

Year 5/6 Green Ball Tennis Competition

The Year 5/6 Winter Doubles competition is one of our toughest events on the sporting calendar. The pupils that tried out for selection not only had to demonstrate their technical expertise on a full court but show great sportsmanship in working effectively with a partner. The event allowed us to take only 3 teams of 2 which were then seeded for group matches with an overall winner per group; Team A - Mia and Leo, Team B - Tommy and Harry and Team C - Rueben and Pixie. The morning saw all groups play 5 matches with the winning team being the first to 4 games.

Mia and Leo led the field in terms of expertise and match play experience as both are County level tennis players. Incredibly they won all matches only dropping 5 games in total. Their group semi-final saw them drawn against West Buckland A2, a phenomenal team which beat them 4 vs 0 and went on to win the group overall. Team A played West Buckland A1 for third place play-off and won convincingly!



Tommy and Harry used their friendship to its best advantage and played as a fantastic partnership. They won 4 out of the 5 group matches and qualified for the semi-finals. In the semi-final they played their toughest match of the day, unfortunately losing against West Buckland B but their spirits remained high.



Ruben and Pixie had a really positive day, learning to play doubles at a higher level and deepening their knowledge. Though some of the service points were tough, they convincingly won 4 out of 5 group matches and finished the day taking third place in the group; superb!



A fantastic day was had by all and the teams were an excellent representation of Southmead's talent. A special thanks needs to go to Sarah Nicholls, Southmead's Co-Chair of Governors, who took the lead for the event and to Nicola Schofield who gives up her time to support the school and pupils at tennis competitions. She brings a huge wealth of tennis knowledge and provides much encouragement and constructive coaching. The children would not have been able to attend the event without their invaluable support!