WILLENHALL E-ACT ACADEMY

ACADEMY SPORTS NEWS

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WILLENHALL LEAGUE, CONTINUING SUCCESS

So far, fixtures in the Willenhall League have been decimated due to floodlight failure and heavy snow. I'm really grateful for the patience and co-operation of the Primary School staff involved and hope that 2018 runs more smoothly!

Having said that, we have been able to play two of our "A" League fixtures and the current league table can be seen below.

This year, we're running two leagues with a participation of 12 schools, most of which have provided two teams, making a total of 21 teams!

All fixtures take place on Willenhall Academy's astro-turf playing surface. Excitement is heightened amongst the competitors when the floodlights come on, making them feel they are involved in something really special.

The League Tables below show Reedswood Academy as the early leaders of League "A", however, in the words of the wise football pundits, "It's a marathon not a sprint."

League Tables

"A" LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	FOR	AGAINST	PTS
Reedswood	4	4	0	0	18	1	12
New Invention	3	3	0	0	9	0	9
Lodge Farm	3	2	1	0	4	0	7
Alumwell	3	2	0	1	11	2	6
Bentley West	3	2	0	1	9	3	6
Beacon	3	1	1	1	6	3	4
Birchills	3	1	0	2	1	7	3
King Charles	3	0	2	1	1	5	2
Bloxwich	3	0	1	2	0	2	1
Woods Bank	4	0	1	3	0	10	1
North Walsall	4	0	0	4	0	28	0

"B" LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	FOR	AGAINST	PTS

Hi5 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Wednesday 4th October saw the Willenhall qualifying tournament for the Walsall Hi5 Netball Finals. The following schools were represented in the competition: Beacon, County Bridge, King Charles, Barcroft, Reedswood, Bentley West, Birchills and St. Giles.

Games were very tight and points difficult to come by, however, King Charles and Beacon finished joint Champions and went on to represent Willenhall Primaries in the Walsall finals.

What was particularly pleasing this year was the amount of interest shown in providing the opportunity for a "B" and "C" team competiton, giving other pupils the chance to play netball and represent their school. Those involved were: Bentley West "B" and "C", Reedswood "B" and "C", King Charles "B" and "C", Beacon "B" and "C", St.Giles "B" and County Bridge.

Bentley West "B" were the eventual winners with Beacon "C" as runners-up.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

What an unbelievable event!!!!! Nine schools from across Willenhall gave their all over two nights of intense competition. There were track relays and obstacle relays, long jump, triple jump, speed bounce and chest push. Competition was very tight right up to the last event on both nights but the worthy winners were Beacon and Bentley West. They both went through to the Walsall finals on Thursday, 7th December at the Walsall Campus of Wolverhampton University.

After a close run competition, Bentley West were 3rd and Beacon 4th, meaning that

Bentley West secured their place in the Black Country Level 3 Games, representing Walsall.

Well done!

Schools taking part were: Alumwell, Beacon, Barcroft, Reedswood, Bentley West, King Charles, Birchills, Woodlands, and St. Giles.

DANCE FESTIVAL

Culture came to Willenhall E-Act Academy in the form of a Dance Festival on 21stNovember, involving seven of our local primaries: , Bentley West, Alumwell Juniors, Beacon, Lodge Farm, Salisbury, Jubilee and Hillary. The Festival was concluded with a superbly executed routine by a group of Year 9 pupils from the Academy'.

Styles and themes were wide and varied but the performances were all of the highest standard. Ages ranged through Year 1 to Year 6 and the costumes and make-up were highly imaginative.

SKIPPING COMPETITION

Teams from Birchills, Reedswood, Barcroft and St. Gile's demonstrated their skipping skills in a Skipping Competition at the Academy on Thursday, 30th November. Children were set a task of completing the following disciplines in 30 secs and their scores were recorded by Academy Sports Leaders: Double Jumps - Backwards on two feet; Single Jumps - Forward on two feet; Boxer Skips - Alternate feet; Scissors - One foot in front, one foot behind; Hop-hop-hop - Three hops on one foot, three hops on the other; Feet apart - Feet together and Pairs - Pupils facing each other.

Individual Placings were: First: Elisiah - Reedswood - 476 skips; Second: Malakya - Birchills - 335 skips; Third: Gracie - St. Giles - 319 skips.

Team Results were: First, St. Giles- 1682 skips; Second, Reedswood - 1676 skips; Third, Birchill's "A" - 1143 skips; Fourth, Birchills "C" - 1115 skips Fifth, Birchill's "B" - 969 skips; Sixth, Barcroft "A"—732 skips; Seventh—St. Giles "B"- 705; Eighth , Barcroft "B"—695 skips.

SCHOOL GAMES MARK

What is the School Games Mark?

The School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Schools in England are able to assess themselves across bronze, silver and gold levels.

The Mark is a retrospective award which validates the schools' success over the academic year.

Prerequisites:
Participation
1. A system in place to track young people's participation in the School Games;
2. Opportunities that attract less active young people to participate in physical activity;

Competition:
1. Hold a School Games Day as the culmination of a year-round competition programme;
2. A calendar of competition that demonstrates opportunities for young people with SEND to take part in competitions;
3. A notice board promoting School Games activity.

Congratulations to the following schools who've been awarded the School Games Mark for 2016/17:

Gold: Beacon, Birchills, Reedswood, St. Giles and Alumwell
Silver: King Charles, Bentley West, Woods Bank, Lodge Farm and County Bridge
Bronze: Barcroft, Woodlands, The Jane Lane School, North Walsall, Salisbury and Leamore