



Croydon High School

for girls aged 3-18

Junior School Sport – Spring Term

It has been lovely to see the pupils immersing themselves so enthusiastically in P.E. lessons and electing to join a variety of co-curricular sports clubs during the term. Many thanks to parents who have tirelessly delivered their children to early morning clubs, accommodated various pick-up times after practices and matches, and been there to encourage them, whatever the activity or result. Your support is much appreciated.

Below are some of the highlights from another exciting term.

Swimming

Year 3 – Year 6 pupils completed a hat trick of wins in friendly galas against Bromley High, Sydenham High, and St. Christopher's.

This excellent form was carried into the Croydon Schools' Preliminary Swimming Gala as well! At the gala, Years 4, 5, and 6 pupils excelled and were presented with the trophy for the top team, with an impressive 17 pupils and both of our relay teams gaining qualifying times for the finals, due to take place towards the end of term. This is an outstanding achievement, given that over a thousand children competed in multiple preliminary galas, with only the six fastest swimmers for each event across all these galas being invited to swim at the finals.



Hockey

Both Year 5 & Year 6 pupils have been in action this term, with the Year 5 A team performing particularly strongly to win a Year 5 tournament that we hosted just before half term. Shortly afterwards, a mixed Year 5 / Year 6 team combined well together to compete against other GDST schools in a tournament held at Croydon High. Amidst sun, hail, driving rain, and strong winds, they finished in 4th position.



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Biathlon

After competing in the regional championships, we were delighted to receive the fantastic news that Leonie P, Aida P-D, Josie L, Hanna M, Amaya J-P, Ava H-K, Delina S, and Isabel P had all qualified to compete in the National Biathlon Finals, to take place in Bath during the last weekend of March. While the finals have now been cancelled, these Year 5 and Year 6 pupils should feel justly proud to have been invited to perform at such a prestigious event.

Netball

Our Year 5 & Year 6 netballers have had another busy term, showing great camaraderie, determination, and enthusiasm, as well as making excellent progress in the sport. We were delighted to finish as champions at the U11 A, B, C, and D Team Tournament for Trust Schools, recording a resounding win when all four teams' points were added together. It was lovely to see so many pupils representing Croydon High and to recognize the crucial role played by everyone to achieve this wonderful result.



A highlight of the netball season for sixteen Year 6 pupils is likely to have been the recent GDST weekend at Condover Hall in Shropshire. Both our A and B teams played beautiful netball on the Saturday and as a result qualified for the cup competition the following day. The A team topped their group with six wins and a draw, while the B team's achievements were particularly impressive, given that they had to play five A teams and two B teams.

Special congratulations should go to the A team, who progressed to the semi-finals on the Sunday. They lost a highly competitive match 3 – 5 to Putney High, who went on comfortably to win the final. In between times, the pupils had an enormous amount of fun,



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undertaking a variety of other activities, several of which were very challenging and gave the girls a huge sense of achievement once they had successfully completed them. These activities included rock-climbing, abseiling, zip wire, the gladiator wall, trapeze, aerial trek, silent disco, laser conquest, and tunnelling.

During the following week, the A team had a very busy schedule, winning the U11 Croydon Schools' Bee Tournament on Monday and, as a result, being selected to represent Croydon at the London Youth Games. On Wednesday, they played some excellent netball to progress to the quarter-finals of the Surrey Tournament, narrowly beaten at this stage by a very strong team from Hoe Bridge School. Friday saw the finals of the Croydon Schools' Tournament when both our A and B teams were in action. It was an outstanding achievement once again for the B team to qualify for this tournament, having beaten five A teams to secure their place. The A team reached the final, after which they were presented with silver medals, having been pipped 5 – 6, with the winning goal being scored five seconds from the end of the match. Such occasions are what makes sport so exciting!

Over 70 pupils elected to participate in this term's lunchtime Netball League, which gave everyone in Year 5 and Year 6 (and a handful of Year 4 pupils) the opportunity to play weekly competitive netball. Year 6 were given the responsibility of captaining and organising their teams, while the younger pupils played alongside, enabling them to develop their skills and tactical understanding further. Each team was made up



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of pupils of varying ages and different levels of experience, with individual medals awarded to members of the top three teams, namely the Courageous Carrots (3rd), Fabulous Footworkers (2nd), and Extraordinary Eggs (1st).

Every pupil from Year 3 – Year 6 played in the inter-house netball tournaments. While the results varied between the different year groups, the same spirit and enthusiasm was evident throughout!

Ms Libby Head

Director of Sport

	Year 3	Year 4	Year5/6	Overall
1st Place	Seacole	Seacole	Curie	Seacole (62)
2nd Place	Garrett	Eliot =	Garrett	Garrett (61)
3rd Place	Eliot	Garrett =	Seacole	Eliot (42)
4th Place	Curie	Curie	Eliot	Curie (35)



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