



# The Sports Spotlight

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## TWO YEAR MILESTONE

Hello, Glenleigh families! Welcome to the sixth volume of *The Sports Spotlight*, the final one of this academic year.

I can't believe that *The Sports Spotlight* has been going for two years now, where has that time gone!? Thank you all for your positive engagement with this newsletter over the last couple of years!



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## GAME, SET, SUMMER!

After another busy year of PE, sports, and keeping on moving, we are delighted with how much our children at Glenleigh are getting involved with all things active. Later on in the publication, we'll be seeing how we can carry this on over the summer holidays. Read on to find out more!

**Mr Marchant, PE Lead**



# Sports Round Up

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## ON PAR FOR SUCCESS!

Back in Term 5, our Year 6 pupils recently took part in the annual Hastings Mini Golf Primary School Tournament, enjoying a fantastic day of competition and fun.

Despite the blustery conditions, Team Glenleigh stayed focused and tackled the challenging course with plenty of resilience. Competing against schools from across the area, the team produced an excellent performance to finish in a very impressive joint 9th place, securing a spot in the top ten.

Most importantly, the children represented Glenleigh brilliantly throughout the day, showing great sportsmanship, encouraging one another and making the most of a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Well done to everyone involved for a tee-rific effort!

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## BOCCIA BRILLIANCE

For those who don't know, Boccia is a precision ball sport where players aim to get their coloured balls as close as possible to a target ball, known as the jack. Similar to bowls, it requires skill, concentration and tactical thinking, while being fully inclusive and accessible to all.

Also in Term 5, our Boccia team made the short journey over to All Saints Primary School to take part in a local Boccia tournament. Throughout the competition, our pupils demonstrated excellent focus, teamwork and sportsmanship, carefully planning each shot and supporting one another in every match.

It was fantastic to see the children embracing the challenge, developing their skills and representing Glenleigh with pride. Most importantly, everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the opportunity to compete in such an inclusive and enjoyable sport.



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## FOOTBALL STARS SHINE

What an afternoon we had earlier on in Term 6, as Glenleigh Park hosted its annual summer football tournament for the second consecutive year, hosting schools from all across Bexhill. We welcomed pupils from Little Common, Chantry, King Offa, St Peter & St Paul, Ninfield and All Saints in what proved to be an exciting afternoon of football.

Our Glenleigh Park teams performed excellently in their group matches, unluckily bowing out of the tournament in 3rd & 4th place respectively. Well done to you all for fantastic efforts, with a special mention to two of our Year 3 players, competing against children up to three years older than them!

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| PITCH 1 |                                                                                                      | PLD | PTS | GD |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| 1       |  St Peter & St Paul | 3   | 7   | 3  |
| 2       |  Chantry            | 3   | 5   | 3  |
| 3       |  King Offa          | 3   | 4   | 1  |
| 4       |  Glenleigh Park A   | 3   | 0   | -7 |

| PITCH 2 |                                                                                                    | PLD | PTS | GD |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| 1       |  Little Common    | 3   | 6   | 2  |
| 2       |  All Saints       | 3   | 5   | 3  |
| 3       |  Glenleigh Park B | 3   | 4   | -1 |
| 4       |  Ninfield         | 3   | 1   | -4 |

## FIXTURES PITCH 1

|         |                                                                                    |                    |     |                    |                                                                                      |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pitch 1 |   | King Offa          | 0-1 | St Peter & St Paul |   |
| Pitch 1 |   | Glenleigh Park A   | 0-3 | Chantry            |   |
| Pitch 1 |   | St Peter & St Paul | 0-0 | Chantry            |   |
| Pitch 1 |   | Glenleigh Park A   | 0-2 | King Offa          |   |
| Pitch 1 |   | Chantry            | 2-2 | King Offa          |   |
| Pitch 1 |  | St Peter & St Paul | 2-0 | Glenleigh Park A   |  |

## FIXTURES PITCH 2

|         |                                                                                     |                  |     |                  |                                                                                       |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pitch 2 |  | Ninfield         | 0-2 | Glenleigh Park B |  |
| Pitch 2 |  | All Saints       | 3-0 | Little Common    |  |
| Pitch 2 |  | Glenleigh Park B | 0-0 | All Saints       |  |
| Pitch 2 |  | Little Common    | 2-0 | Ninfield         |  |
| Pitch 2 |  | Glenleigh Park B | 0-3 | Little Common    |  |
| Pitch 2 |  | Ninfield         | 0-0 | All Saints       |  |

After a tense and closely contested final, Little Common were crowned champions after scoring a dramatic last-second goal to secure a 2-1 victory over St Peter & St Paul, who finished as runners-up, with Chantry claiming a third-place finish after victory against All Saints. A huge congratulations to Little Common on lifting the trophy, and a massive well done to every player who took part throughout the afternoon!

A special thank you to the secondary pupils from Mulberry Academy, who gave up their time to referee the tournament and did an outstanding job throughout the afternoon. We'd also like to extend our thanks to all of the Glenleigh Park staff who volunteered their time to help the event run so smoothly.

We're already looking forward to hosting another mixed football tournament next year. Even more excitingly, we'll also be hosting our very first girls-only football tournament next summer, so keep your eyes peeled for more details!



# Year 5 Swimming

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Year 5 have made excellent progress in swimming this year and should be extremely proud of their achievements. Throughout the sessions, the children have shown enthusiasm, determination and a positive attitude towards developing their swimming skills. Many pupils have grown in confidence in the water, improving their technique across a range of strokes and demonstrating greater control, endurance and water safety awareness. It has been wonderful to see so many children challenge themselves and persevere when learning new skills.

