

the newsletter from the oakgrove PE department



Touchline

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News in brief...



A round up of this year...

Our students and school teams have had an excellent year on the pitch – the Year 9 Boys Football team has gone unbeaten within their friendly fixtures this year, the Year 9 Boys Basketball team secured a runners up place within the MK Schools Tournament (the first time a side has reached the 'Finals Night'), the Year 8 Boys Football team reached the semi-final of the newly implemented MK Schools League and we have had an outstanding year in the X-Country fixtures in which we have competed.

Special mentions should go to Amitesh Nagarkar and Sam Carter for their continued commitment to a very wide range of sporting activities (both of whom have achieved their Silver awards), Sophie Botham and Emma Mears for achieving selection for the County Schools X-Country team and finally to the Swimathon team who once again raised over £150 for charity and also were crowned schools champion in the annual Rotary event.

I hope you enjoy catching up with our review of the year in this edition of Touchline.

Mr S.Green

Also in this issue...

Activity round up

Turn to pages 6-18 to find out how each of the school's teams have got on in 2012-2013.

School Sports Colours

Numerous students have now achieved their Bronze and Silver awards. Turn to pages 2 & 3 to find out more.

Where are they now?

Turn to pages 4 & 5 to see how two students who used to attend Oakgrove are now getting on.

Oakgrove School School Sports Colours



Celebrating our top performers

The PE department launched the School Sports Colours awards in September 2011 to celebrate the success of students who are regular attendees at clubs and are also frequently selected to represent the school in inter-school fixtures and tournaments.

Extra-curricular points can be collected for attending extra-curricular clubs (1 point per club night attended), school fixtures (2 points per fixture participated in), assisting in the organisation of primary school festivals (1 point per evening) and also helping to officiate at school fixtures (2 points per fixture officiated). Additional points have been awarded through being nominated for “Players’ Player of the Match” and “Coach’s Player of the Match” at school fixtures. Each one of these awards will lead to an additional 3 points being awarded.

The ‘Bronze’ award is achieved after obtaining 75 points, ‘Silver’ after 125 points and the ‘Gold’ at 250 points.

Students who are awarded one of the three awards (Bronze, Silver or Gold) are truly our top performers who are committed to clubs and school teams throughout their whole time at Oakgrove School.

The following students have recently achieved their ‘Bronze’ awards; Nathan Mambeko, Danielle Kinton, Daniel Summers, Joseph Dyson, Reece Akano-Turner, Dave Kyere, Rhiannon Milner-Thomas, Caprice Cahill, Rachel Harris, Andrew Fletcher, Salem Jule, Alice French, Alice Piggott, Ciara Price and Poppy Gibbs.

In the two years in which the award system has run, there have been two students, Amitesh Nagarkar and Sam Carter, who have excelled and gone on to achieve their ‘Silver’ awards.



Sports Points Totals

Here is an overview of the total number of points which have been accumulated by our top scoring students. At the end of each academic year, the points which have been accumulated roll over to the following year.

As you can see from the table, Amitesh and Sam’s total are quite remarkable, considering the awards were launched just two years ago. I am also sure that we will be awarding the first Gold awards in the first few months of the 2013-2014 school year. It also shouldn’t be too long before Joseph Dyson reaches the Silver award and Lauren, Annabel, Thomas, Olivia and Ella reach their Bronze award.

As with previous terms, the Year 9 boys have led the way with the number of points scored this year, but it is very encouraging to see that the Year 7 girls are currently outscoring the boys. With a wider range of extra-curricular clubs and fixture opportunities next year, the PE department looks forward to awarding more colours to students.

