



It has been a very busy end to the sporting year. On Friday 7th July we took 40 children to compete at District Sports at Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre. It was an incredibly hot day and the first children to represent us were our Year 3&4s. Kyla, Lola, Zuzanna, Hollie, Joe, Oliver, Aisha, Jade, Jess, Anya, Matthew, Charlie, Callum, Connor, Samuel, Charlie. W, Eve, Molly, Ben and Zach all had to do a standing long jump, 400m run, 50m sprint and a mini howler throw. All of our children competed as expected with determination but there were some stand out performers from Kingslea. From our boys (out of 100 boys) Joe came second overall for his sprint and distance times, throw and jump (jumping a whopping 1m 72cm) Oliver came 5th overall closely followed by Connor in 6th place. For the girls (again, out of 100) we had Molly finishing in 9th place and Lola at 24th place. It was a whole team effort and all 20 of our children were fantastic throughout the morning and we finished in 6th place out of 10 schools. Well done!

Then in the afternoon it was the turn of our Year 5&6s. A slightly different format awaited our older children who had 50m hurdles, 80m sprints, 400m run, standing long jump and mixed relays. Our team was made up of; Fionn, Komal, Georgie, Jayan, Jamie, Max, Sam, Jacques, Cameron, Charlie, Mason, Tommy, Lily, Kristin, Amelie, Summer, Ella, Nichole, Manasvi and Abi. Again, some wonderful performances on display but special mention to Jacques for coming third in the standing long jump and Mason for coming third in the sprint and second in the hurdles. We had many children qualify for the final races which is fantastic. The most inspiring all round performance came from Amelie that afternoon who really pulled it out of the bag. The speed of her third leg in the relay, her sprinting and overall application on the day was that of a champion; we knew she could do it! Huge congratulations to the whole team who contributed and we finished 5th overall. Brilliant!

This year (for the first time) there was a second District Sports day we could enter. As we had so many children attend club we were so pleased to be able to give another 40 children the opportunity to represent Kingslea. So, on the following Friday, 14th July and a much cooler day our second team of Year 3&4s competed in standing long jump, 400m run, 50m sprint and mini howler throw. Stepping up for us we had; Alfie, Herbie, Amiel, Owen, Caydon, Caitlin, Poppy, Tea, Phoebe, Natasha, Mylie, Annelies, Ava, Lucy, Jake, Luke, Isaac, Luca, Lacey and Ibrahim. A wonderful group of children who were so excited to be there on the day. We again, finished in 5th place - well done everyone you did us proud!

Then, as we saw the previous week, it was our 5&6s turn to compete. They were; Izzy, Jodi, Dan, Zak, Josh, Alfie, Alex, Sophie, Amelia, Sophia, Elisa, Charlotte, Rhea, Jess, Eloise, Josh B, George, Stanley, Jack and Josh M. Again a slightly different format with a 600m(!) run 80m sprint, vortex throw and a standing long jump. The 600m was a real test of character but our children showed fantastic resilience and paced themselves very well. It was a great afternoon full of smiles and working towards a team result which again was 5th place overall!

This sporting year has been incredibly successful with more competitions entered, more teams per tournament entered, more children getting involved and improved performances across the board. What strikes me the most with PE and sport in this school is how well our children conduct themselves when representing the school. It is lovely to win, of course, but our children never fail to play in the right spirit, show good sportsmanship in victory and defeat. We go again in September!

Please, please return any green or black t-shirts you may have lurking around at home as we need all of them back for events next year. Please return all kit by Wednesday 19th July

Lastly, I'd like to thank parents/guardians who have supported us this year. Thank you for the lifts to and from venues, scoring and cheering our children on (even when it is snowing at Tanbridge on a Friday night at 6pm!) It is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to another amazing year of sport next year.

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