



## Much Woolton Catholic Primary School Sporting Achievement Report 2022-2023

We have had a fantastic year! We have participated in a record number of competitions and festivals and had many successes. We actively promote the values of the School Games in every PE lesson and sporting competition and we are regularly complimented on the determination, dedication and resilience our children demonstrate when representing our school.

### Cross Country

We have had a small but reliable team this year, all training and giving 100% at every race regardless of the weather conditions. We have included children from lower KS2 in some races, developing an interest in the team sport and hopefully this will show through as they move into Year 4. This year we had 3 children invited to be part of the Liverpool Primary Schools representative team at the British Athletics Cross Country Challenge event, the same children were also invited to race in the Merseyside County Primary Schools' Cross Country Championships. Unfortunately, due to the dates clashing with the ski trip they could not attend but this does not take away from their personal achievement in qualifying. Overall this year we have done very well in all competitions, with our runners finishing every week in the top 5 and most finishing within the top 30. The boys team finished 2nd and the girls finished 5th overall in their league groups for the season. The Year 5 boys team finished 2nd and the Year 6 boys team finished 4th in the City Cross Country Championships held at Wavertree. We only had one Year 4 girl racing as an individual qualifier and she finished 25th. An excellent season with some new talent, hopefully this will improve further next year.

### Athletics

An amazing athletics season this year with Much Woolton finishing first in both the boys' and girls' competition at the LDCSA event. We had more children taking part and all did the school proud with not only their athletic ability but with the sportsmanship and school values they showed to the other competitors. The Year 3 children at their first event took many first places and this brings hope for the following years. A number of children made it through to the Champion of Champions event this year at Wavertree which was an amazing achievement. A number of children came away with gold medals retaining their first places from the previous competition, including firsts in relay, high jump, long jump and a number of the other track events. The children showed great sportsmanship and demonstrated resilience throughout both competitions doing the school and themselves proud.



## Football

It has been an exhilarating year filled with passion, teamwork, and personal growth for our boys and girls school football team. We are proud of each player's commitment and dedication throughout the year. They have demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, discipline, and a genuine love for the game. The school football teams had the opportunity to compete against other schools in tournaments and leagues. The results and achievements of the team have been remarkable.

### Tournaments:

The team have represented our school in multiple tournaments this school year for both the boys and girls starting from year 1 all the way up to year 6. Some of the highlights are as follows:

- Year 5/6 reached the semi-finals at the LSSP World Cup
- Year 1 boys winning the LSSP city finals
- Year 3 boys reaching and competing at the LSSP city finals
- Year 5/6 winning the LSSP Futsal tournament
- Year 4 boys winning the LSSP city finals
- Year 5 girls winning the LSFA Year 5 girls cup

### Leagues:

Our school participated in two different leagues this year the KMC league and the LSFA league, facing tough competitions from other schools throughout Liverpool. Despite the challenges, our boys team consistently gave their best effort and secured a runner up medal in the LSFA league and the trophy and winners medal in the KMC league. The girls football team showed great resilient throughout and regardless of the results always walked away with a smile on their face. The girls finished 10th in the LSFA league and runners up in the KMC league. Beyond the scores and medals, we emphasize the importance of character development and sportsmanship. They consistently displayed respect for teammates, opponents and referees, which made us proud. The support and encouragement from parents, guardians and the school community have been instrumental in the success of our football teams this year. We are excited about the future of our primary school football team. We plan to expand our participation in more tournaments and provide opportunities for all.

## Netball

It has been a very successful year for the Netball Club. 21 girls attended the club throughout the year. We have played friendly matches. We also participated in the High 5 Netball Competition. We played in the City Finals, finishing second. This enabled us to participate in the Merseyside School Games at Wavertree Tennis Centre. We finished 5th overall.



