

# OTTERHAM SCHOOL'S SPORTS PARTICIPATION. March 2019.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Children of Otterham School have been getting involved in sporting activities over the past week or so.

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 35 of our children (that is 42% of our school population) went to the Annual Warbstow Fun Run. They represented every year group in the school from little reception to slightly bigger year 6. They all had a wonderful time running through the mud and giving their all. We had a second place in the Infant Girls, but the taking part is always more important than placement. Each and everyone of our children excelled themselves and were rewarded with a medal for their efforts. It really makes the Teachers and Teaching Assistants proud to watch the enjoyment and real endeavour of our children at this event.

We had a busy day on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March with a swimming Gala in the morning and a Netball festival in the afternoon.

At the swimming Gala we were able to give children who had never competed in such an event the opportunity to experience this level of competition. We were represented by 20 pupils who were picked from years: 3 to 6. Some of our participants have only learnt to swim a full length in the past 12 months. This event was against 4 other schools from our area and we had some fantastic individual performances and a wonderful team ethos. We finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on the day just 1 point behind the second placed school, but we gave all our 20 the chance to swim and gain experience. Once again, I am proud to have been able to watch the children's endeavour, commitment and team ethos.

In the afternoon 7 of our children, from years 4, 5 and 6 went to an area Netball festival. This is a sport we have not done very much of during this year and it was an opportunity to develop our squad. The court was huge at Camelford Leisure centre and our children were a bit daunted by the height of the nets and the sheer size of the hall. It was a great experience for them and they now know more about the game, positioning and defensive requirements.

With the onset of Spring well underway we turn our thoughts to Summer activities such as Athletics and Cricket and the school sports day.

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