

IAPS Gymnastics Nationals - 9th and 10th November

Congratulations to the thirty five pupils who represented St Faith's at IAPS Gymnastics Nationals on Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th November.

The boys' competition took place on 9th November at St Catherine's School, Bramley. Our Under 9 team, which ideally should comprise of boys predominantly from Year 4, included 2 members of Year 3 and two from Year 2. It is hard to believe how well they acquitted themselves given their age and experience. The team finished in 5th position but gained great experience from participating in the event.

The Under 11 and Under 13 teams won their competitions by the narrowest of margins and, as a result of some outstanding vaulting. The Under 13s beat Summerfields by 0.4, scoring over 67 points to snatch the gold medals. Will took the gold medal with Eren finishing 3rd and Ethan in 5th position. The Under 11 team beat their closest rivals, Davenies, by 0.2. Special congratulations must go to Hugo who finished as individual champion and Samuel who finished 4th.

On Sunday four teams of girls represented St Faith's at the 4piece competition which was held at Tormead.

The enthusiasm shown by the Under 9s and Under 11s was magical. The Under 9s competed their very first group sequence and loved the experience. The Under 11s seemed relaxed and composed with two members of the team enjoying their first ever National event. Special congratulations to Lucy for competing a handspring on vault for the first time.

The Under 10s had a wonderful competition in an incredibly tough category. They collected 5th place ribbons for the team event, 3rd place ribbons for a fabulous group routine and, in addition, Matilda finished in 6th to receive a podium placing.

The most exciting event of the whole weekend was the Under 13 girls' event. The Year 8 girls performed their best rendition of the group sequence and won by a small margin. In the team event they excelled, beating the opposition by 15 points, 130.0 versus 115.1

In the individual competition, Katya finished third and the trophies were shared equally between twins, Maggie and Bethy. Bethy finished second overall and received trophies for 'Most Artistic Floor' and 'The Highest Scoring Floor'. Meanwhile, Maggie won the champion's trophy and collected the trophy for the highest scoring vault of the day.

Miss Butler and Mrs North were very proud of everyone's efforts and thoroughly enjoyed their spirit and good cheer throughout the weekend. Thanks must also be made of Mrs Oxborough who acted as official scorer for both National events.