

Much Woolton Catholic Primary School  
Sporting Achievement Report  
2016-2017



We have had yet another amazing sporting year at Much Woolton!  
In recognition of our dedication to Sport we have again achieved the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Kitemark.

Our school has taken part in a record number of competitions this year and has been represented over 750 times! Competitions this year include football (all ages), netball, cross-country, athletics, indoor athletics, swimming gala, water polo, tag rugby, dance, basketball and chess. We have also included more intra competition within classes and year groups and we have competed against each other in a variety of sports.

We have delivered extra-curricular sporting opportunities in football, netball, soft tennis, tag rugby, basketball, dance, gymnastics, multi-sports, cross country, athletics, judo, and Change 4 Life. Over 410 pupils have regularly attended these clubs!

With the help of Liverpool School Sports Partnership we have trained 25 young leaders who have delivered structured play on both playgrounds throughout the year.

KMC Sports delivered a fun packed whole school sports day in July in which all pupils participated. We placed more of a competitive edge on our sports day this year and children competed within their house teams. Our overall winners of our School Games Day were our red McCartney team. All were awarded with a certificate to congratulate them on their success!

It has been a fantastic year for football across the school. The number of times each year group has got to the final of a competition is unprecedented. The school football team ended the season well to win the South Liverpool League, which qualified them for the City Championship Finals.

In the Liverpool South Cup, Much Woolton beat a very good St Pascal Baylon team to win the cup 5-3, with a magnificent team performance. Further success lay in wait for them. In the City Championship semi-final, Much Woolton beat All Saints (Anfield) 3-1 with midfield maestro Jack scoring a hat-trick. Next up was the City Championship final against Corinthians, who were to prove a stiff opposition and after a scintillating 1-1 draw, the game headed into extra time where in the last minute, captain and goal-machine Leo Graham fired Much Woolton to an historic treble. Further success was to follow with the boys doing incredibly well in order to qualify to play at Goodison Park where they finished joint 3rd. The Year 4 Boys team also reached their cup final but lost on penalties in the final.

The Girls football team have been incredible too - they won the South Girls Cup by beating Booker Avenue 4-2 in the final. They were finalists in two other tournaments and finished as best placed team in the City of Liverpool when representing the school at Widnes Vikings county tournament.

Finally, in what was a fitting end to the season - a team mixed of boys and girls won the Merseyside Police tournament winning every single match, which was a fitting end to the season. The togetherness of the teams, the sheer hard work and the motivation is prevalent to see, but most importantly the wonderful attitude of the team have enabled the school to have its most successful ever football season.

Miss Cummings has overseen the Year 2 and 3 football team this year, along with the help of parents Alex Mather and David Mannix who hold FIFA training badges. Year 2 competed in a tournament in ESLA and played a number of friendlies against other schools. Year 3 played in a final match against St Pauls Catholic Junior School and won the Under 8's Liverpool School's Cup. All the boys have thoroughly enjoyed representing their school around Liverpool this year and parents have noted a change in their attitude towards school, with some boys becoming more confident and making new friends.

The disappointment of not having a full calendar of athletics competition this year was overshadowed by a wonderful day's competition at the one off LDCSA Athletics festival at Litherland Sports Park, organised by Mr White. Our children competed against 12 other schools, winning many medals. Note able performances were from Alex O'Donovan in the 75m sprint and long jump as well as Liam McCay in the 800m. A number of other medals were won on the day but the overall winners were the children who got to participate in a wonderful day.

The start of the Cross County season looked hopeful with over 40 children registered to compete. As the season progressed and the weather worsened, only the toughest of the toughest continued through the winter and into the spring. Both teams strove to make improvements in their placings in each race. The season ended with Liam McCay as the Catholic Schools Champion with Sian Guy winning a silver medal. Our boy's team won silver overall to cap another wonderful season of running.

This year 25 girls which is 78% of the girls in Year 6 (an increase of 10% on 2016-2017) joined netball after school, training weekly right through this academic year. Through close monitoring of their attitude, commitment and ability, Mrs Moorcroft picked a squad of 10 girls who regularly played against other schools. They played friendly matches against various schools before joining the L.D.C.S.A. league and cup. In the cup competition we managed to reach the semi-finals and were really looking forward to taking part in the netball league. However, we were plagued by injury and lost 4 of our strongest players for these matches. The set of results in the league were not great but on this occasion it really was the taking part that counted! Another season without any silverware, but still successful as many of the girls have expressed an interest to continue at their new school with some of them hoping to join a local netball club with 3 of them particularly being sign-posted to Phoenix Netball Club so as to continue their long term athletic development.

This year we started our first ever dance club with year 3 and 4 and was led by Miss Ralston. 15 girls participated in the club which ran from October to April. The girls learnt about the key aspects of performance as well as improving their overall fitness. The children were lucky enough to be invited to showcase their skills at this year's Christmas concert. All who took part danced beautifully. After the concert, the children worked hard to learn and help choreograph a musical theatre dance routine which was entered into a competition with LSSP. The children represented the school and performed like professionals. At the competition the girls won the award for self-confidence and self-believe which was thoroughly deserved, as each individual worked hard to improve their dancing skill and ability.

In July 2017 10 Year 2 children went along to IM Marsh campus to take part in LSSP's KSI Fun Sportathon. This was a huge success for the children involved and they thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the various activities, which included, mat ball, various sports day competitions and a treasure hunt. Much Woolton were unbeaten against 8 other schools in the Mat ball competition. I think I will definitely form a team next year. Well done to those children who took part, you represented our school fantastically.

To celebrate the end of our sporting year we held our first Sporting Achievement Presentation which was organised by Mr. Dade. There were three awards handed out for most improved, best effort and best athlete for each class. There were outstanding contribution awards handed out to Aimee Strange in Netball, Sian Guy in Cross Country and Leo Graham in football.

The prestigious award for Boys and Girls Athlete of the Year award went to Luca Cannon de Sousa and Alex O'Donovan respectively. A wonderful achievement for all involved and recognition to a fantastic year for Much Woolton.

This year's success could not have been achieved without the dedication of the staff team at Much Woolton. A big thank you to our teachers, Liverpool School Sports Partnership, extracurricular providers, parent helpers and of course to all of our pupils who have displayed determination, honesty, teamwork, respect, passion and self-belief throughout the course of the year. Well done to all!

