

# The Sports Spotlight

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## A CRACKING EASTER UPDATE

Hello, Glenleigh families!  
Welcome to the second volume of *The Sports Spotlight*.



In this edition, we're celebrating our pupils' achievements, highlighting key developments, and sharing the latest opportunities that keep Glenleigh active and thriving!

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## HOPPING INTO EASTER



A big thank you for all the positive messages received around the first volume of *The Sports Spotlight*. I hope that this second volume lives up to your eggs-pectations, and I wish you all a fantastic Easter!

**Mr Marchant, PE Lead**





# Sports Round Up

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The past two terms have been extremely busy, filled with fantastic sporting moments, with our Glenleigh Park pupils seizing every opportunity to compete, grow, and shine. From thrilling tournaments to friendly fixtures, they have taken part in a wide range of events, showing enthusiasm, resilience, and a passion for sport.

Whether representing the school on a field, court, or in a sports hall somewhere in Sussex, our children always demonstrate outstanding teamwork and determination. Their ability to support one another, push their limits, and embrace both triumph and challenge with grace is truly commendable. It is always such a pleasure to take our pupils around the county, they always set such a great example of our school.

As always, none of our sporting adventures would be possible without the dedication of our incredible support staff, often giving up their own time by joining me for these events to go ahead. A huge thank you to Miss Kennard, Miss Axell, Miss Shepherd, Mr Gillham and even our amazing parent helpers who have supported our children at sporting events in Term 3 & 4. Whether it's offering encouragement from the side-lines or ensuring everyone is prepared and safe, their commitment does not go unnoticed.

Read on to find out more about the exciting sporting highlights from this term!





# Sports Round Up

## Basketball Brilliance

We kicked off term 3 with an exciting basketball tournament at St. Richard's Catholic College, where both our boys' and girls' teams showcased their skills. The afternoon was filled with impressive passing, movement, and teamwork, making for some thrilling matches. A special congratulations to one of our boys' teams who secured an impressive 3rd place finish – a fantastic achievement! However, a huge well done to everyone who took part; your hard work and team spirit throughout the afternoon were truly commendable.



## Athletics All-Stars

Our second sports event of the term saw us return to St. Richards for an action-packed indoor athletics competition, featuring a variety of track and field events. A huge congratulations to our boys' team for an outstanding performance in the sprint relay, securing a comfortable first place! Equally impressive was the determination, skill, and team spirit shown by everyone who took part – from competing with passion to cheering each other on throughout the afternoon. Well done to you all for representing our school so brilliantly!





# Sports Round Up



## SMASHING PERFORMANCES AND A SPOT IN THE FINALS!

In February, we made our way to Horntye Sports Complex in Hastings for an exciting indoor cricket tournament, where matches were played under Dynamo Cricket rules. This fast-paced and inclusive format is designed to maximise participation, ensuring every player has a role to play. Each team fields six players, with everyone having the chance to bat, bowl, and contribute to the game. The scoring system is simplified, with points awarded for key skills such as accurate bowling and quick fielding, making the game both engaging and strategic.

We entered two boys' teams, both of whom performed brilliantly throughout the day, displaying excellent teamwork and determination. A special mention goes to 'Team Oak', who dominated their matches and remained unbeaten throughout the tournament. Their outstanding performance secured them a well-deserved spot in the county finals! Be sure to read on to find out how they fared in March!





# Sports Round Up



## **BATTING, BOWLING, AND BRILLIANCE – GIRLS MAKE THEIR MARK IN INDOOR CRICKET!**

At the start of Term 4, it was the girls' turn to take on the indoor cricket tournament at Horntye Sports Complex, once again playing under Dynamo Cricket rules. For many of the team, this was a brand-new experience and something a little out of their comfort zone – but they approached it with enthusiasm, determination, and a fantastic team spirit. The fast-paced nature of the game, where everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl, and field, meant there was never a dull moment, and the girls quickly adapted to the format.

As the tournament progressed, so did their confidence and performance. With each game, they grew stronger – their communication improved, their fielding became sharper, and they began to make some brilliant batting partnerships. It was fantastic to see them embracing the challenge and genuinely enjoying themselves by the end of the day. Although they didn't come away with silverware, their growth and positivity throughout the tournament were hugely commendable. Well done to all the girls for stepping up, trying something new, and giving it their absolute best!





# Sports Round Up



## NETBALL SQUAD GOALS

Our mixed netball team competed at St. Richard's Catholic College at the start of Term 4, and it was an action-packed afternoon of learning and growth. The team showed excellent teamwork, clear communication, and logical thinking throughout the matches, always working together to create opportunities on court.

Despite the physical demands and exhaustion, the players kept their spirits high, enjoying the experience and pushing through with determination. It was an afternoon full of fun, progress, and valuable lessons – well done to everyone involved!

