

## **OPS are in the basketball finals!!**

On Thursday 16th June, OPS played an area qualifying basketball tournament against Thrapston, Polebrook and Trinity schools and it was at Oundle CE Primary School.

It all took place in the gym and the 4 teams needed to win to qualify as only 1 team would go through to the main finals at Moulton College. To get to this stage of the competition each team had won a previous tournament.

The first game was Oundle against Trinity. The first half was the Oundle boys team; Jakob Bonnett, Dylan Turnell and Tyler Coomes. We had a good head start for the girls team to take over; Lotty Bonnett, Ella Foster and Cecelia Molden. We played well enough to win, but a shaky start - must be the nerves.

Straight after that we stayed on to play Polebrook. For the boys it was Jakob, Dylan and this time Sam Hopkins and another good lead for the girls to keep. For the girls it was Lotty, Ella and Isabelle James. To give Polebrook a head start Lotty scored an own goal but then decided to be back on OPS side and went on to score for her own team (in the right hoop)! We won that match as well.

Only one match to go and we had a long wait and watching everyone else made us nervous. Finally, it was our last match and for the boys Jakob, Dylan and Sam played their best against a strong Thrapston boys team. At half time it was a draw. For the girls Lotty, Ella and Isabelle played and we did awesome AND WE WON THAT MATCH.

Then we all sat down to hear the results. We were the last name to be called therefore that made us the WINNERS and were presented with a framed winners' certificate. Great result by everyone and a great atmosphere. We are now looking forward to the finals at Moulton College.

**Go OPS!**