



'Team AK' PE & Sport Newsletter - December 2015 (Term 1 & 2)

It's been a great start to the academic year by the whole school in both P.E. and sporting events. Across the two terms we have represented 'Team AK' at 6 events/fixtures, all with great success! We wouldn't have been able to attend any of these sporting opportunities if it wasn't for the kind transport pledges from parents/family members so we want to say a massive thank you for your continued support.

We started term one with an incredible opportunity to build our support for England hosting of the 2015 Rugby World Cup by taking part in a huge 24 team tournament! We were picked to represent France and played 8 other nations across the day. In terms of results we had mixed fortunes but the bravery and commitment of our pupils really impressed me and our band of supporters!



In school curriculum sessions we have been working on invasion game rules, skills and tactics along with some pupil led circuit training sessions which have proved a huge hit. All Pupils have also been involved in Zumba session with Meryl and maybe it's the enjoyment and energy the pupils are taking from these sessions that are inspiring such amazing instructing and motivating skills during the circuit training sessions.



November always seems to be a busy month for events and this year was no different with Team AK attending Athletics, Netball and Football events. First up was the Year 3/4 School Hall Athletics event at Kingshill School. Our team finished 2nd out of 5 teams and were pipped to the gold medal by just 7 points. Each athletes score counts towards the overall teams score, we were rewarded for some brilliant individual jumping and throwing event scores before coming together for the team running relays. Well done all!

On Thursday 17th November we managed to field a Year 5/6 Football team and a Netball team so a massive thank you to Mrs Voss for stepping in and helping with the Netball team. Miss Igoe couldn't attend but she can be very proud as the side did an incredible job of stepping up against older opposition! While the girls were shooting hoops the boys were shooting goals at the annual Cirencester Primary Invitational Football Tournament. As always the standard was incredibly high and our boys had to battle against some miserable weather as well as the 8 different schools we played. We won 3 games, lost 4 and drew 3 games including a 1-1 draw with the eventual winners. Our star striker Jacob Manning did a great job leading the team and a special mention must go to Max Johnson, Ben Gater and George Alexander-Smith who all rotated in the role as goalkeeper and were exceptional.

We also sent 6 upper KS2 pupils to a 'School Sport Organising Crew' training afternoon at Stratton School. Our pupils learnt about the value of teamwork and we will be meeting again soon to decide upon what roles we can create to benefit the rest of the school. I'm sure by the time 'AK Sports Week' comes around our crew will be in integral part of making it even bigger and better than last year.

The last event we enjoyed during this winter term was a first for us as a school. We entered a Year 3&4 and a 5&6 Team into the Cross-Country Running event at Bradon Forest School in Purton. We had an amazing number of pupils who wanted to attend so I do apologise to those who missed out, however I can happily report that there will be 3 cross-country events next term where all can attend. Those who did get a space had to deal with a really long muddy course with some hills which really tested the runners. Each teams score was based on the finishing places of all 8 runners and there were 8 teams running in each race. Our Year 3&4 Team finished with silver medals and Year 5&6 Team finished with Bronze! A brilliant reward for some really determined pupils.

