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MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE WE PREPARE FOR TOMORROW BY ACHIEVING TODAY

Year Group Sports Day

This year, we made some changes to the sports day set up. With help from the Sports and Health Ambassadors, we decided to split the sports day into competitive and non-competitive activities. The competitive activities involved children competing against others in their class, to represent their house colour in Friday's finals. These activities included: long jump, 70 metre sprint race, shot put and javelin. It was great to see all children showcase their skills and talents in these fields. Many children, congratulated their friends who were successful in these events which promoted our Moat Farm values of friendship, respect and manners. In the non-competitive activities, children were to complete the activities to earn points for their house colours weekly total. These activities included: egg and spoon race, space hoppers, sack race and bean bag throwing. It was lovely to see so many family members and friends in attendance, and it was brilliant to see so many following the children around the field, cheering them on, as they completed the activities. I'm sure even some parents wanted to have a go on the space hoppers- maybe a future parent/carer race!

Moat Farm 5K Fun Run

To celebrate the importance of being physically active and living a healthy lifestyle, on Wednesday we hosted a 5km fun run in which children, staff and parents/carers could attend. Around 50 people took part in the warm, challenging conditions. It was amazing to see so many people persevere and show their resilience by completing the 13 laps around the field and lower school



playground. Thankfully, Mrs Barnett was on hand to give out refreshments as runners climbed up the dreaded hill by the field gates. Moving forward, we would love to organise more events which promote being physically active and showing children that having a 'can do' attitude helps develop them physically as well as mentally.

Friday Finals

This year, we decided to host a finals day on Friday afternoon to end sports week. This was an opportunity for the whole school to come together and celebrate the sporting excellence we have at Moat Farm Junior- a first in Moat Farm history. Children, who won their group activities on their respective sports day, participated in finals against other group winners from their year group. This provided the spectators with a fantastic opportunity to sit back, cheer on and applaud the incredibly gifted athletes we have at Moat Farm. The table below shows the medal positions for each year group in the four competitive events. It was inspirational to see children singing songs to support their house colours, banners waving frantically in the air, and children from all year groups high-fiving and clapping others because they share the same house colour. I am sure many of the young athletes felt incredibly proud having older children and staff congratulating them on their endeavours. Mr. Adams, who was incredible on the microphone throughout the whole of sports week, was then on hand to deliver the announcements of bronze, silver, and gold medal positions. Successful children then momentarily left their house team to collect their respective medal, stand on the podium and receive their deserved ovation. Finally, to round off the afternoon teachers took part in a ferocious, competitive game of tug-of-war. Blue team were victorious, beating red in a tightly contested final. The winning streak then continued, with Blue team being announced as the overall winners of Sports Day 2023. Green, Yellow and Red followed respectively, and the day ended with Blue team being awarded with the Sports Day trophy. The tension builds for next year...who will come out victorious?



| | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Long jump | 1 st Joel (Red) | 1 st George (Green) | 1 st <u>Xaiya</u> (Green) | 1 st <u>Gurveer</u> (Green) |
| | 2 nd Kira (Green) | 2 nd Scarlett (Blue) | 2 nd Ollie (Blue) | 2 nd <u>Aaleyah</u> (Blue) |
| | 3 rd Maya (Green) | 3 rd Yuvraj (Red) | 3 rd Tia (Green) | 3 rd Ollie (Red) |
| Sprint | 1 st Cavalli (Yellow) | 1 st Nathaniel (Blue) | 1 st Ollie (Blue) | 1 st <u>Aaleyah</u> (Blue) |
| | 2 nd Ivy (Green) | 2 nd Hollie (Green) | 2 nd Dougie (Yellow) | 2 nd Ollie (Red) |
| | 3 rd Xanthi/Kira (Green) | 3 rd George (Green) | 3 rd Harley (Yellow) | 3 rd Jaden (Yellow) & Lewis (Red) |
| Shot put | 1 st Evie (Red) | 1 st Aaron (Yellow) | 1 st Alfie (Blue) | 1 st Jerry (Blue) |
| | 2 nd Cavalli (Yellow) | 2 nd <u>Baylen</u> (Yellow) | 2 nd Lance (Yellow) | 2 nd Freya (Green) |
| | 3 rd <u>Arnez</u> (Green) | 3 rd Alfie (Red) | 3 rd Marvellous (Red) | 3 rd Viren (Green) |
| Javelin | 1 st <u>Mardin</u> (Red) | 1 st <u>Baylen</u> (Yellow) | 1 st Connor (Green) | 1 st Jaden (Yellow) |
| | 2 nd Jake (Yellow) | 2 nd Alfie (Red) | 2 nd George (Yellow) | 2 nd <u>Raileen</u> (Blue) |
| | 3 rd Coda (Yellow) | 3 rd Connor (Yellow) | 3 rd <u>Finnlay</u> (Blue) | 3 rd Harley (Yellow) |



| | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Finals | Total |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Blue | 738 | 761 | 1332 | 603 | 55 | 3489 |
| Green | 699 | 673 | 1256 | 559 | 85 | 3272 |
| Yellow | 583 | 659 | 1143 | 753 | 73 | 3111 |
| Red | 547 | 558 | 1109 | 702 | 81 | 2997 |



After finishing 1st in the Sandwell School Games in May our very talented netball team took part in the Black Country Games against the top 12 qualifying teams in Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall & Wolverhampton. After playing 5 group games and conceding only two goals all morning the team finished top of their group and progressed to the semi-finals in the afternoon.

The semi-final was really tough and saw us lose 1-3 to Elston Hall. Credit must be given to their goal shooter who due to our defensive work only managed to get the ball three times in the whole match but slotted those three chances away with ease.

Bronze medals were to play for against Long Knowle. The team dominated the game and came out the winners! We are proud of the whole team who throughout the day. They encountered various sporting injuries but persevered until the final whistle gaining themselves the highest finish ever at the netball finals! Special mention goes to our Player of the Tournament Aaleyah who defensively turned the ball again and again.

