



'Team AK' PE & Sport Newsletter - July 2017 (Term 5 & 6)

12 events, 1 sports week and 1 sports morning in 2 short terms makes for a very busy action packed end to our academic year but it has really felt like a highlights package! For the first time since I have been PE Co-ordinator we have entered AK Teams in the following sports for the first time: Hockey, Rounders, Tennis and Mountain Biking.



Term 5 started with two events ran in parallel at CRFC. Mountain Biking and Archery events gave us the chance to pick some upper KS2 children who do not necessarily volunteer for invasion games. It was lovely to watch all of these children shine while trying something different. The coaches were really helpful all day and gave our pupils loads of advice on how to improve and left us all really inspired. I already cannot wait until next year's events and hope we can take 2 teams to each so more children can enjoy a fabulous day!

The rounders' tournament was a real eye opener for all involved. It became very clear that many schools had practiced more than us so after a couple of games it became a test of character rather than a challenge for medals. After some inspirational words from Mrs Saville our team really started to channel their determination and pride into a much improved performance which was great to see. The Kwik-Cricket at Cricklade Cricket Club was a real test for our teams, as due to the length of the games and surface/space needed it's almost impossible to practice a real game in school time. But our pupils used their skills well and it was great to see some fantastic batting, bowling and fielding.

We represented Team AK at 3 athletics events over the summer and had huge success at each one! We took a 54 strong team (Pictured) to the District sports and an incredible 26 pupils either won or came second in their respective events and therefore qualified for the Area Athletics event. At this next stage 7 pupils came back with a medal which is a huge achievement for a school of our size. The Legacy Games is a multi-event athletics competition in which each school can only bring 1 boy and 1 girl per year group. Combining this with the event being held at a professional athletics track it makes it the most prestigious event in the calendar that all 9 schools in our North Wilts Sports Cluster can bring their best teams to. For the first time in the events history our school won both the KS2 and KS1 event... TEAM AK!



Another first for Team AK was attending a Hockey tournament - but this didn't seem to bother the year 4/3 team that we took. It may have been the first time they had played a competitive hockey game but they simply used all the transferable skills from other invasion games, combined with a mass of determination and team spirit and before they knew it they had reached the Semi-Finals. However they weren't done yet, we didn't have the best hockey players on our team but that didn't matter, the pupils' will to win got us to the final. The final was tense and our defenders made 3 goal line clearances with the scores level. Right on cue with 30 seconds left we had our first attack of the second half and with great composure Ollie scored to win the tournament. Yet another WOW moment from these stars!

Tennis is a great game that's very popular in our village thanks to the brilliant work of the AK Tennis Club. We took a Year 3 and a Year 4 team to our local tournament at Cirencester Tennis Club and really didn't know what to expect. To our delight it was clear that both teams were very good and our Year 4s won the tournament which meant they had to come back to face 5 other winners. Again Rachel, Annabel, Ethan and Henry J played incredibly and again managed to beat the competition to win their second gold medal in as many weeks. Now came a huge test, a tournament where only the best teams in the whole of Gloucestershire qualified. The team amazed us once again as they came back with bronze medals! I'm sure these 4 tennis stars will never forget the summer of 2017 and I hope they continue their interest for many years to come.



AK SPORTS WEEK 2017

WOW what a week! Somehow we managed to squeeze 13 sports and activities into 4 days and then finish the week with another dry and enjoyable sports morning! Also the AK Marathon managed to be squeezed in and raised a mammoth £1300 for the school FoAKs! As wheelchair basketball had to be cancelled due to illness we are hoping that they will visit us in September as a welcome back treat for our AK Pupils.

Sports Week is all about breaking down the barriers of participating in local sport and activity and inspiring our AK pupils and families to enjoy active lifestyles. It's hard to measure our success in this long term goal but if we were judging the size of the children's smiles and the buzz around the school then it would be off the chart! We will be completing a school wide impact report in September so please engage with us via the questionnaires that will be coming out.

Changes for next year:

- Event administration is going to be online rather than all paperwork. To start with pupils and parents will find out about events via letters but as we move across the year and each child has a profile on the administration app we use it will become purely digital.
- AK PE & Sport will be active on Twitter sharing what we are up to! Please add **@GoTeamAK** ready for next year.
- P.E. Kit - to ensure that all our pupils can benefit from PE we always try to give those who don't have kit spare kit but often it's the same children across the term and this is probably because our pupils aren't telling mums and dads that they don't have the correct kit in school. To help with this, each term, whenever a child has incomplete kit they will receive a letter to take home and we will use the '3 Strikes' system that is used in most secondary schools.
 - 1st Strike = Reminder letter home requesting complete kit to be in school.
 - 2nd Strike = Pupil to miss a portion of lunch time, letter home which needs to be signed by parent and returned with kit.
 - 3rd Strike = Phone home and missed lunch times until kit is in school.

Thank you drivers and supporters!

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with AK Sport this year. No events could happen without your continued support with transport and with us attending so many events this only makes it harder so thank you for all of your help.

Also a massive thank you must go to our amazing FoAKs for all their support across the year, Mrs Saville for supporting PE so much and providing funds and time to make these amazing things happen, Mr Chris Powell for his help organising our best 'AK Sports Week' yet, Mr Adam Loveridge for his help with events and the AK Sports Week passports and all the staff at AK who are so supportive. Thank you!

Yours in Sport,

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