

## Save Our School Sport **DANCE FESTIVAL 2011**

The Gatehouse Theatre was booked for two evenings in May as demand for tickets for this years Dance Festival soared. The variety of dance styles on show ranged from cheerleading To ballet; street to contemporary. Boys and girls from all ages, from years 1 to 13 were represented for 2 hours of a celebration of dance in Stafford and Stone.

Green Lea First School started the show with “Hey Mickey” and With large numbers of dancers from the Stone middle schools the Town was well represented. Christ Church Middle girls performed to “Singing in the Rain” whilst the boys street dance “crew” took “you wanna be startin’ something” as their theme. Walton Priory’s Group took a circus theme, performing to “Circus” by Brittany Spears.

For those that missed it there is a professionally produced DVD Available from the SSP (contact Steve Glover) and the dates for next year are already set– Thurs./ Fri. 3rd / 4th May again at The Gatehouse Theatre.



## **MINI-TENNIS RED FIRST SCHOOL TOURNAMENT.**

Thursday 9th June saw the inaugural Stone First School Festival held at Stone Lawn Tennis and Squash Club. Local First Schools entered 13 teams of two boys and two girls into the Tournament. At 10 am Steve Proud and his team of coaches stepped in to start a 2 hour coaching programme for the 54 children who were in attendance. A huge vote of thanks to all the coaches for providing their expertise for the day free of charge.

The afternoon saw the teams divided into 4 groups in each of which the players played singles against their seeded opponent. After about an hours play the teams knew who were the top two teams in each group progressing to the quarter finals. All teams however played for the full length of the tournament resulting in a rank order. The semi-finals were contested between All Saint’s ‘A’ and ‘B’, Tittensor ‘A’ and Barlaston ‘A’. The Final and 3rd / 4th place play-offs were vital as the top three teams qualified for the SSP Finals at the Baseline Tennis Centre.

In the Final All Saint’s defeated Tittensor 68 - 49, whilst their ‘B’ team beat Barlaston ‘A’ 48 - 40, On behalf of the schools can I thank Stone L.T.C. for allowing the event at their club and hope that more children will be encouraged to take up the sport.



# FIRST SCHOOL'S SWIMMING GALA

Across the Stone Cluster of Schools, we have many pupil's who excel in swimming. On the 5th April, year 3 & 4 pupils from 7 of the Stone Schools, arrived at Alleyne's Leisure Centre to take part in the annual swimming Gala of 2011, held for the second time. The results were as follows:

1st	Pirehill First School	5th	All Saint's First School
2nd	St Michael's First School	6th	Manor Hill First School
3rd	Christ Church First School	7th	Tittensor First School
4th	Oulton First School		

Congratulations to Pirehill on their win, just beating St Michael's by 12 points.. A big thank you must be given to Alleyne's Leisure Centre for allowing us to hold the Gala at our local pool and well done to Mrs Marsden and the sports leaders from Christ Church Middle School whose commitment ensured that the gala ran successfully.

In May the sports leaders from Alleyne's High School were called upon to organise the Christ Church Middle School Inter-House Gala. This event ran very smoothly and resulted in a win for Jupiter House.

## CELEBRATION OF SPORT 2010/2011

On 30th June, Stafford and Stone School Sport Partnership held its annual celebration of sport at St Leonards Sport and Social Club in Stafford. At this high profile event, Walton Priory were invited to showcase their gymnastic vaulting routine (choreographed by coaches from Uttoxeter gym club) in front of a crowd of over 300 parents, teachers, councillors, sports personalities and pupils.

The awards presented on the evening, recognised outstanding commitment and achievement within school sport throughout Stafford and Stone. Ben Harvey from WPMS won Male school sports person of the year for his success in his swimming. Sarah Norbury shared the female sports person award for her outstanding national and international success at sailing in the Optimist class. Hannah Price and Hannah Mellor gained the secondary team award for their sports-acro success and Emily Gammon of Alleyne's High School won the volunteer award for her dedication to assisting the P.E. departments at both Alleyne's and Christ Church and her work within the Sports Partnership.

The evening was great success and all who attended left the evening feeling very proud of the young people of Stafford and Stone.

Also Nominated for Awards: Pirehill Football Team; Sara & Leanne Dimmock—*Cricket*, (AHS) ; Kate Ecclestone —*Sports Leadership* (AHS); Josie Watson — *skiing*, (TFS); Josie Watson Megan Cogan—*athletics* (CCMS); Josie Guest (SMFS)



Walton Priory Middle School Gymnastics Squad



Ben Harvey  
Sarah Norbury



Hannah Price & Hannah Mellor  
Emily Gammon



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# YEAR 3&4 KWIK CRICKET

21st June 2011

We have been very privileged this year to be able to host a year 3/4 Kwik-Cricket day at Stone Cricket Club. The Venue was fantastic and allowed youngsters have aspirations to become cricketers. In total, 10 teams went head to head in a round robin style competition, playing each team for approximately half and hour.



