

The first double competition of the year saw both the Year 3/4 Girls Football competition and the Y5/6 Tri Golf take place simultaneously at Ruskin Drive. The Girls Football had a large number of entries allowing four groups to take part in the group stages with the top team out of each of the groups progressing through to play in the semi finals. After all of the certificates were handed out, the children were ready to find out the results and going through to the semi finals were Rainford Brook Lodge, St Bartholomew's, Queens Park Blue and Rainford CE White, the latter going through on goal difference with just one goal in it! A dominant performance from Rainford CE White in the semi final saw them put 5 goals past Queens Park Blue and Rainford Brook Lodge narrowly beat St Bartholomew's 2-1. An eagerly anticipated Rainford derby was on the cards for the big finale. This game was incredibly tight and some great defence from both sides meant the game remained goalless for the majority. Only a spectacular piece of play from Rainford CE White was able to break the resilient Rainford Brook Lodge defence. A cross into the box and a strong strike past the keeper put Rainford CE White ahead with one minute left on the clock. Rainford Brook Lodge didn't have enough time to respond leaving the score at 1-0. The 3rd and 4th play off was just as close, in fact so close that the teams couldn't be separated after full time with the scores tied at 2-2. The teams decided they wanted a penalty shoot out in true England style on the day of England's first World Cup match against Tunisia. Three of the players from each team had a shot and it was St Bartholomew's who just edged out Queens Park Blue to take the 3rd spot. Over at the Tri Golf, nine teams battled it out for the two places at the Merseyside School Games Finals. St Aidan's brought with them three teams hoping they would be able to replicate their performance last year and be crowned St. Helens Champions. As the scores started to come in, a clear leader was emerging and St Aidan's A went from strength to strength closely followed by Allanson Street who continued to bite at their heels! After lots of chipping and putting the medallists where announced St Aidan's B managed to scoop the Bronze medals with 1640 points meaning at least one of the St Aidan's teams was on the podium, could there be another one? In second place and securing their place in the Merseyside School Games Finals and the silver medals was Allanson Street. Joining them in the Merseyside School Games Finals and joining their school mates on the podium was St Aidan's A. A big thank you to all the teachers that helped this event run smoothly and to the leaders from Cowley for refereeing the football games.

