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Football

The second 11 Football team put in an entertaining display on Saturday against Stockport GS.
After a slow start the team began to gain confidence and an excellent passage of play resulted in Spencer Lewis -Ward scoring the first goal.
However, the team never maintained momentum and lost the lead In the last minute of the first half.
Stockport came out strong in the second half and if it wasn't for the cat like reflexes of goalkeeper Sasha Scott the Grange would have conceded more than the two they deserved.
The players eventually found their rhythm again and scored a well- deserved second through Oliver Jones, finishing the game 4-2.
Under 13 A and B team were away at Stockport GS. Both teams lost to a very strong side, the A team never really found there rhythm and lost 5-2.
The U15's found themselves 1-0 down after half time against Stockport GS. A much improved second half performance allowed the teams to draw level through an Oliver Holmes goal. The score finished 1-1.

Cross-Country

Thea and Izzi B were selected to run for Cheshire in an intercounty cross country race. The top 20 runners from Cheshire were selected to race against the top 20 in Merseyside. The top 10 for each county counted towards the team position. Thea came 17th overall and 10th Cheshire runner. Izzi B battled hard and came 29th. Cheshire won overall.

Rowing

Well done to Ellie Cushen and the MJ15 coxed quad who have qualified to represent the North –West Rowing Squad at the Inter-regional finals which take place at National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham during April.
Fantastic experiences in London for 80 of our rowers. 6 quads competed on the boat race course, but sadly the course had to be cut short to just over a 1000 meters due to high winds, but all the crews handled the course well. The following day over 50 pupils competed on the 2012 Olympic course, all the crews performed

Netball

ISA Nationals

The under 13 netball team won the national ISA competition with ease on Saturday making it a hatrick of gold medals for the grange.

The U14 / U16 and U18 teams travelled to Malvern St James to play in the National ISA tournament on Saturday. The U14s played some fantastic netball, winning all of their games. They won their first 2 games easily and then had a very exciting game against Princethorpe winning 8-7 with Katie Jones scoring a penalty shot in the final seconds. The U16s had a tough first match drawing 8-8 with Red House. This fuelled their determination and they went from strength to strength in the rounds and also topped their group. They then met Red House again in the final and they were determined to exert their authority on the game. They won convincingly and secured the title of National ISA champions for the 2nd consecutive year. The U18 team competed brilliantly in a tough group and enjoyed an excellent day of netball. They eventually placed 3rd in the round robin competition.

County Tournament

The U12 team competed well in their group, they beat Lymm and Hartford. They drew with Fallibroome and lost by 2 goals to Kings Macc. . Unfortunately Falibroome went through to the semi-finals on goal difference and went on to win the competition. The 1st year team showed that they can compete with the best schools in Cheshire and all coaches are very proud of the progress that they have made. The U13 team were under pressure in this tournament after winning last year's competition. They beat Christleton, Kings Macc, Fallibroome, Lymm and Holmes Chapel to secure a semi-final v Wilmslow which they won convincingly. This meant a final against their main rivals Kings Chester. A gripping final followed, it was 5-5 at full time and then 8 – 7 following 2 minutes of extra time with Jess Brocklebank scoring a great goal from the edge of the circle to clinch victory

Football

The 1st XI came up against Lymm High School in the semi-final of the Cheshire FA plate competition. There was little between the sides with both teams defending well and limiting the number of clear cut chances. One lapse in concentration in the first half allowed the Lymm striker time to turn and finish in the box. We were quickly level through a Lucas Weir free kick. The game stayed 1-1 to the end of extra-time and penalties would be used to decide a place in the final. Clinical finishing from Lucas Weir, Alex Bentley, Matthew Gilmore and George Jones put pressure on Lymm who eventually missed their 4th penalty. Ross Laidlaw managed to keep his composure and slot the ball into the bottom corner and earn the team a place in the Cheshire Plate final to play Kings Chester on Friday.

Hockey

The u14 and u16 hockey team's played in the County Finals at the weekend. This is another first – we have in the past got either one team or the other through to finals, but never have we managed to get both teams through in the same year.

The u14 won all their games to become the school's first outdoor champions. They have now completed the double and are County Indoor and Outdoor County Champions. (Another first)