

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE SPORTS TOUR

2014

WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday 5th February R14 and R15 traveled to Malaga for their sports tour. After settling into our hotel, we took a walk down to the marina where we had lunch. That afternoon the boys had a training session on the beach where they took part in a volleyball competition, played some football and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine.

The girls had their first hockey fixture that evening so they had some relaxing time at the hotel, however, some brave girls chose to go swimming in the outdoor hotel pool (not heated). That activity didn't last too long!

We arrived at our hockey location, and everyone was amazed with the astro the girls were going to play on. The facilities were incredible; Mrs. Jones was in her element! It was so lovely to watch the girls warm up looking very smart and professional in their tour kit. The remaining girls and boys made sure they supported the team 100%, singing the national anthem, cheering them on and giving all round fantastic support. The hockey girls played outstandingly, giving it their all even though they were tired from traveling through the night.

At the end of the game, the other teams coach came over and told us they were Malaga's national hockey team! Our girls had done so well to keep the score to 8-0.



THURSDAY

Thursday morning we transferred to the Campo FC Municipal Benalmadena astro where the football and netball players had an hours training session.



When arriving back at the hotel, the boys took off back down to the marina to have a pre match meeting / lunch and the girls had lunch at the hotel before heading off to their first netball match.

The netball matches were at Swan International School, Marbella. When we arrived, the captains (Olivia Davies & Mischa Balaratnam) delivered warm ups and drills very confidently. R15 played first and even though Swans defense was strong, the girls passed well, moved into space and our

shooters (Aimee Richards, Olivia Davies and Andrea Mizzen) popped them in the net giving us wins of 9-0 and 8-1.



R14 played with great confidence, working well as a team and made limited mistakes. Showing off their skills and determination, they won both matches. Match 1 – 8-0. Match 2 – 4-1.



FRIDAY

After breakfast we transferred to Gibraltar and met our rep Steve who walked us to the town. The pupils had about an hour to go shopping before we went to Pizza Express for lunch. After lunch, we walked to the Victoria Stadium to play netball and football.



The boys' thoroughly enjoyed playing in sunshine on a great pitch. Great sportsmanship was evident in both teams and even though the boys' defended well, Gibraltar won 6-0.

The facilities, once again were outstanding. The girls played indoors against the only girls' school in Gibraltar, both R15 & R14 attacked well but Gibraltar were on fire, winning 27-0 (R15) and 25-2 (R14).



SATURDAY

Today we transferred to the Malaga Hockey Club for the girls' last hockey match. The girls' played with great enthusiasm throughout with excellent support from the rest of the group. A big well done to Alex Palmer and Kai Bainbridge for helping the girls' out when injuries occurred. Everyone worked well as a team, especially Morgan Gould in goals. Final score, 2-0 to Malaga.



After having lunch provided to us by the hockey club, we traveled to Malaga town where we visited the Picasso Museum. This was a great opportunity for the Art students. The group had a short amount of time to explore Malaga before transferring to the boys' final football match of the tour.



While the boys' warmed up on Escuela Municipal De Futbol grass pitch, the rest of the group cheered and sang with support in the stands. The boys' worked hard to contain possession, resulting in a fantastic win for SJC. Goals scored by Shane Leach, Gruff Shewring (x2), Georgi Hall (x2) and Joshua Chang (aka Changpersie).



Songs were sung on the bus ride back to the hotel with everyone in good spirits. This evening, the pupils had some free time while the teachers prepared the presentations.

Sports Tour 2014 presentations...

We all gathered together for the presentations.



Sports Woman of the tour – Aimee Richards



Sports Man of the tour – Shane Leach



Joint runners up – Morgan Gould & Mischa Balaratnam



Joint runners up – Georgi Hall & James Willicombe



Thank you!

All five staff was so proud of every single pupil on tour. We thought they represented St John's College perfectly, being polite, well mannered, co-operative, supportive, encouraging and constantly wearing a smile on their faces.



We had many compliments while away, some from the Spanish and English public, some from the hotel guests and staff and some from the visiting schools/clubs. They all kept saying how well behaved the pupils were and that they were lovely to speak to.

So a very big well done to all of you! You created a sports tour that no one will ever forget.



