



Balcombe CE Primary School Sports Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As I write we are starting the final week of an extremely busy year. This half term has been affected by the good old British weather, with KS1 Athletics and Y5 & 6 PE festivals cancelled, but we have still squeezed in many sporting activities.

NEARS Superstars

This much anticipated event took place here in the middle of June. I was pleased that all the children in KS2 had an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and fitness to me before the individuals from each year group were selected. We were able to pick a team who showed they had individual sporting skills as well as great fitness levels. Well done to Daniel F, Alice, Oliver, Scarlet, Tom B, Isla, Daniel R and Anna G for being picked, working hard on your skills beforehand and performing so well individually on the day. As a group Balcombe came second by just a single point after a full afternoon of activities. Individually, particular mentions go to: Scarlet, Anna and Daniel for coming first in their year groups.

Thank you to all the Sports Crew and other members of Mill who helped run the events so smoothly. Thank you to all the parents who came in to help make sure the whole afternoon ran like clockwork and to Mrs Walters and Mrs Kirby for their support too.

NEARS KS2 Athletics

On Tuesday 28th June Mrs Walters and I took 29 children to Handcross Park School to participate in the NEARS Athletics meeting. The children were wonderfully well behaved and gave their all to the events they were competing in. During the afternoon we had lots of winners in races as well as throwing and jumping events. We also noted as a team that we rarely came outside the top four, which considering we were one of ten schools competing, was a great achievement. At the end of a busy afternoon we were delighted to win the Large Schools Winners cup.

As you can see from the following photos they were delighted with the result.....



Sports Day

On Tuesday 5th July we were able to run our School Sports Day. The morning was a great example of all the children from Lake to Mill demonstrating their sporting skills across the year groups and competing for their teams.



The afternoon was a full afternoon of competitive races with everyone taking part in a number of races. The organisation of this should not be underestimated especially for the youngest members of the school. Well done to everyone – children and staff – for making it such a fantastic afternoon. Well done to the Bears for winning overall.

NEARS Cricket Tournament

Last week we took a team of eight children to Warden Park to compete in the NEARS Cricket Tournament. It was a fantastic morning of competitive Kwik Cricket between five local schools. Our first match was against St Giles, Horsted Keynes. We struggled to get a rhythm in our bowling and batting but still only narrowly lost. We gained momentum in our following match against St Mark's, Staplefield and by the time of our final match against St Peter's Bolney we were playing some super cricket, with tight bowling and fielding and some excellent batting seeing us win easily. Well done to Sid, Joe C, Daniel R, Nathan B, James B, Tom S, Tom B and Daniel B for such a great morning.

What a fantastic year of sport it has been. Well done to everyone who has participated in and out of school events. The NEARS tournaments and leagues are our opportunity to compete against the best teams from other schools and we have achieved some super results this year:

Cross Country

NEARS winners

NEARS Superstars

2nd overall

Tag rugby

2nd NEARS Tournament

Athletics

NEARS winners

Basketball

2nd NEARS Tournament

Cricket

2nd NEARS Tournament

Stoolball

NEARS Tournament winners

Netball

NEARS League winners

NEARS Tournament winners

2nd in Mid Sussex Tournament

Wishing you all a super summer holiday. I hope you come back refreshed and ready for another busy year.

Best wishes

Lucy Dunsby