

A Hotly Contested Sports Day

Friday 6th July 2018.

As usual the sports day was a high competitive afternoon of athletic endeavour, but this year we were blessed with exceptionally good weather and an inevitable hot event. The afternoon was a mix of the traditional sprints and relays combined with the “old skool” sack and egg and spoon races.

First up were the sprint races for all years. Reception children tore up the turf, (over 25 metres) as they did their best impersonations of Usain Bolt, some even using a proper sprint start.

They were swiftly followed by all the other years, with year 2 upwards taking on the 50 metres track. There were some excellent performances, as each and every child gave their very best to achieve their Personal Best. It is always great to see so many of the pupils using their sprint starts, giving an incredible portrayal of actual Olympic performers.



Following the swift and exciting sprints, we moved on to the longer distance races; relays for Classes 1 and 2 and a new “Cross Country” (around the school grounds) for Class 3. Class 3 began their run around the grounds; scaring the daylight out of the poor, unsuspecting chickens! They emerged from the outdoor learning area to run across the top of the football pitch, whilst parents waited with baited breath to see who would be in the lead. On such a hot day (temperatures up around 27 degrees) all these youngsters ran so well, especially given the very short legs many of them possess.

With school records at stake, Class 1 and 2 were desperate to get started on their relays. The records have stood for 5 years, but Years 2 to 6 were in a determined mood. The Year 6 mixed team (girls and boys) came very close; just 9 seconds short. It was the year 4 girls team who excelled themselves and did some incredibly good baton changes to **BEAT** the 5-year-old record for Year 4's. They shaved a wonderful **6.28** seconds off the previous best; an absolutely FANATSTIC achievement from this determined set of young ladies.



Having “**egghausted**” all the children, it was now time to test their jumping and balance skills with the egg and spoon and sack races. The faces of pure concentration were exceptional as the children tried to keep their eggs firmly on their spoons, although there were a few cheats amongst some of the older boys! With some sacks actually bigger than their inhabitants, it was a hard task for the children to bounce like jumping beans, but their great endeavours made for a tremendous spectacle.



AND FINALLY:

With tradition in mind, the parents were asked if they would like to have a little jog. Once again, we witnessed why our children have a competitive nature as the parents went to battle - one particular lady being highly determined to win, as it was her last chance to show how good she is. The ladies zoomed up the field, setting fire to the grass, with a win for a happy Sarah in a highly creditable 8.19 seconds. The men's race was a draw at 7.82 seconds, it was a very competitive race!

A big thank you goes out to all our incredible athletes and to all the parents, teachers and teaching assistants who made this and the following summer fete such a great success.