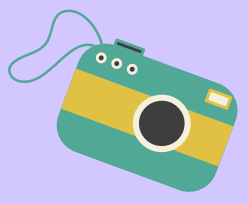


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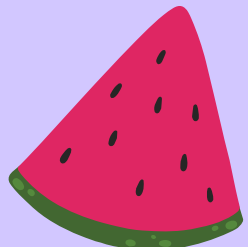


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SUNS OUT, FUNS OUT

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



It's been yet another busy two terms filled with sport and competition, not to mention plenty of opportunities to get active and have fun in the sun!

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SPRINTING INTO SUMMER

What a year it's been at Glenleigh! From Boogie Bounce to Boccia tournaments, we've taken part in more active opportunities, both in and out of school, than ever before, with every year group getting involved in some way. Thank you all for joining us for the ride. The best part is, we're set to do it all again next year! Have a fantastic, active summer!



Mr Marchant, PE Lead





Sports Round Up



TRY-UPMHANT TAG RUGBY STARS TAKE TO THE FIELD

We kicked off Term 5 with an exciting tag rugby tournament in Hastings, where both our boys' and girls' teams competed against a range of other schools. Each team performed brilliantly, securing multiple well-earned victories between them, showcasing the knowledge and skills they've developed during their PE lessons. It was fantastic to see their learning come to life in a competitive, real-game setting. Beyond their athletic achievements, the students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and represented our school with pride, maintaining excellent behaviour and a positive attitude throughout the entire afternoon.





Sports Round Up



PUTT-ING ON A SHOW IN HASTINGS

Four of our pupils from Year 6 took part in a mini golf tournament at the iconic Hastings Mini Golf Course – the very same venue that hosts the World Crazy Golf Championships. Competing across all three challenging courses, our team showed great focus, determination, and resilience. There was some wet weather, but this wasn't enough to dampen their spirits! As the tournament went on, their confidence and scores steadily improved, rising up the table, and by the end of the day, they had earned an impressive fourth-place finish out of nearly twenty schools from across the area, putting all of that practice in this years JOLF sessions to very good use. Join us un congratulating them on this fantastic achievement, a testament to their perseverance and teamwork!





Sports Round Up

FINALISTS AT CLAREMONT

Our Glenleigh Park football team put on a fantastic display at the Claremont Prep Tournament, powering through the group stage with a draw and two convincing wins. A composed 3-0 victory in the semi-final set up a thrilling final, where the team gave it their all in a hard-fought match against Battle & Langton. Despite losing 3-0, it was a closely contested game throughout. The players showed real grit, teamwork, and sportsmanship, finishing as proud runners-up. A heart breaking way to end, but a brilliant effort all round, doing Glenleigh proud as always.



UNLUCKY BUT PROUD

Later on in Term 5, the boys delivered another brilliant performance at the annual Hastings United Tournament. With tough competition from across the area, the team rose to the challenge and earned a well-deserved place in the quarter finals, where a last second winner saw us reach the semi-finals. In a tightly contested match, we were narrowly edged out 1-0 by the eventual champions, a testament to just how close the game was. Reaching the final four in such a high-quality tournament is a fantastic achievement, and every player should be incredibly proud.





Sports Round Up



CRICKET STARS SHINE IN THE SUNNY CONDITIONS

Our Year 6 cricketers recently did Glenleigh Park proud at the Hastings Cricket Tournament, displaying outstanding teamwork, focus, and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. Each match brought new challenges, and the teams rose to them with confidence and determination. It was especially impressive to see how effectively they transferred the skills developed in their PE lessons, such as communication, strategic thinking, and resilience, into a competitive game environment. Their ability to adapt and apply what they've learned in class made a real difference on the pitch. A brilliant effort from a group who represented the school with pride and purpose!





Glenleigh Football Tournament



KICKING OFF HISTORY: OUR FIRST EVER INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

This July marked an exciting milestone for Glenleigh Park Primary Academy as we hosted our very first inter-school football tournament, welcoming teams from Little Common, Chantry, Kind Offa and All Saints to compete on our very own school field. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to showcase their skills, build confidence, and experience the thrill of playing alongside their friends while proudly representing Glenleigh Park. The event was also a great opportunity to strengthen our relationships with neighbouring schools that we compete against all throughout the academic year, promoting sportsmanship and community spirit among all involved. We're so proud of everyone who took part and helped make this day a success. Turn the page to see exactly how it all went





Glenleigh Football Tournament

The tournament kicked off with two groups of four teams, each fiercely competing for a place in the knockout stages. Only the top two teams from each group would progress, making every match count. Glenleigh Park proudly entered two teams into the competition, one in each group both eager to showcase how hard they had been working in the weeks leading up to the tournament. Read on to find out how they fared in the group stage.

