

St John's sporting success!



Aiden O'Neil (year 6) running in the Calderdale championships.



Joe Kimpton, Euan Scott and Harry Lister part of the Calderdale team.



Talented runner, Harry Lister represented West Yorkshire.

St John's children competed in the Cross-country Calderdale, District and National Championships!

On Wednesday 10th February 2016, St John's school took a squad to this year's Calderdale Championship Cross Country Tournament, at Spring Hall running track, Halifax. Everyone on the team did their job and tried their best; we even had someone who came in a whopping 3rd! Most races consisted of approximately 80 runners. To qualify for this event you had to finish in the top five from the Ryburn competition, which St John's team won last year.

Harry Lister, Joe Kimpton and Euan Scott, once again excelled and finished in the top 10. This meant they qualified for the District finals held at Leeds University at Headingley. This led to another outstanding performance from the year 5 boys: Joe Kimpton came 21st, Euan Scott came 23rd and Harry Lister finished 10th. Harry Lister progressed even further and qualified to the Nationals. He was now part of the West Yorkshire team. He did himself proud and finished 18th. West Yorkshire came 3rd overall so Harry got a bronze medal.

By Harry Lister and Toby Didgiunaitis

St John's football tournament

On Saturday 19th of March, St John's got the chance to be in the small schools football tournament. Football is so popular in our school so we took the maximum of three teams! After our 1 hour training sessions from the outstanding coach (Mr Dewick), he chose the three teams, you could see he was struggling to choose the teams because of the huge range of talent.

Soon the teams were chosen and this year the A teams was: James (the unstoppable keeper, who did not concede a single goal), Euan and Rupert (rock solid defence and helped James not concede a goal) and in attack Joe and Lucas the spectacular goal machines. Then in the B team was Jed, (keeper) George, Zak, (defence) Toby, Jude, (attack) they played amazingly well. Then the C team Emily, (keeper) Thorin, Aidan (defence) Louie and Nathan (attack).

The B team beat St Mary's B 2-0, with Jude Willacy and Toby Didgiunaitis scoring great goals. The C team beat Sowerby village 1-0. The A team fought their way through many games and progressed to the semi-final against St Mary's A. St John's created many chances and one was converted by Lucas Worthington which was enough for the team to progress to the final. The A team went into the final feeling nervous, excited and but eager to do well.

Mr Dewick was confident that we could win. Although the game went to penalties, we created many chances to win the game. The penalties were taken from all the team and our spectacular goal keeper James Hall managed to save 2. **This meant St John's is once again champions for the 5th time in a row!**

By Joe Kimpton and Euan Scott

