



Dear Parents / Carers

This week we have a special newsletter to celebrate the extraordinary success the school has had with sport over the last fortnight. Last week we became:

- * **Richmond Borough Tag Rugby League Winners**
- * **Richmond Borough Cricket League Winners (both boys and girls)**
- * **Winners of the International Tag Rugby Tournament at Chase Bridge**

What the achievements do not show is the hard work the children and staff have put into sport over the last few years. We have over 85% of children in a club at the school and over 30 clubs on offer. Many of our clubs are free, and the ones that are not are as affordable as possible. The reason we invest in this amount of clubs is due to the impact it has on the children in the school. The children become healthier and well-rounded pupils. The children also become very good at sport and very competent young adults equipped with key life skills. Mr Watson's main priority is participation. He would like as many children to play sport as possible. Our cricket and tag rugby players are so abundant we were able to take additional teams to the above tournaments.

Please enjoy the remarkable achievements of our children outlined below. What makes us particularly happy is that many children had not played these sports before joining our school.

David Colenso

Richmond Borough Tag Rugby League Champions

Mr Watson reports, "After beating Chase Bridge, Orleans Primary and St Edmunds in the cluster group stages, and beating Hampton Hill 8-0 and Barnes 13-4 in the last 16 and quarter finals respectively, Heathfield played in the Borough finals at Richmond RFC on



Wednesday 17th May. Drawn against a strong SMSP side in the semi final, Heathfield raced into a 4-1 lead before SMSP dragged it back to 4-3 at half time. Playing some lovely expansive rugby, Heathfield turned it on in the second half and ran out 8-5 winners."

Ahi continues, "In the final we played East Sheen, our rivals who beat us last time we played them. At half-time we were losing 1-2 but we came back strong and ended up winning 6-3. I was both relieved and speechless!"

The final word from Mr Watson, "This is the first time a Heathfield rugby team has won a Borough competition. An unbelievable performance!"

International Tag Rugby Tournament

Our tag rugby winning streak continued on Friday 19th May at Chase Bridge's 11th International Tag Rugby Tournament. Faisal explains,

"The B team came second and the A team came first. It was a very fun day. We [the B team] played against lots of teams and won against them all, except our A team. We played them twice, the scores were 2-4 and 1-3. It was really cool to represent my school."



Richmond Borough Cricket League Winners

Seren gave the following account of a very successful day last Thursday, "Everyone played really well. It was nice to see three Heathfield teams at the tournament and for both boys and girls to win and for our boys' B team to come in 3rd. The shots were amazing, there were lots of 4s and 6s. Bowling was also really accurate."



Mr Watson agreed, "There were brilliant performances from all our teams. The first boys team beat St Osmond's by 109 runs, Archdeacon Cambridge by 56 runs and Stanley by 72 runs. In the semi final they beat Trafalgar by 65 runs and lastly Hampton Juniors by 73 runs in the final!"

Meanwhile, the girls beat SMSP by 85 runs, St Mary Magdalene's by 76 runs and Queens by 92 runs before meeting Trafalgar in the semi final and beating them by 38 runs. Their final was against Barnes and they beat them by 36 runs."

Girls' Hardball and Softball Cricket

Our girls' hardball cricket team remain top of the Surrey Hardball Cricket League after beating one of Surrey's big clubs, Spencer, earlier this week. Lily explains, "We were in first place



in the league and Spencer was second, so it was a tough match. We bowled first. Teams start on 200 and they got 236 and when we batted we batted really well and ended up winning by double that, 272. We've not lost a game so far!"

The girls are also currently top of the Middlesex Softball League having beaten Sunbury and Sheen CC.



Football

Our boys and girls teams have had a successful season with numerous wins and both reached the quarter finals of the Borough competition. Since then our Year 6 players have been helping our younger footballers. Earlier this month a mix of Year 4 and 5 girls played Holy Family's Year 5 team and won 2-0. Six girls out of the 11 who featured in the fixture had never played an organised football match before so it was a great achievement for them and the team. Our older players also have a match against Twickenham School's Year 7s after half term to look forward to. Mr Nuthall is incredibly proud of all the players.

School Sports Award

We are delighted to let you know that, once again, we have been shortlisted for the Education Business Award's School Sports Award. This award is given to a school or college "that can demonstrate an outstanding commitment to developing the sporting skills of its students through the provision of first class facilities and coaching programmes." We have been fortunate to win this award for the last two years running so watch this space!



Key Sports Diary Dates

Wednesday **7th June** - Borough Sports Competition (Athletics)

Thursday **8th June** - Girls' Cricket Team representing Richmond at the London Youth Games

Thursday **29th June** - Infants Sports Day (Reception, Year 1 - 2) - parents invited

Friday **30th June** - Juniors Sports Day (Year 3 - 6) - parents invited

Monday **10th July**, 2.50pm - Dance and Gym End of Term Show - parents invited