This is the first year that St Peter’s has entered the competition and given each year group the chance to have an 11-a-side team for the first time. This is a very prestigious competition with hundreds of schools entering from all across England.

The Year 7 boys came together after only a few weeks of being in school together, and were drawn against Hagley Park Sports College in the first round. Despite a strong start from St Peter’s Hagley Park capitalised on some unfortunate defending to lead comfortably at the break. After some changes at half time St Peter’s started strongly scoring an early goal. Unfortunately the final score of 6-1 to Hagley Park didn’t reflect how well the St Peter’s boys played with impressive debuts from Frazer Cotton, Jake Tunstall, and Nathan Mellor.

The Year 8 boys team were given a bye through to the second round and were drawn against last year’s semi-finalists Sandbach School. The early exchanges in the game were fairly even and the teams went in 1-1 at half time. In the second half both teams worked hard and after a couple missed chances from Tom Morgan and Michael Ansaah, some slick passing enabled Sandbach to score to late goals. St Peter’s played very well and we are looking forward to games in the City Cup. Final score St Peter’s lost 2-4.

The Year 9 boys were a real success story within this competition. The boys were able to show real maturity and teamwork to reach the 4th round of the competition. The Year 9 team worked very hard behind the scenes training together on a regular basis, and having an input on formations. This team spirit paid off in the 3rd round, where St Peter’s faced a very strong Thomas Al-leynes School from Uttoxeter who included several academy players. The boys went down to an early goal, but hard work and good football in particular from Billy Heeks and Zain Khan got St Peter’s back in the game. In the second half the game flowed from end to end and only late goals from Mitch Cotton and Tom Jones could steer St Peter’s into the 4th round. At the fourth round stage we were drawn against St Thomas Moore school in Walsall. This was a strong test for our boys who held up well under early pressure and created a few chances. Unfortunately St Peter’s were eventually beaten 4-0 but we are looking forward to continuing to challenge for the league and city cup titles.

The Year 10 boys were again drawn against a team who have previously been to the latter stages of the competition. Despite strong hopes from the PE department St Peter’s struggled to get a foothold in the game. With King Edwards fielding a number of academy and county players the standard of football was excellent from both sides. St Peter’s trailed at half time and following the hairdryer treatment from Mr Brailsford the team pressed forward to try and get back into the game. Good football from Sunil Heera and Callum Kenny gave St Peter’s a glimmer of hope until the opposition managed to score on the break despite strong defending from David Megall.

The Year 11 team came through an early tough test beating Sir William Stanier comfortably 6-1. Goals from Oliver Hopwood x2, Liam Chadwick x2, James Taylor and Hamza Iqbal made sure of a passage through to the next round. After receiving a bye to the 3rd round a local derby was set up with Wolstanton.

St Peter’s unfortunately had a heavily depleted team due to illness and injury. However a number of players came into their own and giving a gave a good account of themselves. The game was fairly even until a breakaway goal from Wolstanton. As St Peter’s pressed for an equaliser only strong defending from Suli Waqanivere kept the opposition at bay until late in the game. The boys have worked hard and are looking forward to bowing out of school football with some strong performances against the staff. Final score St Peter’s lost 0-2 to Wolstanton.

KS3 Mr Brailsford/Mr Thompson, KS4 Mr Brailsford/Mr Proffit
Premier League 4 Sport Table sponsored by Stoke City Football Club are running Free table tennis sessions at St. Peter’s & monthly tournaments. Open to all years boys and girls. Loads of prizes. Contact Teano Cato on 07917434074.

Staffs Football Association are running a Level 1 Award in Football Coaching at St. Peter’s High School starting on Friday 7th January 2011. Must be aged 16 & over at start of course. For full details contact Julie Reynolds on 01785-256994.

Under 16 Netball

The under 16 squads have played a number of tournaments this year, convincingly beating every team in the North Area to become champions. In the city we entered 2 teams – a credit to both teams, in the City final with captain Lydia Smith missing, they narrowly lost to St Joseph’s finishing runners up. They then went forward to the County Championships where they reversed the result with St Joseph’s, however they could not break into the top 3 and finished a very creditable 4th place playing schools from across Staffordshire. Well done to all the girls!

Miss Waddell

Under 14 Netball

The under 14 squads have also been very busy. Their first competition was the County Championship held at Newcastle Under Lyme School, the team was made up of Year 9 and 8’s who had never played together before, but they did not let that hinder them, playing extremely well and finishing 3rd in Staffordshire.

In the North Area championship we again entered 2 teams excellent performances off both especially the A team who beat every team convincingly and did not have 1 goal scored against them by anyone. Well done to everyone!

Miss Waddell

Hockey

The U14 hockey team have played extremely well in their first festival – unfortunately we could not get a full team so it became a St Peters and friends team. We had lots of pupils from other schools joining us in the spirit of community cohesion.

