## **Spring 2 Sports Newsletter**

The terms just keep getting busier! It has been a spectacular term for sport at JRS. There's no better place to start than cross country. For the first time ever John Rankin finished FIRST overall in the Schools Cross Country event. 52 schools competed with nearly 1600 children taking part and when all was said and done, we won the giant trophy! Our Year 3/4 boys team won their age group with the Year 3/4 girls and Year 5/6 boys teams finishing second in their categories. A special mention to Matilda H who finished 3rd out of 400 girls to pick up her own individual trophy too. Oscar S in Year 6 and Oscar T in Year 4 both finished 6th place out of 400 in their races which is also an amazing accomplishment! Well done to the 60 children we took to take part making John Rankin history!



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This term also saw us take part in some rugby events. We took a team of Year 3 & 4 children to Newbury rugby club and after a nervous start against Spurcroft, they bounced back fantastically to beat Francis Bailey and draw with Falkland.

We took a group of Year 5 & 6s the following week to the same event and once again, after a slow start the group were excellent winning their final two games.



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Due to the success during previous terms, our football teams have carried on the season into the latter part of the year. Our Year 1 and 2s played in the finals of the inaugural Newbury district champions league and won the whole thing winning four games and drawing one in the finals day to be crowned champions! The same group went up to Park House a week later, to also win all three matches in the West Berkshire Sports Football Festival.

Our Year 3 and 4 girls and 5 and 6 boys have both made it to the semi finals of the respective cups, with those due to be played in the last week of term, so watch this space for (hopefully) some good news!

Our Year 3 & 4 boys made it to the finals of the West Berkshire football tournament, only to lose to Falkland in the final, finishing 2nd out of 42 schools for the second year running! They were also unlucky to be knocked out of the County Cup in the quarter finals in a fantastic game against Birch Copse.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 girls also took part in their West Berkshire sports Network tournament and were fantastic winning all three matches and topping their group to come away with the gold medals!





