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## SHELL-EBRATIONS AT GLENLEIGH

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

In this edition, I'll be continuing to showcase the fantastic things happening across Glenleigh Park. From sports events to clubs, there is always so much going on, and I'm sure you've noticed just how busy and exciting it's been!



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## EGG-STATIC FOR EASTER

Another Easter, another *Sports Spotlight*, big thank you for engagement and celebrating our children's successes. Don't forget if you'd rather have a physical copy of this newsletter, they are free to collect in the office! Wishing you a lovely Easter break!

**Mr Marchant, PE Lead**



# Sports Round Up

## Bouncing to Victory



Last term, our two Glenleigh Park basketball teams delivered an exceptional set of performances at the St Richard's Tournament, finishing in first and third place out of nine competing schools.

Across the tournament, both teams demonstrated impressive basketball technique, including strong defensive pressure, confident ball-handling, accurate passing and excellent rebounding. Their ability to maintain composure under pressure, move the ball effectively around the court and create scoring opportunities played a key role in securing such strong results. Finishing first and third is a remarkable achievement, and every player involved contributed through determination, teamwork and purposeful play. We are extremely proud of how they represented Glenleigh Park and showcased the progress they've made in basketball over the years.



# Sports Round Up

## Thrown into Action!



Over the last two terms, our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been using some of their PE lessons to develop their dodgeball skills. Earlier this term, we prepared to travel to the K2 in Crawley to take part in the North Sussex Primary County Championship – a first for Glenleigh Park.

The team played brilliantly, winning all but one of their group games which saw them advance straight to the finals. We were so impressed with some of the performances that we saw throughout the day.

In the final match, they faced a highly talented and unbeaten Holbrook Primary School. Although the game ended in a 5-1 defeat, the Glenleigh team didn't stop going until the very end, even when they were mathematically unable to win the match. We are so proud of not only how well they did, but the sportsmanship showed by shaking hands with each team after every game, and the resilience to bounce back in each game, even after losing sets, the team didn't let it knock their confidence, they just got up and tried again! Well done team, we are so proud of you all.



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## Tag-tical Triumphs!



Our Year 6 pupils recently took part in the Hastings Tag Rugby Tournament, building on the hard work they have put into developing their rugby skills throughout Term 4. Their commitment in PE lessons was clear to see, with both our boys' and girls' teams performing extremely well across all their matches. Players communicated confidently, supported one another, and demonstrated excellent teamwork from start to finish. Throughout the tournament, pupils showcased key rugby skills such as quick evasive running, accurate passing, strategic tagging and maintaining defensive shape. We were incredibly proud of how they represented Glenleigh Park and how much progress they have made in the sport this term.



# Sports Round Up

## Running the Show



What an afternoon we had over at Sandown Cross Country earlier this term! 31 of our Glenleigh Park runners took to the field in what is always a very challenging cross-country route, not to mention the windy and muddy conditions! As always, our fantastic children approached their races with determination and resilience, even when they found it tough. The first achievement worth celebrating is that every child from Glenleigh Park finished their race, a feat worth shouting about in itself. As well as this, we had two 2nd place finishes, which is particularly impressive considering the strong competition, with around 70 of the best runners from around Hastings and Bexhill competing in each race. As well as this, Glenleigh Park finished in 4th place overall out of the 11 schools competing in the medium schools category, an exceptional achievement that we are very proud of; our joint best finish at this event!





# The Pupil Voice

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Glenleigh Park simply wouldn't be the school it is without our children. Their character, enthusiasm and energy shape our community every day, and they are the reason our school feels as special and vibrant as it does. With that in mind, I wanted to hear directly from them, their thoughts, their experiences and their favourite moments from sport at Glenleigh Park. Gathering their reflections offered a wonderful insight into what sport means to them, how it helps them grow and what they enjoy most. I hope you enjoy reading their words as much as I enjoyed collecting them.