Year 7

Top Points Scorers

Lauren Power (48 points)
Annabel Neilson (47 points)
Thomas Stringer (46 points)
Olivia Milner-Thomas (45 points)
Ella Preedy (41 points)

Year 8

Top Points Scorers

Joseph Dyson (102 points)
Reece Akano-Turner (94 points)
Dave Kyere (94 points)
Rachel Harris (92 points)
Salem Jule (84 points)

Year 9

Top Points Scorers

Amitesh Nagarkar (192 points)
Samuel Carter (161 points)
Danielle Kinton (111 points)
Rhiannon Milner-Thomas (107 points)
Nathan Mambeko (99 points)

Oakgrove School Where are they now?

Since Oakgrove opened in 2005, there have been many students who have joined and left. In our first year of opening we were lucky enough to have two very gifted footballers in the same year group. Since leaving Oakgrove, both have gone on to secure professional contracts as well as international honours.



Jefferey Schlupp

Professional Footballer

Leicester City, Germany Under 19's & Ghana (Seniors)

Upon starting Oakgrove School, Jeffrey was already signed to Leicester City's academy and his all-round sporting ability was clear to see immediately. His first senior contract was earned in the 2010-2011 season when he was signed by then manager Paulo Sousa. Shortly afterwards came his first international cap when he was called up to the Germany U19 squad. Here is a brief outline of Jeffrey's club career so far:

Jeffrey was loaned out to Brentford in the latter stage of the 2010-2011 season. He made his senior debut in a 1-0 defeat to Huddersfield Town coming on as a substitute. On his first full senior appearance in his career he scored two goals winning the match against Carlisle United 2-1. Jeffrey earned a start in Brentford's next match and scored a header to earn himself a starting place in the 2011 Football League Trophy Final. His first game at Wembley ended in a 1-0 loss against Carlisle United. However, he did hit the post which could have changed the outcome of the game.

The 2011-12 season saw Jeffrey return to Leicester City to be managed by once England supremo Sven Goran-Eriksson. In his first appearance for the club that season he scored a hat-trick against Rotherham United in the League Cup first round, the first Leicester City player to do so since 1945.

More international honours came in November 2011, when he was called up to the senior Ghana squad and made his debut against Gabon.

Recently, Jeffrey spent a week training with Manchester United. This trial was extended into a second and third week into the beginning of February. During his time at Manchester United he played two Under 21 games, a game against Liverpool and then a game against West Ham United.

Since his return from trial, he has been in a rich vein of form, scoring 3 times in 8 games (against Derby County, Birmingham City & Bolton Wanderers). With his contract up for renewal this summer, we could be looking at the first Premiership player who attended Oakgrove School!



Max Crocombe

Professional Footballer

Oxford United & New Zealand Under 20

Like Jeffrey, when Max started Oakgrove and he was already on the books of the MK Dons and also proved that he was a very strong performer within any activity that he undertook. Throughout his time at Oakgrove, Max was keen to be involved in a range of different extra-curricular activities and represented the school frequently. He was also the school team football captain, where he played as an outfield player.

After spending time in the school's sixth form, Max signed for Buckingham Town in the summer of 2009. He made 33 first team appearances before being spotted by scouts of Oxford United. Despite being a goalkeeper, he scored one goal in his time at Buckingham Town after coming on as an outfield substitute in a 3-1 league defeat.

Max signed professional terms with Oxford United at the end of last season after impressing in the youth team after completing a one year YTS contract. He has recently had a spell as the U's first choice keeper after Ryan Clark had shoulder surgery. He has also played for the U20 New Zealand side recently.

"Kiwi duo add to accolades"

New Zealand's Junior All Whites kept a perfect record at the OFC U-20 Championship in Fiji on the road to securing their passage to the FIFA U20 World Cup Turkey 2013. While the team's perfect record on paper belies the tightness of some of their matches – they defeated New Caledonia and Vanuatu by just a single goal – two players have been recognised for their outstanding contribution to the campaign.

Midfielder Louis Fenton and goalkeeper Max Crocombe were announced as the Golden Ball and Golden Gloves recipients respectively, following the final match of the tournament on Friday evening.