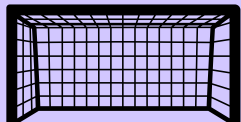


Our Glenleigh Oak team made a strong start to the group stages, winning their first game 2-0 against Chantry. After falling two goals behind in their second game against King Offa A, they showed resilience to come back and draw 2-2. In their final game against All Saints A, they scored early but conceded soon after to make it 1-1. Showing their strong mentality, they instantly replied with two late goals to win the game 3-1.



In their first game against King Offa B, it looked like it was going to be a close 0-0, but Glenleigh Cedar scored a dramatic late winner to win 1-0 in their opening game. Following this, they built on this confidence with a strong 3-0 win against All Saints B. In their final game, they narrowly lost out 2-1 against a strong Little Common side, but were the only team to score a goal against them in open play throughout the whole tournament.





Glenleigh Football Tournament

| PITCH 1 | | | | PITCH 2 | | | | | |
|---------|---------------|-----|-----|---------|---|-----------------|-----|----|-----|
| | | PLD | PTS | GD | | PLD | PTS | GD | |
| 1 | Glenleigh Oak | 3 | 7 | 4 | 1 | Little Common | 3 | 9 | 10 |
| 2 | Chantry | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | Glenleigh Cedar | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| 3 | King Offa A | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | King Offa B | 3 | 3 | -3 |
| 4 | All Saints A | 3 | 0 | -6 | 4 | All Saints B | 3 | 0 | -10 |

At the end of the group stages, both Glenleigh teams qualified for the knockout stages, a fantastic achievement that we were really proud of. Elsewhere, Chantry managed to win their other two games to finish second in Group 1, while Little Common finished strongly with maximum points and a goal difference of +10.

The Knock Out Rounds

Due to their league position, both Glenleigh teams were drawn against each other in the first semi-final. In what was a closely contested match, Glenleigh Oak narrowly won 2-0 and advanced to the final, while Glenleigh Cedar went on to play in the 3rd place play-off. In the other semi-final, Little Common versus Chantry went all the way to penalties, with Little Common winning and advancing to the final in a nail-biting shootout. In the 3rd place play off, Glenleigh Cedar fought valiantly, but were unfortunately undone by a fine performance from Chantry who claimed 3rd spot. In the final, Glenleigh Oak versus Little Common ended up 0-0 in what was a very competitive match, taking it to a tense penalty shoot out. After 6 penalties each, every player scored their penalty in a fine display of finishes. This required the first penalty takers to go again. This lead to an unbelievable save from our goalkeeper, before our top scorer in the tournament slotted home his penalty to bring the trophy home to Glenleigh!



An Emotional Farewell

A massive congratulations to our boys' football team, who ended their final tournament with a long-awaited and well-deserved win, their first since Year 3. Over the years, they've come heartbreakingly close with quarter-final, semi-final, and runner-up finishes, but this time they went all the way, triumphing over a strong Little Common side. They have been a pleasure to coach over the last four years, and will be missed greatly. As they move on to new adventures in September, starting their secondary school journey, we wish them every success and thank them for the unforgettable memories they've given us on and off the pitch.



School Games Mark

WE EARNED THE

GOLD

2024/25 SCHOOL GAMES MARK

A GOLDEN MOMENT FOR GLENLEIGH PARK

We are thrilled to announce that Glenleigh Park has been awarded the Gold School Games Mark for the very first time! This prestigious recognition celebrates our school's commitment to delivering outstanding physical education, competitive sports, and inclusive opportunities for all pupils to engage in physical activity.

For those unfamiliar, the School Games Mark is a government-backed award scheme that recognises schools across England for their dedication to developing young people through sport and physical activity. It highlights schools that provide quality PE lessons, encourage participation in competitive sports, and promote positive attitudes like teamwork, respect, and determination.

This Gold award is a wonderful reflection of all the fantastic active opportunities that our children take part in at Glenleigh Park. While I've been fortunate to support our pupils through various clubs, competitions, and active opportunities, it's truly the enthusiasm and commitment of our amazing children that has made this achievement possible, always representing us in the best way and never shying away from any chance to get involved.

Our pupils have had numerous opportunities to participate in sport, from daily activities to inter-school tournaments, ensuring that every child can find something they enjoy and thrive in. I'm grateful to be part of a school where our children value physical activity as much as I do, this recognition encourages us to keep working together to inspire and include every child to be active. Bring on next year!





Active Sussex Case Study

Last term, Active Sussex conducted a case study on Glenleigh Park, focusing on how we improve the profile of PE, sport and physical activity at our school. Active Sussex are a charity funded by Sport England that works across Sussex to help schools, communities, and organisations make sure everyone has the chance to enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits of being physically active.