# The Pupil Voice

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***“The thing I like most about PE is that we get to try so many different kinds of sports. I love that we do activities like gymnastics, football and lots of other fun games. My favourite PE lessons this year have been gymnastics and football. I’ve really enjoyed gymnastics because I get to practise lots of different tricks and challenge myself. I’ve also loved football this term because I used to play for a team, and doing it again in school has reminded me how much fun it is. Football is exciting, fast and something I always look forward to.” – BB, Year 4***

***“PE at Glenleigh Park helps me learn new skills, especially when we do sports like football. I feel that I have improved a lot and become more confident with the different skills we practise, which makes me really proud. I’ve also enjoyed gymnastics and dance this year because we got to learn different routines that we could practise and get better at each week. It feels good to see myself improving and enjoying the activities at the same time.” – KI, Year 4***

***“I have really enjoyed gymnastics this year because it’s so much fun getting all the benches and mats out and trying different moves like forward rolls. It makes the lessons exciting and gives us lots of chances to learn new tricks. I’ve also loved football this year. Even though I already play at the weekends, doing it at school with my friends has been really fun. I feel like I’ve learned how to play as part of a team and work together, which has made football even better for me.” – FO, Year 3***



# The Pupil Voice

***“PE at Glenleigh is really fun because we get to try a wide range of sports and activities. PE has helped me gain more confidence and encouraged me to try new things that I might not have done before. One of the things I like most about our lessons is that we often practise skills that we later get to use at sports events. This is really helpful and also challenges us to keep improving and pushing ourselves.” –***

***TR, Year 6***

***“I like PE lessons at school because they are fun, and it doesn’t matter who wins or loses or what your ability is. I feel that everybody gets the chance to learn and is always encouraged and included. It’s really nice having such a big range of sports through the different year groups, and I feel like I’ve learned so much from all the different activities we’ve done.” –***

***SA, Year 5***

***“PE is fun and really active, and it has helped me a lot because I feel like I’ve developed skills over the years that will help me when I go to secondary school. It doesn’t matter whether you want to be an athlete or you just want to enjoy yourself, PE makes it possible to have fun either way. I feel confident joining in because there is always something for everyone.” –***

***HB, Year 5***

***“I have really enjoyed learning a wide range of different skills in PE. For example, I’ve loved getting better at dodgeball, and I’ve found cricket really fun too. Trying so many new sports has made me want to continue them when I go to secondary school, and it has encouraged me to get more involved in school life. If it wasn’t for PE and the opportunities at Glenleigh, I don’t think I would be the sporty person I am***

***today.” –***



# The Pupil Voice

## So what's it really like to be a sports leader?

At Glenleigh Park, we are extremely lucky to have sports leaders who work hard every day! But what is life like as a sports leader?

*"What I like about being a Sports Leader is getting to help set up lessons and tidying everything away afterwards. I enjoy supporting JOLF sessions and helping children in other classes with their PE lessons. Being a Sports Leader shows me that I'm capable when it comes to sports, and it's helped me grow in confidence." - FD, Year 6*

*"Something I really enjoy about being a Sports Leader is having the opportunity to support PE lessons for the younger children. I like helping them set up equipment and making sure they're ready for their activities. It feels good to be someone they can rely on." - LS, Year 6*

*"I enjoy being a Sports Leader because I get to help with lots of different jobs, like pumping up the balls and keeping the cupboards tidy. I also like supporting others on the ActivAll boards and helping them put on the boxing gloves so they can join in the fun." - LM, Year 5*

*"My favourite part of being a Sports Leader is helping others have fun. I love encouraging people on the Active Boards, cheering them on to get onto the leaderboard, and supporting them to achieve their best scores." - BI, Year 5*



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## JOLF at Glenleigh

*"I really enjoy JOLF because it encourages me to try my best in all the different games. I really like Neil, the JOLF man, because he is always so supportive and helps lots of children in our class. I'd never tried golf before, but he made it easy and fun to learn." - MN, Year 4*

*"I really like Neil, who runs JOLF, because he is kind and always helps me. I enjoy JOLF because I like golf and it's really fun, but it also helps me learn new skills and support my friends." - TP, Year 3*

*JOLF is really fun because I get to learn new things, like how to use the putter and the chipper properly. I love taking part because every session teaches me something new, and it's always exciting. JOLF isn't just fun, it helps me get better and better at golf each term. - DM, Year 4*