"I'm very happy, but to be honest I'm also a little bit surprised because I wasn't the busiest of goalkeepers and I saw a lot of talent out there. It's my first time playing for New Zealand and it's been brilliant. The lads have been really good since I came in and it's been really easy to settle in too. Representing New Zealand is massive, isn't it? It doesn't really get much bigger than this especially going to the U20 World Cup, the second biggest competition in the world."

Max, along with his teammates, is now looking towards the U20 World Cup which will be held from 21 June to 13 July and says his preparations have already begun.

"I'm going to see the season out for Oxford United and then I've got to see. I've got to try and get as many games as I can and keep fit and these games we've been playing in Fiji are only going to help. It's been a really good experience here; we've been really well taken care of here in Fiji. Everyone has been so nice, it's been a really good stay."

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Oakgrove School Extra Curricular Round Up



Year 7 & 8 Basketball

Mr Green

This year has seen the Year 8 team make good progress from the solid start which they had last year. As the year has passed the discovery of Shane Saunders has been a bright point for the year. Shane made an incredible debut to be the top scorer in the 19-13 demolition against Lord Grey. He went on to be voted Players' Player or Coaches Player on a remarkable three occasions from the four games he played in! It was a shame that we did not get the opportunity to see him play alongside Sam Cartwright more frequently (who had been hit by an injury plagued season) as these two players will give most opponents a headache! In the MK Schools Tournament they narrowly missed out on a position in the final after a narrow loss to Denbigh, leaving them second in the pool.

Special mentions, together with Shane, should go to Salem Jule, Dave Keyre, Reece Akano-Turner and CJ Mills, each of whom were voted Players' Player or Coaches Player throughout the season. The Year 8 team has also been the most competitive side with more than 13 players vying for a starting place throughout the year.

The Year 7's have faced a challenging year within the fixtures which they have had. It has been a shame that numbers at training have been low and this has led to them not fulfilling their true potential. Joe Abbey and Jesse Ononuga shone at times and Marco Cauteruccio was an ever present member of the side. Next year will hopefully be their breakthrough year, especially within the newly starting MK Schools League.



Year 9 & 10 Basketball

Mr Green

The only way to describe the Year 9's season is by calling it 'record breaking'. After narrowly missing out on a spot in the Finals night last year (losing to Denbigh in the Semi-Final), the boys were certainly looking forward to inflicting some revenge! The first game of the year rectified this matter with a stonking 32-25 win against Denbigh at home. The high point of the year was once again the MK Schools Tournament; however, confidence was not high after Amitesh Nagarkar suffered a freak accident in a Football game just two days before. This left the team with a bare minimum five players to take to the tournament, but this did not matter in the slightest as Andrew Fletcher was on superb form. Over the five games played within the tournament, Andrew single handedly scored 30 out of the 32 points amassed (Sam Carter picked up the other basket in the semi-final) which booked the historical place on the Finals night for the first time ever. The team were unbeaten in all of the games contested during this evening. This led to a season closing game against the amazing Shenley Brook End team at the end of March. A full strength Oakgrove side could do nothing against the four 6 foot plus National League players that Shenley had to offer and the opposition ran out comfortable winners. This years squad has comprised of Andrew Fletcher, Amitesh Nagarkar, Nick Collins, Daniel Summers, Nathan Mambeko, Alfie Barton and Sam Carter.

The Year 10 side narrowly missed out on a Finals night place after losing to Denbigh in the Semi-Final of their tournament. It was positive to see GCSE students Meshary Fakhrou, Kieran Gibbons and Bayley Cooper coming through to join regulars Michael Flint and Matthew Adam within this year's fixtures.

Oakgrove School Extra Curricular Round Up



Year 7 Netball

Miss Baker, Miss Allee, Mrs Redding

What a great netball season... training, fixtures and tournaments have definitely kept all of the players very busy!

Commitment to training this season has been very good, with dedication by players most commendable amongst Year 7 and 8. We were very lucky this year to be able to schedule two training sessions per week, one outdoor and one indoors. This allowed the girls to take advantage of the fitness work and skill based activities completed within these sessions.

