

# DODGING THE RAINDROPS TO ANOTHER GREAT SPORTS DAY.

## 19th July 2017

**A few hours of anxious concern preceded the afternoon's events as the Cornish Summer weather threatened to scupper our sports day.**

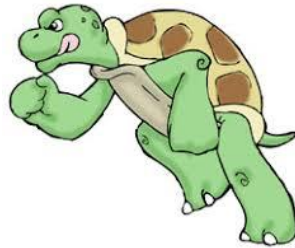
With "Liquid Sunshine" in the forecast it was touch and go as to whether or not the Sports day would take place.

Decision made and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by spectators and athletes alike.

The much-loved Sprint races were first up with some rapid performances from all of our children; from reception to year 6, in highly competitive races.

Once again it was really pleasing to see some of our very young children using proper sprint starts in order to get the best speed possible from the start line.

Our future G.B. Athletics squads are looking secure.



Each year records are kept for the Relay races as our children try to beat the previous best. The Class 1 record for the "non-stop relay" was set back in 2013 with a stunning (and probably never to be bettered) 3mins 15 seconds by a highly talented and motivated set of children. This is always going to be a hard result to beat. This year our Year 6 boys team clocked a creditable 3mins 42 and the girls came in with 3 mins 51. They were not helped by the slippery conditions in their quest to be the best. Class 2 also suffered from the slippery conditions and could not get too close to the 3 mins 45 seconds record, which was also set in 2013.

It is always fantastic and uplifting to watch Class 3 doing their relays, they are so determined and focussed. This year our reception pupils excelled themselves; concentrating on their change overs and sprinting techniques.



### Traditional Events: Egg and Spoon and Sack Race.



Once again, these old favourites proved to be highly popular with parents and grandparents. The children thoroughly enjoy their races. The Sack Races really were a test of coordination and speed as our jumping beans hopped to the finish line with whopping grins adorning their faces. It is surprising how quickly some of our pupils are able to bounce and how many times they can fall over too! The egg and Spoon races saw quite a lot of creativity and perhaps a touch of cheating. This was more a test of real concentration than speed. Those who were the most successful showed poise and perseverance (Qualities that were not quite so evident in the Adults race).

## The most competitive part of the afternoon. The parents' ~~cheating~~ race - a fine example to us all.



Here was the real cheaters race, the chance for the parents to show their offspring how ~~not~~ to do things; showing good sportsmanship and endeavour.

With a large field, the race was run as a mixed-race due to the protestations of some of the lady competitors; who were having none of the gender divide. It appeared to be a swift start showing immense control of the eggs and spoons, but it soon became apparent that a lot of cheating was going on. With no super glue or Bluetac on offer the use of the thumb (to hold the egg in place) became the most used method of cheating. In amongst all of this cheating shone two beacons of virtue as Lucy Lawler and Brigitte Jones completed the distance slowly but without any false hood. They were clearly deemed the absolute winners, but what a great way to have a laugh on Sports Day.

## Time for Toddler and Tiddlers.

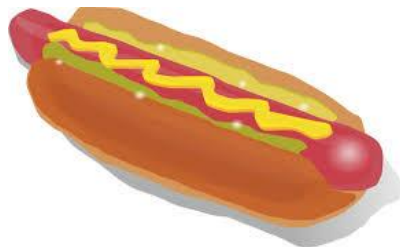
In time, honoured fashion our next event saw the youngest members of our audience invited to "give it a go". The toddlers showed a lot of promise even though they had to be "guided" to find their way to the finish line.

## Year 6 really did have a "splashing Time".



Whilst everyone had a smashing time on the afternoon it was left to Year 6, our leavers, to finish the sporting events with their version of the wet welly race. The squelching start saw water spurting up shorts legs as the Year 6's attempted their sprint with Wellies filled with water. No one was overly worried about who won, but clearly Jodie Rundle is used to running in wet wellies and she was delighted to pass some of the boys on her way downhill. Whatever was left in the Wellies was duly deposited on the head of the children's peers as they finished their sporting ventures at Otterham School.