Due to the decline in weather conditions in the afternoon, we were unable to see Tittensor First School challenge St Michael's 'B' in the final. Both schools decided to share the winning title and will take the trophy for half an academic year each. Thank you to Jim Dawson for helping to co-ordinate the day and for the use of the facilities at Stone Cricket Club.



The sports leaders from Christ Church and Walton Priory were able to challenge their leadership skills in a different sporting event previously led by older students.

## Year 3 & 4 Football Festival, 21st May 2011

On Saturday, 21st May, 12 teams from Stone First Schools competed in a football tournament at Pirehill first school. The morning was a great success and pupils across Stone were able to showcase their footballing talents to a large crowd of supporters.

Pirehill 'A' team met St Michael's 'A' in the final, narrowly winning by 1 goal as the match ended 2-1.



***Winners: Pirehill 'A'***



***Runners-up: St Michael's 'A'***

Many thanks to Pirehill First School for hosting the event and to Walton Priory for the use of their grounds and football goals. The competition could not have gone ahead without our dedicated sports leaders from Walton Priory and Alleyne's High School. Thank you to the boys for giving up their Saturday morning and supporting our local community.

# STONE CYCLISTS SHOW PEDAL POWER IN STAFFORD

On Wednesday 29th June (National School Sports week), the Elite Circuit Race Series came to Stafford. The event showcased the UK's top cyclists as they raced around the streets. Stafford GP invited year 7 pupils from the SSP to take part and 20 pupils from Walton Priory Middle School competed in a relay event prior to the main race.

This relay was loosely based on the Olympic Team sprint event and two teams went head to head in a knockout competition. Staffordshire County Council's Bikeability team have delivered level 2 training to 200 pupils at WPMS this year, resulting in pupils attending the race night completing a lap of honour prior to the start. Pupils wore bikeability t-shirts and were awarded with a goodie bag. This was a great opportunity to take part in one of the most prestigious cycle races in the UK calendar. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils and offered them a chance to get involved within local community. It is hoped to repeat



## Bucketball

The final bucketball tournament of the year got off to a very damp start at Christ Church First School on Sat. 25th June. The school had put out the bunting and laid on refreshments for the many spectators in attendance, but could do nothing to stop the rain.

Play continued through the downpour and the semi-finals saw all three St. Michael's teams playing with All Saint's making up the remaining team. However the 'B' team prevailed, losing to All Saint's in the final 6 goals to 7. The rain stopped in time for the presentation of the trophy, medals and certificates.



All Saint's Bucketball Team  
Winners: June 2011

St Michael's 'B' Team  
Runners-up June 2011



Spirit's dampened?  
Not a bit!



### Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the following events coming up in the Autumn Term of 2011

- 13/9 Primary Link Teachers Meeting and Primary CPD  
Rising Brook Baptist Church 9 - 4 pm
- 14-27/9 District Netball Festivals:-U.15, U.14, U.13, U.12
- 27/9 INTRA DAY
- 28/9 District Cross-country Yrs. 7 upwards. *Rowley Park*
- 4/10 Yr. 3/4 Bucketball. - **1.30-3 pm** *Tittensor First School*
- 5/10 District Cross-country Yrs. 7 upwards. *Stafford Grammar*
- 6/10 District Netball Festival U.16
- 11/10 Stone Yr. 3 & 4 Football—**1.15-3 pm** *St Michael's First*
- 11/10 Ambassador & Leadership Event. - *SSC 4-6 pm*
- 12/10 District Cross-country Yrs. 7 upwards. *Stone Common*
- 12-13/10 SSCo Conference - *Telford International Conference Centre*
- 13/10 District Netball Festival U.12—*Penkridge M.S.*
- 18/10 Girls Active Event—*Stafford Sports College 9-2.45 pm*
- 18/10 KS1 Multi-skills Festival, *Alleyne's 4-5 pm*
- 18/10 District Netball Festival U.14—*Walton High*
- 19/10 District Cross-country Yrs. 7 upwards.- *Rowley Park*
- 19/10 Primary Schools Yr.5 & 6 High Fives—*Barnfields.*
- 20/10 District Netball Festival U.13—*Sir Graham Balfour*
- 24/10 to 28/10 Half-Term**
- 1/11 Table-tennis. Years 7 & 8
- 3/11 Trampolining and Gymnastics Competition
- 7/11 Small Schools Sportshall Athletics—Yrs. 5 & 6
- 8/11 Table-tennis—Yrs. 9,10 & 11.
- 8/11 Yr. 5& 6 Stone Sportshall Athletics—*Alleyne's*
- 22/11 Yr. 7 & 8 Sportshall Athletics—*SGB.*
- 29/11 Yr. 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics Final
- 30/11 Yr. 7 & 8 Sportshall Athletics Final
- 6/12 Yrs. 7,8 & 9 Badminton
- 13/12 Yrs. 10 & 11 Badminton
- 20/12 **End of Term**