

Sport



Ski's the limit: Kingston schoolgirl Eloise Greenhalgh in action on the slopes. John Weston

Eloise's call-up to national team is reward for effort

Schoolgirl Eloise Greenhalgh has been called up to the British children's ski team following her success at the British Alpine Racing Ski Clubs Championships in Les Menuires, France.

Eloise, 12, a member of Esher-based Sandown Park Ski Race Club, won gold in the girls' slalom, was fourth in the giant slalom and sixth in the Super-G.

The Surbiton High School student looks set to follow in the ski tracks of another famous product of the school, Chemmy Alcott, the UK's top female skier currently preparing for next month's Winter Olympic's in Turin, Italy.

Eloise's mother, Bertie, said: "She's over the moon and the family are thrilled.

"She has been doing well in plastic races for some time, but it's all come together on snow this year."

Eloise has been a member of Sandown Park for five years, but it is in the past 12 months that her talent has come to the fore.

Sandown trainer John Harris said: "Eloise has put a lot of effort into fitness and tech-

nique in the past year and it has paid off."

Fellow Sandown skier Greg Evans also enjoyed a successful sortie to Les Menuires.

Taking the gold medal in the national alpine slalom event in the junior one category, the 16-year-old Greg was the fastest British racer overall in both the junior one and two slalom championship, and finished eighth overall.

Clubmate Giulia Harte won bronze in each of the girls' mini giant slalom races.

Other Sandown results:

Girls: Slalom – Junior 1: 6 Rebecca Sims-Robinson. **Children 2:** 9 Kirsty Dixon. **Children 1:** 1 Eloise Greenhalgh, 5 Joanna Carew.

Giant slalom – Junior 1: 7 Rebecca Sims-Robinson. **Children 2:** 10 Natalia Harte. **Children 1:** 4 Eloise Greenhalgh, 8 Imogen Taylor.

Super G – Children 2: 10 Natalia Harte. **Children 1:** 6 Eloise Greenhalgh, 7 Imogen Taylor, 9 Stephanie Espinosa.

Boys: Slalom – Children 2: 5 Jean-Paul Espinosa, 8 Daniel Absalom. **Children 1:** 9 Jack Gower.

Giant slalom – Children 2: 4 Andreas Lund. **Children 1:** 5 Graham Weston. **Minis race 1:** 7 James Sieber, 9 Rory Gower. **Race 2:** 7 Rory Gower, 10 Hugo Fleming.

Super-G Children 1: 8 Jack Gower, 10 Graham Weston.