Each class also displayed fantastic behaviour and teamwork during their swimming lessons. They listened carefully to instructions, supported one another and approached each lesson with maturity and respect. As a result, many children have achieved personal goals and made significant progress from their starting points. Their hard work and commitment have been evident throughout the year, making swimming a successful and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.



# Cricket Masterclass

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Year 5 had a fantastic morning at Bexhill Academy, joining pupils from other local schools to take part in a cricket masterclass. The children enjoyed learning and developing a range of cricket skills, including bowling, catching and batting, through a variety of fun activities and coaching sessions. They then had the opportunity to put their new skills into practice by taking part in a series of small-sided cricket games. The morning was full of teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and everyone had a wonderful time representing the school.



# School Games Mark

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We're delighted to announce that for the second year running we have been awarded the Gold School Games Mark! This national award recognises our commitment to providing high-quality PE, school sport and physical activity opportunities for all pupils.

We're incredibly proud that 97% of our Year 6 pupils have represented the school in at least one inter-school sporting competition this academic year, a fantastic achievement that reflects the enthusiasm, teamwork and determination shown by our children. Thanks to our Sports Premium funding, we have also been able to work with more local sports providers than ever before, offering a wide range of after school sports clubs for both KS1 and KS2.

Alongside this, pupils have enjoyed additional active opportunities throughout the school day, such as JOLF and Boogie Bounce, helping to promote healthy, active lifestyles to complement our PE curriculum.

We can't wait to build on this success and create even more sporting opportunities when we return in September!



# KS1 Sports Day

Due to the hot weather, KS1 had an indoor cool and calm sports day circuit on 9th July. They showed excellent teamwork, sharing skills and cheered on their friends, and lots of fun was had by all! Let's have a look at what they got up to!



# Girls Football Club

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This term, the Girls' Football Club has been a fantastic success, with pupils showing great enthusiasm, commitment and teamwork each week. The girls have worked hard to develop their football skills, focusing on passing, dribbling, shooting and defending through a range of fun and engaging activities. It has been wonderful to see players grow in confidence, support one another and demonstrate excellent sportsmanship during training sessions and matches.

As the term progressed, the girls made impressive improvements both individually and as a team. Their determination, resilience and positive attitudes helped them overcome challenges and celebrate their achievements together. Most importantly, the club has provided an inclusive environment where everyone has enjoyed being active, making new friends and developing a love of football. We are incredibly proud of all the players for their effort and commitment throughout the term and look forward to seeing their continued progress in the future.



# Active Summer Holidays

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We all know how important it is to stay active every day as part of a healthy lifestyle. Health experts recommend that children take part in at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day, while adults should aim for at least 30 minutes to help maintain their fitness, wellbeing and overall health. Being active not only strengthens our bodies, but also improves our mood, boosts energy levels and supports positive mental health.

At Glenleigh Park, we have been thinking about ways to keep moving and stay healthy over the summer holidays. Whether it's going for a walk, riding a bike, swimming, playing sports with friends, exploring the outdoors or simply enjoying active games with family, there are plenty of fun ways to stay active every day. Read on to discover some of the exciting activities we are planning to do this summer and perhaps find some inspiration for your own active adventures!

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*I will be doing lots of walking and running on the beach this summer - Mr Gillham*



*I'm heading to the gym each morning, doing a 30-minute bike ride and hoping to do some laps in the swimming pool. If the sun stays with us, then I will be walking along the beach too*  
Miss Walsh



*I will be staying active this summer by swimming in the sea! Hopefully the weather holds for plenty of fun on the beach -*  
Ms Barnard



*I will be staying fit during the holidays by going to the gym where I live, taking part in spinning classes (covering 14km in 35 minutes) and attending weight training classes. I will also be walking my little dog, Sky, for longer because I have more time to do this during the holidays - Mrs Goldsmith*



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*I will be hiking around Austria and climbing cliffs on Via Ferratas in Switzerland - Mr Wheeler*



*My favourite thing to do is walk along the seafront in Bexhill and eat an ice cream on a sunny day! - Miss Pierce*



*I'll be keeping fit with lots of seaside runs, swimming in the sea and hitting the gym. I will also be embarrassing myself by trying to learn to roller skate! - Miss Allan*



*I'll be doing lots of stretching and bending at Pilates, walking in the countryside and along the beach, and also snorkelling while on holiday in Croatia - Miss Kennard*



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*I will be walking the dog along the beach.*

*Mrs Turner*



*I will be going to the gym, playing padel tennis,  
going running on the seafront and swimming in  
the sea - Mr Marchant*



*I will be swimming in the outdoor lido in Lewes,  
as well as in the sea, and doing some beach yoga*  
*Mrs Towers*



*Over the summer, I will spend a lot of my time  
chasing my energetic boys around the park or  
garden because we love being outside! We also  
enjoy going for walks along the beach (via an ice  
cream shop) and having a paddle in the sea.*  
*Miss Jeffery*



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## GLENLEIGH ACTIVE SUMMER

Now we've seen what some of the staff at Glenleigh Park are doing over the summer to stay active, now it's your turn.

Over the summer holidays, we would love to see how our Glenleigh Park children are keeping active over the summer holidays! If you would like to take part, please ask an adult to send a photo of you being active. This could be anything from swimming, cycling, running, walking, dancing, playing sports, visiting the park or enjoying an outdoor adventure.

Adults: Please email a photo to [office@glenleighppa.org.uk](mailto:office@glenleighppa.org.uk) with the subject line **'Glenleigh Active Summer'**.

Every child who sends in a photo will be featured in Volume 7 of the Sports Spotlight in December and may also appear on the Glenleigh Park Facebook page, helping us celebrate all the fantastic ways our children stay active during the holidays.

We can't wait to see your active summer adventures!





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