## The Summer Fair.



Following on from the sporting afternoon was our Summer Fair where the Barbie was fired up and proved to be highly popular. Olive Hamilton' Mom and Dad added a new culinary delight as they toiled over a hot pan to make loads of popular pancakes, topped with chocolate and marshmallows. A variety of stalls were run by Class 1 and The Friends Association raising money for school funds. Mr Osborne and Ms Forbes were again unlucky on the Tombola stalls as the better bottles eluded them (me thinks that there is some collusion here!!!).



A big goes to all our teachers, teaching assistants and helpers. Thank you for the fantastic support from all parents, carers and grandparents as they made this another special and entertaining afternoon for Otterham school. We hope you enjoy your summer and gets some decent weather and we look forward to another excellent sporting year.



Cheers from Mr Osborne.

The final results were:

SPRINTS:	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
Reception Boys	Kayden	Toby Mather.	Toby U-E.
Reception Girls	Lucy	Isabelle	Kyla.
Yr 1 Boys.	Alfie	Sam C	Selwyn.
Yr 1 Girls.	Phoebe	Abbi	Pippa.
Yr 2 Boys.	Keenan	Luke	
Yr 2 Girls. A	Anna	Sophie Sanders	Amy Quinn.
Yr 2 Girls. B	Sophie Sandercock	Ruby	Darcie.
Yr 3 Boys.	Sam Coleman	Sam Coles	Jack Rosen.
Yr 3 Girls.	Hannah	Lilly	Lois.
Yr 4 Boys.	Oscar Adams	Jake Luckhurst	Ryan Davies.
Yr 5 Boys.	Oska Holmes	Charlie Prout	Louis Curnow.
Yr 5 Girls.	Ruby Coleman	Phoebe Martin.	
Yr 6 Boys.	Shay Holmes	Jack Lawler	Tristan Rogers.
Yr 6 Girls.	Kitty Crocker.	Isobelle Jones	Jodie Rundle.
RELAYS:			
Reception.	BOYS	GIRLS	
Yr 1.	BOYS	GIRLS	
Yr 2.	BOYS	GIRLS	
Yr 3.	BOYS	GIRLS	
Yr 4 Mixed team.	4 mins 01 seconds.		
Yr 5. Mixed team.	3 mins 46 seconds.		
Yr 6 Girls.	3 mins 51 seconds.		
Yr 6 Boys.	3 mins 42 seconds.		
SACK RACES:			
Reception. Boys	Kayden	Finn	Toby M
Reception Girls.	Lucy	Kyla	Tayla
Yr 1 Boys	Alfie	Oliver	Selwyn
Yr 1 Girls	Abbi	Phoebe	Janka
Yr 2 Girls A	Sophie Sandercock	Anna	Amy Quinn
Yr 2 Mixed	Ruby Curnow	Keenan	Darcie Luckhurst

Yr 3 Boys	Eddie U-E	Tyler Muskett	Sam Coles
Yr3 Girls	Lois	Lilly	Evy
Yr 4 Mixed	Oscar Adams	Katie Sanders	Ryan Davies
Yr 5 Mixed	Oska Holmes	Charlie Prout	Ruby Coleman
Yr 6 Mixed	Kitty/Isobel	Tom Pearce	Jack Goldstraw
EGG AND SPOONS RACE			
Reception Boys	Finn	Toby Mather	Kayden
Girls	Kyla	Tayla	Lucy
Yr 1 Boys	Alfie	Oliver	Sam C
Yr 1 Girls	Abbi	Phoebe	Issabelle Bragg *
Yr 2 Girls	Sophie Sandercock	Amy Quinn	Anna
Yr 3 Boys	Tony Steed	Sam Coleman	Sam Coles
Yr 3 Girls	Tilly	Lois	Evy
Yr 4/5 Girls	Ruby Coleman	Phoebe Martin	Katie Sanders
Yr 5/6 Boys	Oska Holmes	Jack Lawler	Charlie Prout
Yr 6 Girls	Kitty Crocker	Abi Martin	Isobelle Jones.

\*Did not touch her egg so is the technical winner.

N.B. Charlatte Windley in Yr 1 Girls aslo did not touch her egg.

