must go to Maryam Hadi, who has been a 'main stay' in our team playing in every fixture and cup event as well as playing in our girls team and representing Erdington and Saltley District. Another mention also to Shayon and Zachaeus, who have also represented Erdington and Saltley District throughout the academic year.

Girls Football League



Our girls team also took part in the Erdington and Saltley League this year and also performed brilliantly– winning 5 games, losing two and drawing one. However, I know our girls feel like they maybe deserved to come out with the league title based on their level of play, but at times we struggled to hit the back of the net when dominating teams. But our team persevered and gave everything, every game. We finished joint second overall in the league.

Our girls also entered many cup competitions and festivals in which they have won 2 festivals and made it to the semi finals of two competitions.

A special mention for the girls who have represented Erdington and Saltley District this season– well done Maryam Hadi, Summer Brown and Summer Leigh Davis O’Neil.

Sports Council and ChangeMakers and Commonwealth Connections Project



This year our Sports Council have had the opportunity to take a lead role in a Commonwealth project in which they would deliver a sports club to younger children and also help run a festival in the Summer term– the East Meets East Mela.

As part of the project our children got to work with our athlete mentor from Youth Sports Trust– Jenny Wallwork, who is a Commonwealth Games, Bronze Medallist in Badminton. Jenny worked with our Sports Council, who were given the title of ChangeMakers for the project, and gave them skills needed to help run a sports club and help run a commonwealth festival. Our ChangeMakers got the chance to attend an ‘opening ceremony’ at the Alexander Stadium and meet athletes who will be representing Great Britain in the Commonwealth Games in just a few weeks.

As well as this, our Sports Councillors helped facilitate level one house competitions, by setting up the games, officiating and taking the scores.

East Meets East Mela



On Friday 8th July our ChangeMakers helped run a Commonwealth Games Inspired Festival, which was open to the general public and local partner schools. Our ChangeMakers hosted a golf sports station and an athletics station. The festival had over 25 sporting stations ranging from judo to tennis. Children went around the sports stations 'having a go' at a variety of different activities. Once they had completed an activity, they were given a sticker. Once a child or adult, had 10 stickers they then were able to collect a gold medal. As well as the sporting stations, chef also provided Indian inspired food and we also had dances from professional dancers and partner school groups as well as our own year 4 children dancing at the festival. The festival was a fantastic success, which our children and people from the local com-

Inclusion Events

With an emphasis on getting more children with physical, social or educational barriers, into sport and representing the school we again this year targeted specific children, to give them the opportunity to take part in as many events as possible. We also put on specific clubs to prepare our children for these events.

Our children have competed in level 2 events, in which children compete and against other schools. Our children this academic year got the opportunity to take part in a Panathlon event and Indoor Athletics. Our children won the Indoor Athletics level 2 event and went on to a School Games Finals, in which our children competed against some of the best teams in Birmingham. Our children finished in 3rd place– Bronze Medal for this event. What an amazing achievement.



Clubs

This year our children have had so much choice in regards to sports clubs. We have a had a huge variety in sports clubs ranging from activities like trampoline club, to tri golf. Below is a list of just a few clubs that have been provided to our children.

- Street dance
- Football
- Basketball
- Tag Rugby
- Netball
- Girls Football
- Yoga Bugs
- Trampoline
- Boys Football
- Hockey
- Athletics
- Tri Golf
- Table Tennis
- Cross Country
- Multipsorts

We have had over 300 children take part in a variety of clubs this academic year. These clubs provide opportunities for all of our children regardless of ability.

Athletics

Athletics here at Hillstone is a big part of our sporting curriculum that we offer to our children. We have had multiple successes in Athletics this year, in fact it has probably been our most successful year to date. We had our Para Athletics team finish 3rd in the whole of the Birmingham School Games provision. We also had our indoor athletics team finish in 2nd place in the whole of Birmingham. All of these are made even more special considering we are the host city for the Commonwealth Games this summer

Our biggest achievement, and the one we are all most proud of here at Hillstone, was our performance at the All Birmingham Athletics Championships in 2019 which, for the first time in our schools history we won the overall boys field and girls field.

However this year, our team once again exceeded all expectations. Our children picked up every major trophy, boys and girls field, boys and girls track and overall. This is an amazing achievement, one which we are not sure has ever been matched– with the competition dating back the best part of century.

For all but two events, our children made the podium to pick up a bronze, silver or gold.

What an amazing achievement by our children, an achievement which may take another 100 years to replicate!!!!







Birmingham School Games

This year we have competed in every School Games Event possible. Unfortunately though there have not been as many competitions offered to us this academic year.

However, our children have done themselves proud in every event they have attended—behaving and performing to the best of their ability.

The events our children have taken part in and their position they finished can be seen below.

- Panathlon—festival format
- Level 2 Basketball—1st place
- Level 2 Indoor Athletics— 1st place
- Level 2 Para Athletics— 1st place
- Tag Rugby—1st place
- Year 3& 4 football—1st place
- Level 3/School Games Finals Indoor Athletics—2nd place
- Level 3/School Games Finals Para Athletic—3rd place

Well done to all of our children who have taken part in these events.

Hillstone Sports Personality Of The Year Award 2021/22

This year, Hillstone's Sports Personality of the Year is back. This prestigious award is given to a child who shows great talent, commitment and attitude towards sports here at Hillstone School. This year award has gone to.....

Maryam Hadi



I recall watching Maryam as a year 1 child playing 'duck, duck, goose' in a PE lesson, and at that moment I realised she was going to be a special athlete. That same year Maryam competed in sports day, and it was during this sports day that the whole school got a chance to see her run and all of us were completely wowed!!! The years went by and Maryam nurtured her natural running ability- and started to play just about every sport she could.

This has contributed to her becoming a top-level sports girl in multiple sports. But what really makes Maryam stand out, is her humility. She always plays with a smile. She never points the finger when our team loses, she is always the first to commiserate and congratulate. She leads by example in everything she does. She is as hard working as she is naturally talented – which is key to her success. Maryam is a once in a generation type of talent and whatever she puts her mind to, she will be a success, I am sure of it. I am hopeful that one day in the near future, I will put on my TV and see Maryam with her big smile, in her standing sprint start in lane 1, ready to show the world how great she is!!

Swimming

This year we have been trying to play catch up with our children as the pandemic has had a real negative impact on children and learning to swim. This life skill is so important. It can save lives and here at Hillstone we offer all of KS 2, nine weeks of swimming – with the overall aim being, that children can swim 25m by the time they leave Hillstone School after year 6. This academic year 71% of our year 6 children achieved their 25m badge or higher.

Sports Day

Our children all enjoyed their sports mornings/ afternoons. This year we once again decided to split sports day into lower KS2, upper KS2 and KS1. Doing this means children spend less time waiting for their events and also means parents have more space and a better view of the races. This year we also had a record breaking amount of parents join in the parents race—which was of a very high standard – surprisingly!!!!!!

Bikeability

Another very important life skill, one which is becoming more common place for a means of transport is cycling. This year we have had 165 children take part from reception to year 6, in Bikeability training, balance, learn to ride, level 1 and level 2.

Thank you to all children, staff and volunteers who have contributed to such a great sporting year at Hillstone Primary School.

In particular the children who have given up so much of their own time to train and help organise sporting events. A special thank you to those who have given up their own time, for example members of the PTA who have contributed so much of their time in coming to events and also helping set up events. As well as this a special thanks to teachers, in particular, Mr Campbell who has attended many events and competitions after school.