Well after a long time planning the English Indoor Rowing Championships was upon us for another year. I sometimes can’t believe where the time goes.

Another 57 seated coach was-booked and filled with young people wanting to try their hand at Indoor Rowing, some for the first for others this will be their 4th year. All were racing under 1 banner Trentham Boat Club which represented 5 different schools and 3 colleges and a very proud rowing coach.

The venue again gave us our own function room which was a great place to get to mix and keep our bags safe.

The racing began at 10.50am and finished at approx 4.45pm with great performances, personal bests and amazing team work which made me so proud. The older members helping younger ones with their race warm up and information on where to go and how to approach the race. It was fantastic to see and be a part of and a credit to the individuals to be team players and helping where ever they could.

Not only that but the commentator mentioned our club name praising the children involved on how they were rowing and how they conducted themselves. Which is a credit to the schools/colleges involved and the links they keep with the Boat Club.

**Highlights of the performances:** Joe Anderson (St.Peter’s) Gold J16 individual and personal best also went on to get gold with his team in their event.

Joss Taylor (Trentham High) Sliver J13 individual, Rebecca Skerrat (St.Peter’s) Gold WJ15 individual joined forces with the girls’ J16 team to win Gold.

**Team events:** J16 Boys’ Gold Joe Anderson, Tom Hall, Matt Fair (St.Peter’s) Rory McKenna (St.Joseph’s)

J16 Boys’ Bronze James Berger Eran Bostock (St.Joseph’s) Kyle Pedley (Trentham High) Jack Kidd (St.Peter’s)

WJ16 Girls’ Gold Rebecca Skerrat (St.Peter’s) Becky Dell Eleanor Thomas Emily Butler (St.Joseph’s). All 3 of these girls are now training for GB Junior trails in October this year.

WJ18 Girls’ Gold (every year they have won gold in the team event same 4 girls) Tammy Bloor Charlotte Mycock (St.Joseph’s College)

On the 19th-20th February Joe Anderson attended the Great Britain Junior trials finishing 7th and 4th in the double and was asked to attend the GB training camp during the Easter holidays.

Joe also represented the region with Nicole Stephens and Jack Kidd on 9th April. Nicole won silver in the Cox 4.

Joe qualified for the doubles final but unfortunately had to pull out due to his team mate falling ill. Jack gave an excellent performance winning gold by 10 seconds, he will also compete in the National Schools Championships in the Quads event at the end of May. Jack is definitely one for the future!

As well as being their coach I was so proud of all who took part and I do believe the schools are a part of this success with helping build links and supporting the rowing and what we do.

**Darren Barton**
Trentham Rowing Coach
The victory took him to the top of the UK rankings for his age group, but he established him at the top of the UK rankings.

The team beat every school in their group stages before winning the semi-final and eventually the final. They were the champions.

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**Yr8 Partnership Games**

On Wednesday 19th January a group of year 8 students took part in the Year 8 North Stoke Partnership Games which was held at Fenton Manor. The event sets out to increase participation of pupils in extra-curricular school sport by providing taster sessions in four sports.

Students took part in the following sports: Martial Arts, Sportshall Athletics, Dance and Indoor Rowing.

Well done to the following students:
Chantelle O’Conner, Rachel Brown, Jessica May Hickerman, Emily moss, Naomi Tunidau, Mollie Durber-Worrall, Yousuf Ahmed Jones, Jordan Shotton, Moshin Zaheeer, Joel Hellon, Ben simpson and Haider Amjid.

**KS3 Sports Leadership Camp**

The KS3 camp took place on 24th and 25th January 2011 at Fenton Manor Sports Complex. Throughout the two days leaders were trained to deliver ACTIVEPLAY and multi-skills to KS2 children at our local primary schools.

Leaders also attended competition workshops to enable the to assist with local sporting competitions as well as running their own.

Well done to the following KS3 students who attended and are members of the North Stoke Leadership Academy:
- **Year 7**: Molly Lawton
- **Year 8**: Megan Thompson
- **Year 9**: Chelsie Brenchley, Charlotte Emery, Harriet Edwards

**Cheerleading at Hanley St Luke’s**

During the spring term sports leaders Paisley Wilding and Molly Key introduced cheerleading to pupils at Hanley St Luke’s.

