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SCHOOL SPORTS NEWSLETTER Summer 2017

This year has been a great year for Sport at St Mary's. We have welcomed our Game On sports coaches into the school for the first time, who have introduced the children to a range of new and exciting sporting opportunities in PE lessons. They have also been helping to improve sport as a whole in the school through delivery of training to the teaching staff. Our teams have performed creditably this year: Our main football team once again competed well in the Dacorum football league, and our second football team played well in the Game On inter-schools league. Girl's football has continued to be a hit, and we hope the numbers of girls interested in taking part will only continue to grow in the future.

Ross and Andy's Soccer training also continues to be popular. For the first time, we have sent Year 6 pupils on Bronze Ambassador sports leader training, and those children have organised the school's intra-class benchball tournament, and taken responsibility for leading the Skip 2 Be Fit competition, as well as running a fitness club in the summer term. Running club continues to be hugely popular, and our cross country runners have done extremely well, with runners not only winning in the local cross country events, but qualifying for both county and national cross country competitions. For the second time in three years, our children were Berkhamsted Y3/4 swimming gala champions, while we are also due to enter a team in the Year 5/6 swimming gala for the first time, and some of our children will be competing in the Dacorum swimming trials.

Our netball team have made great strides this year and are growing in confidence and skill while playing their first competitive matches. Visits from Urban Strides have raised awareness of streetdance, and we have had excellent performances from our street dance and cheerleading clubs, while speed stacking club has also seen a great turnout. We have also provided a BMX day for older children. Additionally, we have offered tennis taster sessions for our younger children. Sports Premium money has largely been spent on Game On sports coaching this year, aside from being used to pay for our annual DSSN membership. The playground equipment paid for last year has been an ongoing hit with the children, improving their opportunities for physical exercise at breaktimes.

Mr Potter