UKS2 Tag-Rugby Event

On Wednesday 19th January, a group of children from Year 5 and 6 represented Billingshurst (BPS) at an inter-schools Tag Rugby festival at The Weald. During the afternoon, the children took part in a range of drills and activities as well as a friendly tournament against five other schools.

The children started with some passing and throwing drills on the field. Afterwards, the PE teacher from the Weald (Mr Meaney) explained the basic rules of Tag Rugby. Each child was then given a belt and tags and it was time for the first matches.

The first match was incredibly tough for the Billingshurst team as they had never played Rugby before and were learning on the spot. Unfortunately for BPS, the other team were very experienced and took no prisoners - they beat the Billingshurst team.

During the second match, BPS came back so much stronger. They focused



on passing backwards, running forwards and finding space on the pitch. Amazingly, Ethan from Year 5 even scored two tries.

However, it wasn't the team's skills that the crowd found most impressive. It was their attitude. Throughout the remainder of the matches, BPS were a team. They worked together, encouraged and supported each other and celebrated their wins respectfully. Miss Oakes was incredibly proud of their resilience, leadership and determination to improve. Mr Meaney also gave BPS a special mention. He stated that, "Every single athlete from your school made amazing progress today but, most importantly, you also showed what it is to be a sportsperson."