The U16 Boys teams was made up of all ages but all were enthusiastic – they played against some county performers from Leek Hockey Club but stood fast especially Keilan Gwynne in goal who had shots fired at him from every angle. They put up a fantastic performance against St Margaret Ward winning 2-0 to finish 3rd, well done to everybody!

Miss Waddell

Cross-Country

Both girls and boys cross country teams have performed very well. Unfortunately due to persistent bad weather the Year 7 girls have not been able to compete.

Both Kloe Willis Bradbury and Leone Davis have qualified for the City race in January by coming 1st and 2nd respectively in their races. In the Under 14’s it was lovely to see so many girls competing with Tasha Stone qualifying for the City by winning both of her races.

Congratulations to Fraser Cotton and Aiden Bailey who have qualified for the City Championships.

Miss Waddell & Mr Proffitt

Girls Football — ESFA — National Cup Fixtures

The U13 girls entered the ESFA cup for the first time this year competing at 11 a side instead of the usual 5 a side.

In the first round we travelled to Eaton Bank in Congleton. In a thrilling game we scored a goal in the last minute to win 5-4, in the second round we travelled to Winsford where we played lovely football with both Megan Picking and Captain Alice Hall each scoring a hat trick to win 7-0. In the 3rd round we were at home against a side from Liverpool. The shots just did not hit the target and we lost. A very good effort for the first time playing in the cup and 11 a side. Well done to Alice Hall, Megan Picking, Megan Walley, Megan Naylor, Sophie Garret, Ashleigh Pestridge, Beth Brown, Hollie Martin, Faith O, Lauren Ellis, Harriet Lawton, Moesha Burt, Holly Foster, Caitlin Clowes.

In the City 5 a side competition we entered 2 teams the B team finished 4th in their group, the A team got through to the final where against a very strong Sandon side they lost 2-1, an excellent effort by Alice Hall, Megan Picking, Lauren Ellis, Vanessa Sinala, Chelsea Emery, Paige Arnott.

In the first dodgeball competition for u14 girls the school lost in the final match to finish 2nd overall, a good effort for a new activity.
Well done to the following sports leaders who are running a High 5 netball club at the Willows Primary School: Jess Franklin, Charlotte Thompson, Megan Thompson, Lauren Ellis, Charlotte Emery, Harriett Edwards, Chelsea Brenchley, Chelsea Emery, Emily Moody. They will also be involved in coaching and officiating roles in the current High 5 netball competitions within Stoke City. Congratulations to Charlotte Emery, Harriett Edwards, Chelsea Brenchley, Chelsea Emery and Emily Moody who passed their Young Netball Organisers Award in October.

Well done to sports leaders Beth Porter, Charlotte Bagnall, Tyeshia Garner, Susan Chilaka and Sophie Mason who have been delivering a Fitzy the Fox club for Years 1&2 at Stoke Minster Primary School. Children are successfully working their way through the Fitzy physical challenges and understand what makes a healthy and balanced diet with the help of Fitzy’s healthy eating friends Skippy Pippy, Chester Cheese, Groovy Granary, Sid Scales and Small Fry.

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The annual Leadership Academy Presentation Evening was held on Thursday 9th December at Port Vale Football Club.

At St Peter’s we are fortunate to have a lot of students who are dedicated to sports leadership. Last year Charlotte Bagnall and Lydia Smith (Competition Ambassador) were two of four students who applied for a sports ambassador role within the North Stoke Partnership and are shortly receive their tie pins: Beth Porter, Charlotte Bagnall, Charlotte Thompson, Lydia Smith, Susan Chilaka, Tyesha Garner, Amber Hulme, Sophie Mason, Kielan Gwynne, Dan Shaw, Charlotte Emery, Harriet Edwards, Megan Thompson and Molly Lawton.

A huge thank you and well done to Shingirai Mhembere, National Gymnastics Champion and STARS squad member who performed on the night.

On Wednesday 24th November the Cluster Key Stage 1 Fitzy the Fox festival was held at Thistley Hough.

Fitzy the Fox is a new initiative which has been written by Helen Moors a South Stoke SSCo. Fitzy started to be introduced to primary schools within Stoke North last year. Three of our cluster schools have already introduced the programme with others getting on board this year.

Fitzy is a fox who likes to keep fit and eat healthy. Along with his healthy food friends he teaches key stage 1 children how to live an active and healthy life.

Pupils from Year 1 and 2 from five cluster schools attended and all delighted in meeting Fitzy the Fox who helped to motivate them to try their best in the eight multi-skills activities which included:

- Stork Stand
- Target Bean Bag
- Agility Balls
- Skipping

The leaders from Level 1 Sports Leadership did an excellent job organising and scoring the participating pupils.

Well done to: Charlotte Bagnall, Dan Shaw, Anthony Booth, Sio Man Leong, Megan Oakley and Paisley Wilding.