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5th July 2024

SPORTS WEEK SPECIAL

MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

We are thrilled to share the highlights and success of this year's Sports Week at Moat Farm Junior School! Our aim was to elevate our students' experience in anticipation of the upcoming Olympic Games in Paris, and we are proud to report that it was a remarkable success.

A Week Immersed in Olympic Spirit

With the collaboration of a range of our staff at MFJ, Sports Week was designed to immerse students in the spirit of sportsmanship and the Olympic ideals. The overarching theme centered on the history and significance of the Olympic Games, creating a comprehensive and enriching experience for all. Across the week, lessons were interwoven with the Olympic theme. Students engaged in discussions about the cultural and historical context of the Olympics. Year 3 children explored Ancient Greek Olympia—the bedrock of the Olympic Games. Year 4 explored Modern Olympia, which was regenerated by the famous Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1896. Year 5 discovered the importance of the Much Wenlock Games, held locally in Shropshire to this day, and how they impacted the creation of the modern games. Finally, Year 6 debated whether the Olympic Games have a political feel. They particularly focused on the Berlin games in 1936 and how the heroic athlete Jesse Owens battled through racial controversy to win gold. To link to the theme of France, children created artwork fit for a French art gallery and learned to pronounce sports and games in French, while deepening their understanding of Paris and activities in this year's games



To broaden the children's opportunities and link them to the Olympics, students enthusiastically participated in a variety of educational activities throughout the week. Special taster sessions offered by RB Gym and Sport introduced our students to archery and fencing. These hands-on experiences allowed them to appreciate and enjoy new sports firsthand, sparking new interests and hopefully future passions. Not only did the children enjoy this, but staff also got involved and immersed themselves in the Olympic spirit.

Sports Days and Finals Afternoon

The culmination of Sports Week was our traditional sports days, where all year groups engaged in both recreational and competitive activities. Students competed in events such as sprints, long jump, shot put, and javelin, fostering a sense of camaraderie and healthy competition. Winners and close runners-up were then entered into the finals on Friday afternoon, where they represented their house colour in the 'Battle of the Houses'. During the finals afternoon, our entire school community gathered to cheer on their peers, celebrating achievements and displaying exemplary sportsmanship. Medals were awarded to the top performers in each year group, reinforcing our commitment to recognising excellence and promoting the Moat Farm values of teamwork and respect. This year, Red House came out on top, with Green House and Yellow House finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively, and Blue House finishing in 4th.

Mr. Oldfield would like to thank the children and staff at MFJ for their efforts in making Sports Week 2024 a memorable and enriching experience. We would also like to thank all parents and carers. Your support and encouragement helped our students thrive and embrace the Olympic spirit.

We look forward to many more successful events and opportunities to celebrate our students' talents and achievements.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th

July

Green 6 Leavers' Assembly

15th

July

Red 6 Leavers' assembly & Year 6 Camp residential sleepover

17th

July

Blue 6 Leavers' assembly & Year 6 Leavers' party

18th

July

Yellow 6 Leavers' assembly

19th

July

Last day of the term for pupils

22nd

July

Teacher Training Day



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SPORTS WEEK PICTURES



ON YOUR MARKS...

SOME OF OUR CHAMPS

