

IAPS Trampolining Nationals

On Saturday 19th May, St Faith's sent 46 pupils to the National IAPS Trampolining Finals at Royal Russell School, Croydon. There were 6 different categories; U9, U11 and U13 Boys, U9, U11 and U13 Girls and each competitor had to perform two routines; the set and a voluntary one with each having 10 touches on the trampoline. We had a fantastic day with the pupils who put in some outstanding performances.

The day started at 09:15 with the U11 Boys' and the U9 Girls' competition. Max B became the Overall Individual National Champion with a score of 53.700, with Toby N coming 3rd with 51.800. The U11A team comprised Toby N, Max B, Reuben L and George H then became National Champions, whilst our Boys' B Team (Archie N, Lochie H and Wilfred D) came 2nd in the B team competition.

Following that, our U9 Girls A team came 2nd overall, which was an incredible team effort. Individually Rose B medalled as she came 4th, as did Phoebe B in 5th (the rest of the team were Georgia W and Eloise H). Our U9 Girls' B team (Aggy F, Theresa V and Marianne H) then came 3rd in the U9 B competition.

In the early afternoon our U9 boys' A team (Harry G, Kit W, Theo P and Oli W) became National Team Champions and Harry G took the Individual National Champion title with two superbly performed set routines. Kit W finished 2nd and Jake T 5th = but the judges complimented all of our boys on the level of performance and their composure, including our two individual performers Jamie LF and Jake T.

Our U13 Boys followed shortly and enjoyed the ultra-bouncy trampolines as they gained extra height. It was a fantastic competition with St Faith's having an A, B and C team. Our A team (James W, Finn H, Will S and Isaac A) retained the National title against a strong Millfield team, with James just missing out on a National title to the incredibly strong performer from Millfield, as he finished 2nd. Finn H was solid as he came 3rd, Viraj S came 4th and Harry BC and Will S tied in 6th. The U13 Boys' B team (Viraj S, Louis N and Angus A) won the B team competition, whilst our C team (Zac R, Sam B and Harry BC) came 2nd in the same event.

It was now the turn of our U13 Girls and we again had a strong competition as we finished 3rd overall with our A team (Emily H, Alex R, Connie T, Stephanie K) whilst our B team (Carla C, Claudia N and Lulu B) won the Plate competition. Emily H finished 6th in the individual competition with two superbly performed routines.

Last but certainly no least were the U11 Girls who had the highest number of entries so their competition ran throughout most of the day from about 11:00 onwards. Our U11 A team (Harriet B, Luciana P, Hannah W) didn't quite make the medals but Harriet B was rewarded for her dedication with 6th place individually, which was no mean feat in such a strong field. However, our U11 B team (Jeanne W, Evie G and Eva N) came 3rd in the B team competition.

It was a truly magnificent day and one the children can be proud of. Some of them found it very challenging and were not able to perform at their very best, but the great thing about sport is that it teaches us that it isn't always going to be your day, but how you pick yourself up is the important lesson. The fact they are prepared to go and be marked publicly and stand up and be counted does them great credit. We were incredibly proud of them all and their dedication and commitment is notable.

Huge thanks to Mrs North for her help and assistance throughout the day.

Mr T North