There have been a number of very closely fought matches this season and a number of victorious wins to boast about too!

Match highlights include the following...

U16 v Walton High on 14th February 2013

Walton High arrived at Oakgrove school to play an U16 league match. There was nervous anticipation amongst the team, with some new players taking to court for their first experience of competitive netball. An unsettled first half meant that the score stood at 2-0 to Oakgrove, despite numerous shooting opportunities. It was a fast paced, yet scrappy start to the game. After a half time task and some much needed composure the girls dominated the second half and displayed some real talent. Players refocused and demonstrated structure and control, passing the ball with purpose and tactical awareness. The defensive players worked with determination to minimise the scoring opportunities of Walton High and to regain possession. The final score of 8-1 was well deserved. Players' player of the match was awarded to Jaymie Davies and Coaches player of the match to Molly Neilson.

U13 v Stantonbury on 6th February 2013

The excitable Oakgrove team headed to Stantonbury to play a friendly match. The energy amongst the players was high and the girls were keen to begin the match. The starting 7 were selected and the girls took their positions, waiting for the starting whistle. There was great support from the side lines from substitution players, reinforcing the teamwork and unity seen within the U13 team. The girls demonstrated some fantastic passing sequences, utilising the width of the court and looking ahead for passing options to overcome the Stantonbury players. The WA and C made some great feeds into the shooting circle to provide Oakgrove with many shooting opportunities, as reflected in the final 12-4 score! Lauryn Mayson was awarded Coaches player of the match for her impressive shooting, with some outstanding shots made from the edge of the shooting circle. Nanette Agyemang was given recognition for her marking and defensive play, and was deservedly awarded Players' player of the match. Her 'lean' and 'reach' were too much for the Stantonbury attackers to overcome, enabling Nanette to gain possession of the ball and contribute to Oakgrove's dominance! Well done to all who played.

I have particularly enjoyed coaching the newly formed Oakgrove Year 7 team. After a slow uptake at the start of the year, I was worried that we would struggle to get a consistent team or that we would even be able to fulfil fixtures against other MK schools. After some scouting at PE lessons and assembly promotion, Year 7 interest started to increase. The current team is made up of a great combination of girls, all enthusiastic and keen to build on and extend their netball talents. A special mention goes to the following:

Most improved player of the season: Olivia Milner Thomas

Players player of the season: Annabel Neilson

Coaches player of the season: Lauren Power

Attitude and effort throughout the season: Lucy Chambers

The most memorable Year 7 match was away at Radcliffe on 30th January 2013. After a previous defeat when playing Denbigh, the girls were more determined than ever to prove themselves as a team. They comfortably gained victory, scoring 14-3. They were like a different team on court. The nervousness and uncertainty previously seen was replaced by gutsy willpower and confidence. The girls worked brilliantly as a team, continually encouraging and supporting one another, whilst demonstrating a clear awareness of their position and role when on court. The girls listened carefully to the game plan and tactics, implementing these faultlessly. Team strengths were seen in players ability to mark, varying from marking the ball, player and space to become defensively overpowering. This was also accompanied by some amazing shooting from Annabel Neilson and Emily Haisman who worked together brilliantly within the shooting circle. Players' player was awarded to Emily Haisman and Coaches player to Lauren Power. Well done to Team Year 7!

Many thanks to all who have attended club and to those that have represented Oakgrove School. I hope to see many of you next year at club, demonstrating your netball skills and enthusiasm for the sport.

Miss Baker

Oakgrove School

Extra Curricular Round Up



Year 7 Football

Mr Robinson

It has been a great start to Year 7 football. There was fantastic interest and commitment during the cold winter months all the way through to the end of March. The high level of enthusiasm coupled with great team performances, resulted in the Under 12's winning both their fixtures this year and starting their time at Oakgrove undefeated. With the poor weather, we had a couple of games having to be cancelled.

