

SPORTS AT HADRIAN



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How would you describe the sound of 50 children in a gym? Well, 8 children from Years 1 and 2 will tell you that it starts off loud and full of fun, but after 2 hours the fun is still there, but it may just be a little bit quieter and a little bit tireder!

That's what happened when they took part in last Friday's multi-skills event. Kindly hosted by the Vale Academy, the children were given the opportunity to develop their PE skills across a carousel of 7 events (including a much-needed rest!) Football, jumping, curling, throwing, basketball and an obstacle course were the challenges faced by the children, and they took to them with style and determination.

15 minutes at each station was plenty of time for the children to show what they were capable of. Despite being a lower – profile sport, it seems that Eddie knew a lot about curling. The concentration and thoughtfulness that he put in was something to behold, and several times his stone came to a rest in the middle of the target. Eoghan too took a liking to the curling and seemed determined to try and match Eddie's results!

Everyone enjoyed the football and we took a small measure of revenge on the Vale footballer who scored against the Year 5/6 team, by sending several balls sailing past him! There has also clearly been some practise on the basketball courts as Sebastian, Zac and Maisie sent ball after ball through the nets.

Armed with beanbags, Mollie and Aria soon got the hang of the throwing competition. Opting to ignore the lower scoring targets at the front, they went for the 15 point cone at the back of the throwing area, and hit it so many times that the child running the event took it away and gave them a smaller target to aim for! Which they still did!

However, our star of the day was undoubtable Darcey and her jumping. The first of our group to take part in the speed-jumping, she managed a fantastic 38 jumps in 20 seconds, which left the Vale organisers amazed, declaring it a record! I'm not sure what was bigger – Darcey's score or her smile!

And so ended the first sports event of the year for our younger children. With a bit of luck, and some kind weather, there will be more events for Year 1 and 2 to show off their skills at! Well Done everyone!



Year 3 and 4 Girls Football

When we go to tournaments, the main idea is to go and have fun. Sometimes, we get a group of children together who we think might have 'a little something' about them. Sometimes, we have a very good team, who concentrate on winning and forget about the fun.

And every now and then, we get a group of children, who we think will do very well, but will still have plenty of fun along the way. Which is exactly what happened on Wednesday when Hadrian sent a squad of 10 girls from Year 3 and 4 to Creasey Park for a football tournament against 10 other teams from 6 different schools.

We arrived and got stuck into the 'important business' – could we beat the Vale B?!! Just like Arsenal and Spurs, Luton and Watford, these matches matter to the children (no matter what we say!) Led by Captain Shay, Hadrian got the perfect start with a 2-0 win.

Next up, was Lancot B, and Hadrian carried on their good form by testing the Lancot B goalkeeper several times without scoring. Then... disaster! Lancot's star player, picked up the ball and unleashed a scorching shot, which flew into the net! Surely, we weren't going to lose having dominated the match? Not if Jessica had anything to say about it, breaking free in the area and scoring a deserved last-minute equaliser. Really, really last minute! As in, last kick of the game! Handshakes and smiles and on they went!

Having passed this test of their character, the girls started to soar. Beecroft were beaten. Lark Rise couldn't rise to the occasion and were beaten too! We waltzed passed Watling, a 1-0 win not showing just how much Hadrian dominated, and how little goalkeeper Faith and defenders Dollie and Courtney had to do. Would those smiles ever fade?

Maybe? Maybe not! Limetree were next and proved to be a much sterner test. They were on a good run, and wanted to win. But the girls stood up to this new challenge, retained their smiles, and won 1-0 with Tina and Antonia working well together to stop the last final Limetree attack. Not only did we win – we topped the table and the smiles got bigger!

A confident 3-0 win against another Lancot team followed with Saoirse, Magda and Faith scoring, before we faced off against the Vale C. This turned out to be our strongest test yet, and a more even game ended in a 0-0 draw, with both teams having chances to score. A quite wonderful pass from Bailey forced the Vale goalkeeper into an excellent save to keep out Shay's shot.

That was to be the end of our afternoon, as time constraints meant that our last match against the Vale A had to be cancelled. Overall, Hadrian finished in a well deserved third place, which absolutely delighted the girls. A wonderful "Well Done" goes to the squad of Shay, Saoirse, Dollie, Jessica, Faith, Bailey, Magda, Courtney, Tina and Antonia. However, a special shout out MUST go to Antonia, our delightful defender. Whilst the rest of the team was pounding forward, looking for goals, Antonia diligently stayed back, giving the rest of the team peace of mind, knowing that if the opposition got forward, Antonia would be there to clear the ball to safety. It is because of this wonderful team work that Hadrian only conceded one goal all afternoon. Well Done Antonia!