# Sports Premium - Boogie Bounce



Boogie Bounce has become a much-loved staple of our school routine, giving children the chance to take part in an energetic trampoline-based workout led by a specialist instructor. Each pupil has their own mini-trampoline, and the combination of music, movement and rhythm makes every session feel exciting and engaging. The children absolutely love it, throwing themselves into the routines with enthusiasm and seeing it as one of the highlights of every term. Teachers have been consistently impressed with the quality of the sessions, particularly the focus on technique, stamina and controlled movement. As well as supporting a healthy, active lifestyle, Boogie Bounce helps to boost core strength, balance and coordination, all of which play a valuable role in improving focus and self-regulation back in the classroom. It is a brilliant example of how physical activity can enhance wellbeing, confidence and enjoyment in equal measure.



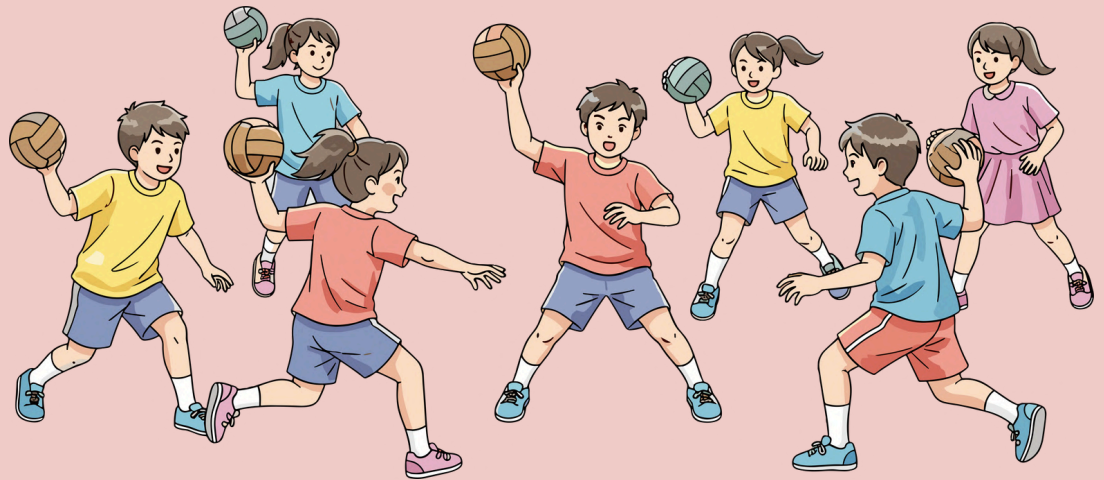
# Sports Premium Clubs - HIIT BOX

Established in 2019, 'The HIIT Box' specialise 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. At Glenleigh Park, it had been not only a privilege to welcome them to our school, but to offer their club to all of our children from Y1-6 at a heavily discounted rate, all thanks to our Sports Premium funding. We know that our children have loved it so far, developing many important skills along the way.



# Sports Premium Clubs - Dodgeball

As you may have gathered from Page 4, Glenleigh Park has gone dodgeball mad this year, and what better way to compliment that than getting in dodgeball experts to come in and deliver a high quality dodgeball club. We have partnered up with Defiant Sports, who have been coming in over the last two terms for what has been an extremely popular club with our children. Once again, we have been so lucky to be able to offer this to our children at such a discounted price, providing opportunities to all of our children, all thanks to our Sports Premium funding.



# Sports Premium Clubs

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## Cricket

To round off our Sports Premium clubs, this term we have partnered with Sussex Cricket to offer an expertly led cricket club delivered by a top-level coach.

This has been a real hit (pun absolutely intended) with our Year 5 and 6 pupils, who have thrown themselves into every session with enthusiasm. From perfecting their batting stance to sharpening their bowling accuracy, they've shown they're more than ready to step up to the crease.

The club has certainly 'bowled' them over, and we're delighted that next term our Year 3 and 4 children will get their chance to take a 'swing' at it too. We're sure they'll be having a ball in no time.





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