After some hard training the first fixture was away to Walton High, the team being lead out in both fixtures by Jay Bird. They started the game convincingly with some excellent play and movement creating some great opportunities. Some clinical finishing by Jay Bird lead to a great victory which never looked in doubt. The final score was 6-3.

The second fixture and also the only home fixture found Oakgrove against a well-respected Denbigh side. The physically bigger team did not put the Oakgrove boys off but made them more determined to get off to a good start. This is exactly what happened with some great play, both on the ground and in the air, resulting in a convincing 6-4 victory. This score, however, could have been much greater.

Overall the squad this year has played convincingly and there has been great commitment from all of the year 7 boys. This now needs to continue into next year to ensure the same success.

Year 8 Football

Mr Booth

This year saw the Under 13 boys football team take part in a league and knockout competition for schools across Milton Keynes. The team were placed in a tough qualifying group with 2 teams they had faced as Under 12's, Ousedale and Walton High, and one new opponent, the heavily fancied Hazeley.

The team began their campaign with an away match against Walton High. The team had only trained once prior to the game, but rustiness was not an issue, as they put in a strong performance to kick start the season. As Under 12's the team would often concede early, and history repeated itself, as they went 1-0 down early on away at Walton High.

Year 8 Football (continued)

Captain Reece Akano Turner replied for Oakgrove before the team conceded again soon after. Oakgrove were playing well and, on the stroke of half time, equalised through Josh Riddiough (Players' player of the match) calmly finishing off an Aaron Hall free kick. Oakgrove continued to dominate in the second half and got their just rewards as Josh Riddiough scored again to put the team in front. Late on, Taylor Brown beat the Walton defence with a jinking run before selflessly crossing for Kieron Wong to set up Simon Thorpe with an easy finish past the Walton keeper. Special mention has to be made for Josh Webb (Coach's player of the match) who confidently dribbled out of defence on many occasions to give Oakgrove attacking momentum.

Following on from their successful start to the competition, Oakgrove then stepped into the unknown when taking on Hazeley, whom they had never faced, away from home. Oakgrove started the game with real intensity, taking the lead thanks to Kieron Wong's bullet header from a superb back post corner taken by Taylor Brown. Oakgrove were playing really well until a wondergoal from the halfway line pegged them back to 1-1. Following this the momentum of the game swung back towards Hazeley and a defensive mix up at the back meant Oakgrove conceded again just before half time. Oakgrove came out for the second half with the same intensity as they had started the first showing great determination and footballing ability against larger opposition. With three minutes to go, Oakgrove got a thoroughly deserved equaliser thanks to Zak Edwards (Coach's player of the match) not giving up on an Aaron Hall (Players' player of the match) long ball over the top to charge down Hazeley's clearance straight into the back of the net. Oakgrove merited their good fortune after putting in an excellent performance and sat on top of their qualifying table with one game remaining.

Oakgrove were due to face Ousedale in their final group game but had to wait 2 months to complete the fixture due to adverse weather over the winter months. When the game began both team knew where they stood. Whichever team secured the victory would book themselves a semi final place. If Oakgrove won, first place in the group would be theirs with a semi final against St Pauls awaiting them in March. As they had done last year, Oakgrove dominated the game, in terms of possession and territory. Both teams carved out chances but poor finishing meant the game headed into the final few minutes still scoreless. With a minute to go Aaron Hall (Players' player of the match) strode past 4 opponents in a dazzling run before slotting home the winning and only goal. The team were delighted, finishing the group stages unbeaten and top of the table.