They taught the group basic techniques and chants and finally prepared them to perform during a whole school assembly. Well done to the girls who did a brilliant job!

**Olympic Assembly at Hanley St Luke’s**


They effectively explained to all students in Years 1-6 what the Olympics and Paralympics are, what sports were involved and delivered a basic quiz to test the students knowledge.

James Taylor provided first hand inspiration for pupils at St Luke’s presenting his own athletics experiences and achievements as well as his hopes for the future.

**High 5 Netball Competitions 2011**

This year’s High 5 Netball competitions have taken place during the spring half term. The cluster competition took place on the 17th March and the results were as follows:
- **1st Place**: The Willow’s
- **2nd Place**: Stoke Minster
- **3rd Place**: Etruscan
- **4th Place**: Hanley St Luke’s

The North Stoke competition took place on 9th February with the following results:
- **1st Place**: Packmoor
- **2nd Place**: The Willow’s
- **3rd Place**: Carmountside
- **4th Place**: Greenways

A large number of St Peter’s students have passed their Young Netball Organisers Award from All England Netball Association. This has allowed them to effectively officiate and coach at the High 5 competitions at all levels.

Sports Leaders have also officiated at the Stoke City and Staffordshire County competitions. Well done and thank you to the following students who have been involved in at least one competition.

- **Year 11**: Jess Franklin, Beth Porter, Lydia Smith, Abbie Wood, Harriett Dykes
- **Year 10**: Charlotte Thompson
- **Year 9**: Charlotte Emery, Harriett Edwards, Chelsie Brenchley, Emily Moody, Lauren Ellis
- **Year 8**: Megan Thompson, Alice Hall

Particular congratulations to Jess Franklin and Megan Thompson who were identified by the Midlands Netball Development Officer Sally Kendrick as the strongest High 5 Netball umpires during the county tournament.
On Monday 14th March the Stoke City Playground to Podium took place at Fenton Manor.

The event invited nominated students to attend trials for multi-skills, wheelchair basketball, sportshall athletics and football.

Ultimately a number of students across the country will be chosen to be on the trials, which is a massive achievement. This involved them competing at Shobnall leisure centre and Fenton Manor to represent Stoke. A huge congratulations to all of them for their own personal achievements. Thank you also to Mr Peixoto who supported the students during the events.

Playground to Podium

The students performed very well, they included Ethan Baggley, Danielle Taylor, Caolan Rix, Dominic Birch, Dominic Harropp Pender, Chris Washington, Hanif Khan, Ted Holtham, Dominic Goodwin, Nathan Rourke, George King and Dean Hudson.

Following the initial trials Dominic Goodwin, George King, Dominic Birch and Dean Hudson qualified to represent Stoke in the Staffordshire County

Young leaders

During the spring term a number of Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been attending Young Leaders training which is a nationally recognised Sports Leaders UK course.

The course was six weeks long and they have started their primary school based experience by running an in-school competition at The Willow’s Primary School.

A number of leaders will also be involved in running a cricket club and a cheerleading club at The Willow’s Primary School.

Congratulations to the following students who have passed the course:

Year 9: Aaron Cartlidge, Symra Maroof, Heidi Mayer
Year 8 : Alice Hall, Megan Thompson
Year 7: Caolan Rix, Kenan Jasim, Kevin He, Rosie Lucas, Frazer Cotton, Aiden Bailey, Kirshanth Newkanthan, Heather blurtion, Rebekah Beaman, Amelia Grocott, Corey Withington and Paige Buxton.

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Change 4 Life is a movement supported by the Department of Health, which aims to improve children’s diets and levels of activity.

Since September the funding has provided top class coaching from instructor Isobel Coombes on a Monday after school from 3.30-4.30pm.

Fence 4 Life

Year 8’s have also enjoyed taster sessions during the curriculum to provide them with an introduction to the sport.

If you would like to attend the club please just turn up a Monday or see Mrs Montifroy in the KS3 mentor room for more details.

There will also be the chance for you to represent your house in an intra-school competition. Details to follow.

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