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Sports Report –Lent Term 2018

Well done and thank you to all of our students who are making the most of the sporting opportunities at St Mary's. This term has seen us compete, with impressive results, in eight different sporting activities. We have reached National finals in two sports and District finals in 5 sports.

The Sports Leaders have been fully involved in running events, officiating and volunteering. The recent trip to Gayhurst to assist at a netball competition is a prime example. Gayhurst tweeted to say how impressed they were with the maturity of our leaders and to thank them, so well done to Frankie, Amelia W, Mia and Amelia B.

Netball

The netball teams have been competing regularly in league and friendly matches and achieving impressive performances throughout the season. As a school, we have played over 70 netball matches this year, not including tournaments.

This year, the Year 6 and 8 Netball teams entered the ISA regional competition and both teams played superbly to qualify for the Nationals. Year 8 reached the final but they unfortunately lost to St James, who were unbeaten throughout the tournament.

Badminton

Badminton has gone from strength to strength this year. It has increased in popularity, so much so that we have introduced a before-school club to cope with demand. The badminton squads have had a busy year of fixtures, and certainly a successful one.

In January, Year 8 and 9 took part in the school games tournament at Dr Challoners. This is a district event and the girls played impressively in numerous singles and doubles matches, achieving an overall position of 3rd place.

St Mary's Year 9 and 10 teams recently attended the ISA regional competition in Milton Keynes. This was a great event, and the girls played brilliantly in both singles and doubles. There were a number of schools at this event with some very tough competition. The Year 10s played very well and came 4th overall. The Year 9's had a successful day, coming second overall, only losing against the winners of the tournament.



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Swimming

In January St Mary's entered two girls from Prep, and two Senior House girls into the ISA National Swimming Gala at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Holly, Year 5, and Phelix, Year 6, both swam very strong races, with Phelix winning a Silver medal for her freestyle relay race. Isabelle, Year 7, also won a Silver medal for her freestyle relay and was delighted to have her medal presented to her by Rio Paralympian, Ryan Crouch. Daniella, Year 9, also competed strongly and won two Bronze medals for her individual events; 200m medley and butterfly.

Football

The Year 9, 10 and 11 footballers had recent success at the District Football competition, with the A team winning the tournament overall. The tournament was played over 2 days and consisted of both A and B teams. Day 1 saw a mixture of fortunes, with both teams playing well in their games, and the 'A' team managing to get to the final. On Day 2 the 'A' team were formidable, and would have given Barcelona a run for their money. Of the four fixtures on Tuesday, they scored 17 goals, conceded 1, and won all of their games. They were undoubtedly the champions of the tournament, and had shown great team work, skill, determination and were modest throughout.

Gymnastics

The Gymnastics teams have seen phenomenal success this year which culminated in the Senior and Prep gymnasts competing at their first BSGA National Finals in Stoke on Trent. After qualifying in 1st and 2nd place at Regionals, the girls had been busy perfecting vault, individual and group floor routines. The Senior team made up of Freya, Poppy and Charlotte performed powerful vaults and a perfectly synchronized group floor routine putting them in 7th place, with their group routine coming 3rd. The Prep gymnastics team made up of Rosie, Maya, Tilda and Hollie showed incredible team spirit and came together to perform some of the best routines they had ever performed. Both the Senior and Prep teams finished 2nd regionally.

In addition to this impressive result other events have seen equally strong performances. The under 19 gym team came 3rd at the GSA National gymnastics competition and the senior gymnastics squad came 5th in the ISGA National 5 piece competition. Our Under 9 Gymnastics team came 3rd in the ISA U9 gym competition, with Olivia achieving third place in the individual placings.



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Dodgeball

This year we have become members of the school games, who run regional competitions in a variety of sports. The Year 8 students took part in the first round of dodgeball and came a very impressive second place. They qualified for the next round of competitions, and came 3rd place overall, a great achievement since they have only recently starting playing the sport.