### Dance

This year Much Woolton has been able to host a number of dance clubs. In the spring term the KS2 dance troupe rehearsed to compete in the LSSP annual competition coming in third place. EYFS were also offered dance classes where we explored Irish dancing, they were given the opportunity to perform in Much Woolton's Eurovision competition receiving second place. As always the children have continued to develop their skills in movement, teamwork, musicality and choreography. The children of Much Woolton love to show off their creativity and excel performing arts. I hope to expand opportunities for all ages next year.

### Skiing

32 Much Woolton Children took part in the Ski course in Bormio in Italy during March 2023. They skied well, with great confidence and expertise. They listened very well to all the adults and instructors during the week and kept themselves safe, using the seven point check to make sure they were organised and ready for the slopes. Skiing can be difficult to pick up at first but all children progressed to green and blue slopes by the end of the week showing how resilient and determined all the children were to master this fantastic sport. Surrounded by the magnificent mountains, all of the children made amazing memories for the rest of their lives, skiing from 3000m and should be proud of their achievements. Hopefully, all the children will continue to love this sport and keep progressing with their skiing skills when they are older.

### KS2 Inclusive Festival

This year our school took part in the LSSP KS2 inclusive festival. All of the children came away with smiles on their red faces after competing in different activities and challenges. We look forward to participating in this and similar events next year to help increase participation levels throughout the school.

### Sports Hall Athletics

Our sports hall athletic teams exhibited outstanding performances in various track and field events. They competed in the LSSP sports hall athletics, where our students# achieved remarkable results throughout especially with our Year 3/4 team progressing to the city finals. Their dedication to each specific event were evident throughout the competition. We are immensely proud of their achievements.

### Boccia

Boccia is a Paralympic sport that some of our children had the opportunity to experience. It is a precision ball sport similar to bowls, but adapted for athletes with physical disabilities. Participating



at the boccia event allowed our children to understand inclusivity while improving coordination and concentration, and promoting teamwork.

### **KS1 Matball**

Matball is a sport that was created by a member of LSSP which allows the children to experience attacking and defending in sport. Our children took part in mini games against other schools creating a competitive experience for all involved. We take part in this competition every year for the experience it gives our children for more challenging KS2 events in the future.

### **Swimming**

The swimming team made quite a splash in the pool this year. They took part in the local swimming gala, where they showcased their speed and technique in different strokes. Our swimmers displayed great determination, earning several wins throughout the competition. Their perseverance and discipline have been commendable.

### **Water Polo**

Our talented water polo players took part in one of the final competitions of the year. The children took on a series of challenging matches, demonstrating their exceptional abilities in both attack and defence. With each game, their passion for the sport shone through as they battled with the opposition striving to score those winning goals and protect their own goal. This resulted in our school winning the whole water polo competition finishing top of the league table

### **Achievement Assembly**

We will culminate our fantastic year with an Achiever Assembly to celebrate our successes. We have given out hundreds of certificates! Two pupils will be awarded 'Athletes of the Year' and become the proud holders of our Much Woolton trophies!

### **School Games Day 2023**

Another very successful School Games/Sports Days were held on our school field to which parents were invited. The children competed in their house teams with the winning team being Starr! This year our Young Leaders led EYFS and KS1 Sports Days, and Young Leaders from Halewood Academy supported our KS2 Sports Day. Many thanks to all involved!

### **School Games Award 2022-2024**

In recognition of our dedication to school sport we were awarded the School Games PLATINUM Mark in July 2022 for the second time in a row which we hold for 2 years!



## Thank-yous!

This is the longest Sporting Achievement Report I have ever compiled which is testimony in itself to how amazing (and competitive!) our school is! None of the above would have been possible without the dedication of our school staff, particularly Mr. Hathaway our PE Coach, who have all given up a lot of their free time to train, deliver and support our pupils in reaching their potential.

Our thanks also go to Liverpool School Sports Partnership for their services to our school along with their staff who delivered Playground Leaders Training, Scoot School and Power Sessions.

We are looking forward to an equally successful 2023-2024!

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