

## MATCH REPORT

<b>Date of Match</b> 1/3/2017 2/3/2017 10/3/2017	<b>Sport and Opponents</b> Netball vs St Piran's Tournament Netball v Regional IAPS Felsted Netball v IAPS National Finals	<b>Team</b> U11A/Colts A
<b>Result</b> Runners Up		<b>Coached by</b> Mrs Holmes
<p><b>U11A St Piran's Netball Tournament</b></p> <p>On Wednesday 1st March St Piran's held their annual netball tournament for Yr5 and Yr6. It was a very popular event with some very strong teams attending. It was a great opportunity for schools to get their teams ready for the IAPS regional competition the following day.</p> <p>St Piran's first match was against Bishopsgate; we knew this would be close, unfortunately we started a bit slowly and a few too many 3 second calls cost us the game. After this match we really stepped up our game and played some fantastic netball against St George's, Lambrook and Hall Grove, winning all 3 games convincingly. Our last game was against Chesham Prep and the girls played a steady game and brought the ball up the court really well. This enabled us to gain another victory.</p> <p>A great day only losing one match, this resulted in us coming runners up to Bishopsgate. Well done.</p> <p><b>Colts A IAPS Regional Netball Tournament</b></p> <p>On Thursday 2nd March we took 10 girls to the IAPS regional tournament at Felsted. The girls were very excited and looking forward to the challenge ahead. In the group section we had to play 9 games. In our first five games we played some lovely netball, the defenders were making numerous interceptions and the shooters were scoring some great goals. This resulted in us comfortably winning these games. In the afternoon we knew our games were going to be a bit tougher as we were all on similar points. We really rose to the challenge and continued playing fantastic netball. It was great to see such consistent playing in all of the matches. This really helped us to gain a hold on each game and help us to take the victories in all the remaining matches. This then meant that we won our group and we had qualified for national finals!</p> <p>The next part of the competition was just to see where you would be ranked for the finals, so we had another 3 matches to play. We continued with our winning success against Granville and Kings Ely, however a few mistakes did creep into one of our matches against Heathmount which meant we narrowly lost this fixture.</p> <p>The girls should be thrilled with their achievements, coming second at the regional tournament and qualifying for National Finals. Also congratulations to Rebecca for being awarded Defender of the Tournament.</p> <p>Amazing effort, girls; well done.</p>		

## **Colts A IAPS National Finals Basildon**

The finals were upon us on Friday 10th March. It was an early start with all the girls looking smart in their IAPS hoodies. We started our journey to Essex and the girls were in good spirits.

We arrived at the venue and just from watching other teams warm up we knew that it was going to be a very hard day. In the U11 section there were 40 teams that had qualified for the finals. So in each group there were 10 teams. You need to get into the top 2 to qualify for the quarter finals. St Piran's have never achieved this before and we thought it would be great if we could get further than the group stage. As at the regionals, we started the tournament very strongly and played some of the best netball I've seen against some very big and powerful girls. We had some great victories against Ashfield, Newland House, Marist Prep and Berkhamsted. In our match against Barrow Hills we seemed to switch off and some silly mistakes crept in. However at half time we seemed to regroup and managed to pull it back to a draw. Going into the afternoon we had 4 games left to play. The girls were starting to get a bit tired but they still managed some great play beating Casterton, Derwent Lodge and Millfield Prep. By this point we knew we had qualified for the quarter finals. If we won our final game we would top the group. We started this match strongly, however we seemed to relax a bit and this enabled Wellingborough to get into the game. So unfortunately we lost this fixture. This then meant that we were second in our group and would play the winners of one of the other pools.

Our quarter final match was against Kensington Prep. The game was very close and was going goal for goal. Both teams were nervous and mistakes were being made. At the end of the game the score was 4-4 meaning we went into extra time which finished 2-2. The game would be decided on golden goal. Sadly, it wasn't meant to be for us this year and Kensington intercepted the ball and took it down the court to score.

It was a hard way to lose but the girls should be thrilled with what they have achieved. St Piran's Colts A are one of the top 8 teams in the country!

Well Done