



**SCHOOL  
GAMES**



# Autum Term Newsletter

This term has been an extremely busy and productive one for the School Games Organisers (SGO) team, with a strong focus on promoting the importance of achieving 60 active minutes every day across our local primary schools.

Alongside this, we have proactively re-engaged with schools that have previously been less responsive, working to re-open lines of communication and share our exciting and inclusive calendar of opportunities planned for the academic year ahead, with tackling inequalities at the heart of our approach.

Competitive opportunities have been a key feature of the term, including the successful delivery of two Table Tennis events for both U13 and U16 age groups, as well as collaborative Badminton events in partnership with the Hertford and Ware SGO. The highlight of the term, however, was our Together in Action event, which proved to be a huge success and is outlined in more detail below.

## **Together In Action – Multi-Skills Festival Summary on Wednesday 26th November**

The Together In Action Multi-Skills Festival at Haileybury Turnford was a fantastic success, bringing together 106 children from local schools who had been identified as young people who may lack confidence or who do not normally take part in physical activity outside of school. The aim of the

festival was to create a positive, inclusive and non-competitive environment where children could build confidence, socialise with peers from other schools, and enjoy being active.

Throughout the morning, the children rotated around a carousel of engaging multi-skills activities, collecting stickers linked to the School Games values as they demonstrated teamwork, determination, respect and self-belief.

The activities were brilliantly led by Year 10 and Year 12 Sports Leaders from Haileybury Turnford, who showed great maturity, leadership and enthusiasm in their roles. Their support played a huge part in making the event welcoming and enjoyable for every participant.

At the end of the festival, children shared their feedback using emoji ratings.

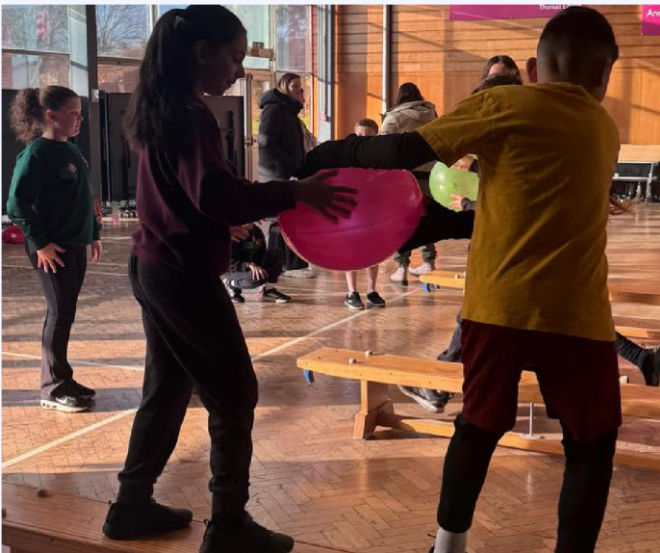
**The responses were extremely positive:**

- 64 – Very, very happy
- 25 – Happy
- 9 – Unsure
- 1 – Sad

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Every child left with a participation certificate, and many teachers commented on how wonderful it was to see children smiling, engaging and mixing with others they had never met before.

Overall, it was a very successful event and a brilliant opportunity to promote confidence, inclusion and the joy of physical activity. We look forward to building on this success at future School Games events.





# TABLE TENNIS - U13 & U16s

We hosted two highly successful Table Tennis events at HBT this term, welcoming six local secondary schools to compete in a fantastic celebration of competitive sport. The U13 event took place on 10<sup>th</sup> November, followed by the U16 event on 17<sup>th</sup> November, with both days showcasing an excellent standard of play.

The quality on display was incredibly impressive across all schools, with pupils demonstrating strong technical ability, tactical awareness and competitive spirit. It was particularly pleasing to see players confidently taking on officiating roles throughout the events, displaying outstanding sportsmanship, respect and fairness which reflected the core values we continue to promote through school sport



# COMING UP NEXT TERM ...



As we look ahead to the Spring Term, we are excited to share a fantastic programme of School Games events designed to inspire, engage and challenge young people across our partnership. We begin on Tuesday 20th January with our Racket Pack Badminton Festival for Year 3 and 4 children at The John Warner School. Running from 9.00am–12.00pm, this event is part of our Inspire and Engage pathway and is specifically aimed at children with SEN or low confidence, providing a safe and supportive environment for them to try a new sport, develop fundamental skills and enjoy being active alongside peers.

Moving into March, we return with one of our most popular competitive events — Sports Hall Athletics on Friday 6th March at Wodson Park for Year 3 and 4 children in the morning followed by 5 and 6 children in the afternoon. This Compete pathway event gives schools the chance to bring a team with at least 9 girls and 9 boys, up to a maximum of 15 girls and 15 boys, to take part in a dynamic and energetic morning of sprinting, jumping and throwing activities that promote teamwork, resilience and school pride.

Finally, on Tuesday 10th March, we will deliver our Year 6 Netball Feeders session at Haileybury Turnford, designed around the Aspire and Develop pathway. This event supports transition by allowing children to build confidence, refine netball skills and experience a secondary school environment, with places for 8–10 children per school.

Altogether, the Spring Term promises a rich variety of opportunities for children to grow, connect and shine through physical activity and school sport, and we look forward to welcoming your children to these exciting events.