Mid-March arrived and the team had their biggest game to date - the MK School's League semi finals. It was the team's first home game and many supporters came along to urge the team to victory. The game began with the team full of confidence, having played together for nearly 2 years. Their opponents (St. Pauls) were considerably larger in stature but Oakgrove were committed in the tackle and defended with great courage throughout the first half. With half time due, Oakgrove conceded following near constant pressure from their attack minded and stronger opponents. It was the least St Pauls deserved but Oakgrove had battled with great pride and determination. With 30 minutes left to decide who would face Hazeley in the final, Oakgrove started the second half steadfastly, giving their all for the push to the final. St Pauls scored 2 further goals, one cruelly at full time, to end Oakgrove's hopes and deservedly won the whole competition given their superb ability. Liam Smart (Player's player of the match) and Aaron Hall (Coach's player of the match) were especially unwavering in their efforts, though the whole squad of 14 on the day were superb.

Huge thanks to those who came to training so consistently and represented Oakgrove with pride; let's go again next year.

Mr Booth

Oakgrove School Extra Curricular Round Up



Year 9 Football

Mr Boon

The Year 9 boys were looking to build upon their very strong showing last year and made it through this year fixtures undefeated. The first game of the year was against Radcliffe which ended in a extremely comfortable 9-1 win with Samuel Howard, Frank Agha-Kuofie and Ray Marstaller each scoring twice. Jason Dwumfuo, Seb Carter and Folabo Agunbiade rounded off the scoring. Next up was a game away against Hazeley, which after scoring four unanswered goals in the first half, led to another comfortable 5-0 win. The final game of the season was against Denbigh and another resounding 8-2 win which included a hat-trick from Players' Player of the Match and this seasons top scorer Frank Agha-Kuofie. The result would have been even more impressive but two soft goals let Denbigh onto the score sheet. We look forward to the introduction of the MK Schools League and the continued success of this year group.



X-Country

Mr Green & Mrs Edghill

A very cold, wet and wintery couple of months certainly had an impact on the key X-Country fixtures that the school had entered. The MK Schools Championships were rearranged after a single random day of snow in early December and the Bucks Schools Championships took place at a very cold and snowbound Stowe School in February. The only fixtures that were not affected by the bizarre weather were Oakgrove's annual warm up meetings (now in their fourth year) held in September and October. As you can see from the next few pages, it has been another very positive winter from Oakgrove's keen runners and all of the athletes who have been involved should be congratulated.

A special thank you must go to Sharon Edghill for all of the time and effort that she has put into helping train and organise the teams throughout the year.

Oakgrove School Extra Curricular Round Up



Oakgrove X-Country Meetings

September - October 2012

The season began with the three traditional meetings held at Oakgrove and Shenley Brook End in late September and early October. Entries once again came from Oakgrove, Shenley Brook End, Walton High, Hazeley, Thornton College and for the first time Monkston Primary School (who entered some Year 6 students).

These fixtures have been an excellent way in the past to build upon the momentum from the Primary Schools Championships and to potentially unearth some new talent. Last year we were lucky enough to find Emma Mears and Chloe Collett (both of whom now are regular participants for Marshalls Milton Keynes Athletics Club). After completing the Mile Run in a new record time, Livina Daillo (Year 7) certainly stood out immediately. She backed up this initial display by comfortably winning the first two rounds. It was a shame in the end that she left the school in early December before getting the opportunity to compete at one of the larger competitions of the year. Strong performances in all three rounds came from Laura Fuller (7th place overall), Lucy Chambers (9th place overall), Morgan Cooper (10th place overall) and Yasmine Bourne (16th place overall) to lead the Year 7 team into second place overall.

It wasn't only the Year 7 girls who made a strong impression – the Year 7 boys team came from being in second place after the first round, to comfortably winning the team event. The following boys competed in all three rounds; Felix Wallace (2nd place overall), Thomas Stringer (4th place overall), Brynn Davies (5th place overall) and Marcus Lovell (6th place overall).

Emma Mears followed up her successes from the previous year to record two wins and a second place to lead the Year 8 and 9 girls into winning the team competition against a very strong team from Thornton College. There were six girls (Emma Mears 1st place overall, Franciska Lorincz 3rd place overall, Anna Koefoed-Gregory 6th place overall, Chloe Collett 8th place overall, Rachel Harris 10th place overall, Laureece Lambert 25th place overall) competed in all three rounds, all of whom played a key role in securing the team crown.