## BOCCIA BONAZA

Later on in term 4, we took two teams to All Saints CE Primary to compete in a Boccia tournament, showcasing both skill and outstanding sportsmanship.

Boccia, a precision sport similar to bowls, requires strategy, control, and accuracy as players aim to place their balls as close as possible to the target.

Both teams performed brilliantly, demonstrating impressive technique and composure under pressure while making some fantastic tactical plays.

Beyond their skills, their encouragement and respect for opponents truly stood out, embodying the spirit of the game. A fantastic effort from everyone involved—well done!





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## SUSSEX STUNNERS - GLENLEIGH QUALIFY FOR SUSSEX FINALS



After an outstanding performance in the Hastings indoor cricket tournament, where our Glenleigh team won all their games, they earned a well-deserved spot in the Sussex Cricket Finals. This meant they had the exciting opportunity to compete at Brighton Aldridge Cricket Academy against some of the strongest school teams in the county. Reaching this stage was a fantastic achievement and a reflection of their hard work, teamwork, and dedication. It was a proud moment for the team and a great chance to test themselves at the next level—well done to everyone involved! Read on to find out how they got on.





# Sports Round Up



## BOWLED OVER, BUT NOT OUT—WE’LL BOUNCE BACK!

It proved to be a challenging afternoon at the Brighton Aldridge Cricket Academy, with some of Sussex’s finest cricket talent on show. Our first game against Lindfield Primary Academy saw a bowling masterclass from Glenleigh early on, with only 1 wide bowl out of 30. Despite this, the fielding performance from eventual winners Lindfield proved to be too strong.

In the final game of the group, we faced off against West Park CE Primary. After a solid batting performance, we then fielded valiantly, getting a mixture of 4 catches and wickets. Sadly, we were 5 points short of winning in a closely contested match which saw us bow out of the group stages.

Despite what was a tricky test, the team did us proud, kept smiles on their faces and represented us excellently as they always do!





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## RECORD-BREAKING RUNNERS

It was a record breaking afternoon for Glenleigh Park at the annual Sandown Cross Country, this year we were more successful than we have ever been before. The event was split up into 8 races, starting with the “Year 3 Boys” category, then “Year 3 Girls”, working all the way up to the “Year 6 Girls” category. Every single one of our runners showed exceptional determination to finish their races, which was nearly 2km in distance, showing how challenging it really was. But why was this event so successful? Lets find out!



To begin, one of our Year 4 girls put in a phenomenal performance, winning her race by an incredible 30-second margin—the largest winning gap of the entire event. Not only is she the first-ever Glenleigh Park student to finish in 1st place at Sandown, but she also built on her previous success, having placed 3rd last year and already securing a 1st place finish earlier on this year at the St. Richard's Cross Country. Adding to our school's impressive showing, a Glenleigh Park runner in the Year 4 boys' race finished in 3rd place, marking only our third-ever podium finish in this event. With around 80 competitors per race, these accomplishments are even more remarkable. On top of these individual successes, Glenleigh Park placed 4th overall among all medium-sized schools, thanks to the outstanding efforts of every runner on the day. done to all who took part—you have made our school proud!

1 <sup>st</sup>	St Leonards CE Primary Academy
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sacred Heart CP School
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Baird Primary Academy
4 <sup>th</sup>	Glenleigh Park Primary Academy
5 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints CE Junior Academy, Hastings
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ark Castledown Primary Academy
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ore Village Primary Academy
8 <sup>th</sup>	Robsack Wood Primary Academy
9 <sup>th</sup>	Hollington Primary School



# Time 2 Dance Extravaganza

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## 12th February 2025



What a night to remember! Our incredible Glenleigh Park dancers delivered a breathtaking performance at the annual Time 2 Dance show at the White Rock Theatre in Hastings during Term 3.

With this year's theme, 'Memories', setting the stage for an unforgettable evening, our dancers truly stole the show as the second act of the night. Their high-energy disco routine—perfected through months of dedication and hard work since September—was nothing short of spectacular. The result? A well-earned standing ovation that filled us with immense pride!

But the magic didn't stop there. Not only did our dancers light up the White Rock Theatre, but they also wowed the entire Glenleigh Park community with a special performance in assembly at the start of Term 4. Watching them bring their passion and energy back to school was an inspiring moment for everyone.

Dancers, we couldn't be prouder of you—your talent, commitment, and enthusiasm continue to amaze us all!



# Sports Premium - Boogie Bounce

As explained in Volume 1 of The Sports Spotlight, Sports Premium funding is provided by the government for to primary schools to enhance PE, sport, and physical activity opportunities for students. This funding helps improve PE opportunities in so many ways. By investing in these resources, schools can promote healthier lifestyles and greater engagement in physical education.



