

## February 2025 Sports News

### Up and Running!

On Tuesday, a group of Year 5 and 6 runners represented Fair Oak in the South Eastleigh and Winchester District Schools Cross-Country event. The conditions were wet and extremely muddy but our runners were amazing! They ran their hearts out and we are very proud of them all.

Out of the 16 schools competing, Fair Oak came 1st in the Year 5 boys and Year 6 boys team competitions. Our girls came runners-up in both the Year 5 and 6 categories.

Fair Oak pupils came first in 3 out of 4 races, with a 2nd and 4th place in the Year 5 boy's race. Congratulations to the 5 pupils who qualified to represent the district at the County Championships next month in Basingstoke and a huge well done to all of our runners!

### Girls Football - Hampshire Plate Semi-Finalists!

On Thursday 6th February, our girls football team took the long journey up to Basingstoke to compete in the Hampshire Plate quarter-final against Park View Primary School.

The girls started brightly and were working hard to string passes together and play the way we know we can, despite playing on a difficult muddy pitch. After our first few attempts on goal, Annabel won a free kick on the right-hand side. Megan stepped up to take a long range free-kick which fell to Ramona who nearly tapped it in. 1-0.

The girls were continuing to work hard in midfield with Georgia, Alyssa, Evie and Roisin chasing down every ball. Lily in goal had to stay focused to react to Park View's long passes. An in-swinging corner from Megan was cleared as far as Ramona, who was quickest to react to score her second of the game and make it 2-0.

Credit to Park View, they hadn't let their heads go down and they were quick to respond with a goal of their own to make it 2-1. Our girls tried to play their game - passing and moving into space - but it proved difficult on an uneven surface and with a minute to go, Park View levelled the score.

With time against us, it was agreed that we would go straight to penalties. Ramona dived and managed to get finger tips to a strong penalty which was heading to the top corner! We were proud of Megan, Annabel and Ramona for stepping up to take our penalties which saw us win the shoot out! Mrs Cove had a very proud moment when the girls headed straight over to shake hands and console the opposition after the final penalty. Well done to all the girls. A well-deserved place in the semi-finals awaits!

### Netball Success!

Mrs Cove took two mixed teams to a netball tournament at Wildern on 11th February to compete in a cluster tournament with other local schools. The boys and girls who attended gave a fantastic effort in every match and one team qualified for the district finals. Well done to all of those who attended for showing great sportsmanship, teamwork and tenacity.

### Futsal Fun

On Tuesday 25th February, two teams of Year 3 boys and girls attended a futsal tournament at Wildern School. The teams enjoyed learning a new type of football, which was an exciting, fast-paced version of the game. They quickly realised they needed to keep the ball on the floor and use quick feet to get out of tight spaces. The children represented our school brilliantly and had a great time!