The Year 8 and 9 boys were up against an extremely talented team of students (two of whom are regular competitors for Marshalls Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire) from Stantonbury. However, as the team from Stantonbury only competed in two rounds, Oakgrove ended up winning by a slim 8 points! Steffen Down (4th place overall), Daniel Summers (7th place overall), James Mottram (9th place overall), Jiten Patel (10th place overall) and Amitesh Nagarkar (11th place overall) competed in all three events.



Bucks Schools X-Country Championships

March 2013

The County Schools championships took place at a very cold and snowy Stowe School in early February and Oakgrove took 20 athletes to compete for a prestigious place in the County Schools team in the upcoming English Schools Championships. Once again the Oakgrove runners raised their game in horrendous conditions and did themselves and the school proud.

The stand out performance came from the Junior Girls team who finished an incredible 2nd place overall. Much of this came down to an excellent run from Sophie Botham who finished 2nd. Sophie was backed up by Emma Mears who came home two places behind in 4th place. Emma was the first Year 8 runner home which is a very positive sign for next year. The scoring four was completed by Chloe Collett in 33rd place and Anna Koefoed-Gregory in 54th place.

MK Schools X-Country Championships

March 2013

The Milton Keynes School's Championships was rearranged to take place in March, luckily this time the weather was much warmer! After such strong displays at the County Schools, we were looking forward to a very strong showing and potentially securing some team crowns, but with the English Schools Championships taking place just three days later, both Sophie Botham and Emma Mears were rested for the biggest race of their season.

With the big guns from each school missing, it gave some of the towns' non-club runners the opportunity to shine. As usual, our athletes were not shy in taking this opportunity with ten top ten positions across the four races. Amber Harman came 3rd and Annabel Neilson 8th in the Year 7 Girls race, Marcus Lovell just missed out on a podium place in 4th, Thomas Stringer came 7th and Marcus Lovell was 8th in the Year 7 Boys race, Anna Kofoed-Gregory was 5th and Franciska Lorincz 9th in the Year 8 and 9 girls race and then Devon Harford came an outstanding 2nd place in the Year 8 and 9 boys race together with Adam Welch (4th) and James Mottram (8th), wrapping up a fine day for Oakgrove.

Oakgrove School Extra Curricular Round Up



Buckinghamshire Schools X-Country Championships, held at Stowe School, February 2013

Pictures moving clockwise: 1) The Year 7 Boys team comprising of Thomas Stringer, Marcus Lovell, Harry Beale and Brynn Davies, 2) Emma Mears on her way to 4th place and gaining county schools selection, 3) A strong finish from Harry Beale, 4) James Mottram in the Junior Boys race, 5) Franciska Lorincz and Anna Kofoed-Gregory in the Junior Girls, 6) Sophie Botham taking an impressive second place, together with county schools selection.

Buckinghamshire Schools X-Country Championships: Results Round Up

Year 7 Girls

Amber Harman - 16th
Annabel Neilson - 44th
Lucy Chambers - 49th
Laura Fuller - 50th

83 finished

Team Position - 7th (1st Milton Keynes School)

Year 7 Boys

Marcus Lovell - 25th
Thomas Stringer - 36th
Brynn Davies - 47th
Harry Beale - 53rd

107 finished

Team Position - 8th (2nd Milton Keynes School)

Year 8 & 9 Girls

Sophie Botham - 2nd
Emma Mears - 4th
Chloe Collett - 33rd
Anna Kofoe-Gregory - 57th

Franciska Lorincz - 58th

Rachel Harris - 102nd

115 finished

Team Position - 2nd (1st Milton Keynes School)

Year 8 & 9 Boys

Ryan Slack - 28th
Devon Harford - 30th
James Mottram - 37th
Daniel Summers - 68th