In Term 3, we welcomed Boogie Bounce—a high-energy trampoline workout set to music, led by a specialist instructor. Every class across the school had the chance to take part in a dynamic 30-minute session on their own mini trampoline, and by the end, it was safe to say they were completely exhausted! The instructor was incredibly impressed with the determination and enthusiasm shown by every child. Due to its overwhelming success, we invited Boogie Bounce back in Term 4 for what was another fun-filled experience. We are now thrilled to announce that they will be returning in Terms 5 and 6—an incredible opportunity for our children that wouldn't be possible without Sports Premium funding.



# Sports Premium - HIIT Box Club

## SO WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Over the last two terms, we have been fortunate enough to welcome 'HIIT Box Bexhill' to Glenleigh Park, but who are they? HIIT Box is a premier fitness community dedicated to transforming lives through expert coaching and high-quality training. Established in 2019, they specialize in HIIT, boxing, DEKA, and more, catering to all fitness levels. As affiliates of DEKA, Hyrox, and England Boxing, they provide top-tier training and exclusive opportunities for participants to excel in fitness and competition.



## HIIT BOX AT GLENLEIGH

In Term 3, we partnered with HIIT Box to introduce a non-contact boxing club for our KS2 children, focusing on building confidence, fitness, and resilience in a fun and supportive environment. The sessions were a huge success, with children thoroughly enjoying the chance to learn new skills while improving their physical and mental wellbeing. Due to its popularity, we then extended the opportunity to our KS1 children in Term 4, allowing even more pupils to benefit from this engaging and dynamic program. With expert coaching from The HIIT Box coaches our young boxers are developing discipline, technique, and self-esteem.

Thanks to our sports premium funding, we have been able to offer these classes for just £1 per session, with the funding subsidising most of the cost in bringing HIIT Box to Glenleigh Park.



# 'ActivAll' Boards



## ActivAll Boards and the 'Golden Boxing Gloves'



These past two terms, our ActivAll boards have once again been at the heart of our school playground, turning breaktimes into action-packed moments of fitness, fun, and friendly competition. These interactive boards have not only kept our children active but have also played a key role in promoting positive physical health and mental well-being through movement and play.

But it's not just about keeping fit—our pupils have been embracing the challenge and competing for the famous *Golden Boxing Gloves*! This competition has given our children the opportunity to improve their speed, coordination, and focus, all while encouraging and supporting their friends along the way. The enthusiasm and determination shown by the children have been truly inspiring, with some excellent scores on show. The competitions over the last two terms have focused on the game mode 'cluster shot' in Term 3, and recognising those children showing great effort in Term 4.

So, who has risen to the challenge? Turn the page to find out how the competition has unfolded over the last two terms!



One of our term 3 winners with their golden boxing gloves



# 'ActivAll' Boards

## TERM 3 WINNERS - CLUSTERSHOT

● Noah F 344

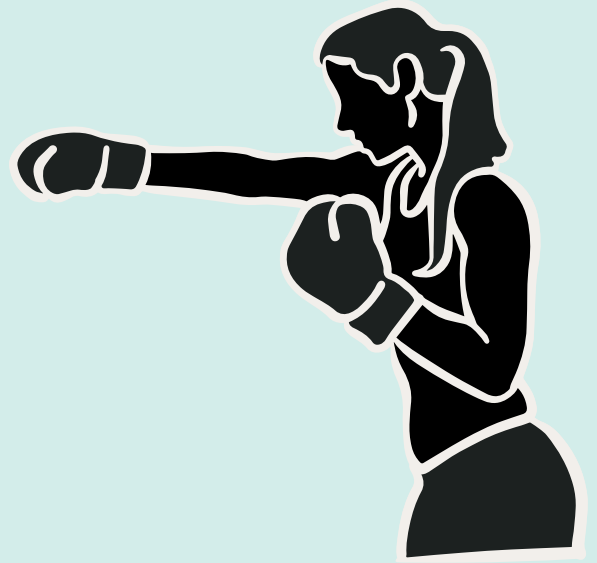
● Eden T-L 90

● Leo O 354

● Glory A 502

● Ranbir R 547

● Eliza H 397



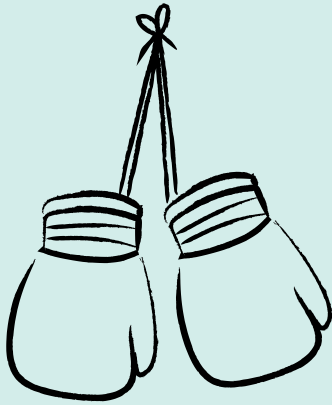
## TERM 4 WINNERS - BEST EFFORT

● Dominic - Year 3/4

● Mason - Year 3

● Maxwell - Year 4

● Paige - Year 3/4



Congratulations to all the children who have taken part over the last two terms! Your enthusiasm, determination, and support for one another have made the competition truly special. A huge well done to the winners from each year group, your hard work and dedication have earned you the prestigious *Golden Boxing Gloves*.



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