Here is what they wrote:

Raising the Profile of Physical Activity at Glenleigh Park

Active Sussex have identified Glenleigh Park Primary Academy as an inspiring example of how to successfully raise the profile of PE, sport and physical activity (PESSPA) within a school community. Under the leadership of Mr Marchant, the school has embedded PESSPA into daily life, ensuring it contributes to improved behaviour, wellbeing, and engagement across the curriculum.



Transforming Lunchtimes through Active Play

As part of the Creating Active Schools programme, Glenleigh Park focused on making playtimes more active and purposeful. Active Sussex have seen how the school's involvement with the Happy Lunchtimes Award has enabled staff and pupil Play Leaders to deliver structured activities, leading to noticeable improvements in behaviour and a greater sense of enjoyment during lunchtimes.



Improving the Quality of PE Teaching

Active Sussex observed that one of the key turning points was Glenleigh Park's decision to move away from outsourced PE lessons and empower school staff to deliver their own, bespoke curriculum. Mr Marchant led the redesign of the school's PE provision, supported staff training, and implemented an effective assessment system, giving teachers the confidence to provide high-quality PE lessons tailored to pupils' needs.



Active Sussex Case Study

Ensuring Access for All Pupils

Active Sussex highlight Glenleigh Park's proactive approach to inclusion, identifying and addressing disparities in physical activity participation. By introducing targeted opportunities, such as girls-only clubs and experience days, alongside free extracurricular clubs and community partnerships, the school has worked to remove barriers and ensure all pupils can access the benefits of being active.



Celebrating Achievements: Sports Spotlight

Active Sussex have praised Glenleigh Park's introduction of the termly 'Sports Spotlight' publication, which showcases sporting events, pupil successes, and upcoming opportunities.

This innovative communication tool has strengthened engagement with parents and staff while raising awareness of the school's extensive PESSPA offer.

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Demonstrating Impact and Building Future Ambition

Through the commitment of Mr Marchant and support from the school leadership, Glenleigh Park has transformed its approach to PESSPA, resulting in improved confidence, resilience, and sense of belonging among pupils. Active Sussex recognise the school's dedication to creating positive experiences of physical activity and commend Glenleigh Park's ambition to continue building on this success.



Sports Day 2025

This year's Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship, with KS2 pupils kicking off the morning in style. Children gave their all in a variety of field events, including javelin, long jump, and beanbag throws, before moving on to the excitement of the running races. It was wonderful to see pupils supporting each other and pushing themselves to achieve their best.



In the afternoon, it was the turn of our KS1 children, who brought bundles of energy and enthusiasm to the field. From their first event to the final sprint, every child showed determination and pride, with plenty of smiles and cheers from friends, families, and staff along the way. By the end, all staff agreed that this was the most successful KS1 Sports Day we have seen in recent years, a testament to how well the children managed throughout the afternoon.

A huge well done to all of our pupils who took part, you made us so proud with your positive attitudes, effort, and encouragement of one another. Thank you also to our parents and carers for coming along to support and make the day extra special. We're already looking forward to making next year's Sports Day even more of a success!



National School Sports Week



We know how vital it is for children to enjoy at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day, supporting everything from their physical health and focus to their mood and overall wellbeing. At Glenleigh Park, we're proud to celebrate being active, but this term, we went the extra mile to celebrate that as part of National School Sports Week 2025!

Every class took on the challenge of getting moving each day, whether it was conquering the fitness rig, bouncing through energetic Boogie Bounce workouts, following along with Joe Wicks in the classroom, or racking up laps on our Golden Mile track. Our pupils threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm and determination, just like they always do!

It was a brilliant week packed with fun, movement, and motivation, a perfect reminder of how much joy staying active brings. A massive well done to every class for their fantastic commitment and energy; they've certainly shown us all how it's done!



Clubs and Opportunities

Sports Premium

Over the last two terms, we once again welcomed Neil from JOLF to deliver a series of junior golf sessions across the entire school, and we were fortunate enough to make the most of the sunny weather too! The subsequent impact report indicated that 95% of our children left wanting to play again. The Boogie Bounce team also joined us once again, which meant that all of our children could take part in some high energy trampoline workouts whilst listening to upbeat dance music. Yet again, this was an extremely fun experience all round, with all of our pupils exhausted by the end! In addition, Term 5 saw yet another instalment of our highly popular boxing club provided by the fantastic team over at HIIT Box Bexhill, mostly subsidised with our Sports Premium funding, targeting children from across the school.



What else has been going on at Glenleigh?

On Tuesdays this term, our Year 5 children have been walking over to King Offa for their curriculum swimming, where swimming skills have been learned and lots of fun has been had! Meanwhile, our KS2 girls have got themselves stuck in to a bit of football to finish the year in our girls football club, with some trying it for the first time! Well done to all for your efforts!





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