94 finished

Team Position - 6th (2nd Milton Keynes School)

Year 10 & 11 Girls

Amy Botham - 13th



Milton Keynes Schools X-Country Champs held at Campbell Park, March 2013

Top: The Year 8 & 9 Boys team at the start
Middle: Thomas Stringer (Year 7 Boys race)
Bottom: Amber Harman, Annabel Neilson & Laura Fuller

Oakgrove School Extra Curricular Round Up

Milton Keynes Schools X-Country Championships: Results Round Up

Year 7 Girls

Amber Harman - 3rd
Annabel Neilson - 8th
40 finished

Year 7 Boys

Marcus Lovell - 4th
Thomas Stringer - 7th
Brynn Davies - 8th
Bradley Reeve - 22nd
51 finished

Year 8 & 9 Girls

Anna Kofoed-Gregory - 5th
Franciska Lorincz - 9th
Chloe Collett - 11th
Rachel Harris - 28th
36 finished

Year 8 & 9 Boys

Devon Harford - 2nd
Adam Welch - 4th
James Mottram - 8th
Daniel Summers - 12th
Reece Akano-Turner - 28th
Charlie Wheelan - 31st
38 finished



***Milton Keynes Schools X-Country Champs
held at Campbell Park, March 2013***

Top: The Year 7 Girls team at the start

Middle: The Year 7 Boys team

Bottom: The Year 8 & 9 Boys team on the start



Year 7 & 8 Rugby

Mr Robinson

The Year 7 boys, many of whom have not played rugby before arriving at Oakgrove showed good levels of commitment throughout the year with a core group continually turning up for training come wind, rain or shine. Their commitment was rewarded with a great start to their rugby, finishing the season undefeated after some challenging fixtures. The first game of the season saw Ben Moody lead the team out in a close game against Hazley, with Oakgrove scoring a fantastic try in the last minute to win 30-25.

Players Player – Tobi –Lekuti-Adbesemowo

Managers Player – Ben Moody

After a couple of cancelled fixtures, the Year 7 boys were raring for their next rugby game against SBE. Oakgrove started well scoring three tries in the first half. In the second half the boys continued to work hard but were losing key battles on the pitch including the rucks. SBE pulled a try back but the game had to be halted due to an injury suffered by a SBE player. Due to the amount of time played Oakgrove were rewarded with the win.

Managers Player – Joe Bradey

The rugby season this year has not been as successful as initially hoped for the Year 8 boys. The season started with a home game to SBE, who are known for being a strong team. This proved to be the case and, unfortunately, despite the huge amount of effort from the team, they went down 48-0. This has been a transitional year for the boys and, with their continued commitment to training, next year will certainly bring success.

Oakgrove School Extra Curricular Round Up



Rotary Swimathon

On Saturday 9th March Oakgrove took to the water, entering two teams into the Milton Keynes Rotary Swimathon. The teams faced a gruelling hour, working as a team to swim as many lengths as possible within the allocated time period whilst also competing against other lanes/teams. Swimmers also gained sponsorship for their efforts, contributing to some very worthy charities.

Support from the galleries added excitement and anticipation to the event, as swimmers entered the pool and awaited the starting claxon. Swimmers worked supportively as a team to build upon their length totals. As other lanes looked to be tiring, Oakgrove swimmers maintained their style and technique, with Daniel Summers swimming butterfly in the later stages of the hour to display not only his skill and ability but high level of fitness.

The effort and determination displayed by the swimmers was fantastic. Having never competed as a team before, the encouragement given to each other was highly commendable. Their efforts ensured that they were crowned winning school, with each swimmer receiving a medal and an additional trophy for the school cabinet!

Well done to all involved, providing fantastic Saturday afternoon sporting action and entertainment. I hope that you enter again next year, swimming to retain the Oakgrove undefeated title for the fourth year running.

Miss Baker