



Off to a flying start!

The children of Croft have made an excellent start to this academic year and we already have so many sporting achievements to celebrate. It has been brilliant to see so many new faces taking part in sport and putting themselves forward for the wonderful opportunities available here at Croft. Now the weather is becoming colder, please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor PE kit with them and a set of trainers, as these have more grip for running on the playground. PE kit should be brought into school on a Monday and go home again on a Friday, regardless of what day your child has PE. We are always keen to share what is happening in our school, so please don't forget to look out for all our sporting news on our Twitter account: **@Croft_PE**.

Football News

Our boys' football team continues to go from strength to strength, with some very impressive performances already in the bag. As a team, they work exceptionally well together, with some excellent passing and moving on display, not forgetting the superb finishing. The boys are undefeated in both the league and the cup to date. They are also through to the finals of the Utilita Cup, hosted by Mansfield Town and are one step away from the Regional Finals in 2020. Well done to you all.



Year 5&6 Boys Futsal - District Finalists



Our boys' futsal team had a great time participating in a competition at Sutton Academy. The competition was made even more exciting by the new 'power play' rule introduced this year. Every match, music was played for a total of one minute, every goal scored in that minute stood for two. Our team certainly made the most of this opportunity. It was great to see the boys having such a good time playing a sport they enjoy. Special mention to **Cade Hanshaw**, who was awarded a determination medal by the organisers.

Year 3&4 Sportshall Athletics-District Champions



A huge congratulations to our year 3&4 Sportshall Athletics team, who have been crowned District Champions for the third consecutive year. The children put on an outstanding performance, with some great results on both the field and track events. They displayed all of the School Games Values throughout the event and it was great to see the team spirit between them all. The children have all given up endless amounts of their own time to prepare for the event and couldn't be more deserving of the result. A huge thank you as always, to Mr Hardy, for all his efforts in preparing the team for the event.

KS2 Cross Country

On the 9th October, our Year 5&6 children attended the annual District Cross Country competition. There were four teams in total; Girls A, Girls B, Boys A and Boys B, with over 100 runners in each race. All of the teams performed superbly with some fantastic individual results. Team results were as follows: Girls A (1st) Girls B (4th) Boys A (3rd) Boys B (4th). Huge congratulations to the following individuals who finished in the top 12 individually, in the A races, to qualify for the County Finals next year, they are **Maisy Slack** (3rd) **Lacey Gregory** (5th), **Archie Gunn** (6th) and **Harry Goddard** (11th). Our year 3&4 children then attended their competition at Quarrydale Academy. For some of the children, this was their first time representing Croft at a sporting event and they all had lots of fun. It was great to see the determination the children had, especially towards the end of the race when they began to tire. The girls team finished 6th overall and the boys team finished 4th. Special mention to **William Elmer** who finished 3rd individually in his race.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities



It has been a busy half term of sport here at Croft, with lots of exciting new opportunities for our children. Year 2 have really enjoyed taking part in the 6 week Chance to Shine Cricket programme. Further up the school, years 5 and 6 have had the opportunity to sample some cricket taster sessions, through the club Wicketz. In addition to this year 6, are also taking part in the Healthy Hearts programme run by Notts Cricket Club. Earlier on in the term, our KS2 boys and girls made the most of the football after school clubs and we have spotted some real stars for the future. As always, we are looking to get outside providers into our school, to promote sports clubs in the local area. If your child has a particular sport they are interested in and you want sign posting to clubs, please get in touch.

Indoor Rowing



Children from year 3 and 4 took part in an Indoor Rowing competition at Ashfield School. None of the children had been on a rowing machine before and they all gave up some of their own time to practise at lunch. They all did themselves proud and improved as the night went on. Well done to you all.

Young Ambassadors



Our Young Ambassadors have got off to an impressive start and are already having a huge impact across school. Meetings are held on Monday lunchtimes, and the children have led the way in terms of deciding what events they want to deliver, at playtimes and lunchtimes. We have already had Level 1 competitions for speed bounce, tennis and vertical jump, to name a few. They will also be blogging on the School Games website each week so other schools can see what we have been up to here at Croft. Our Young Ambassadors this year are: **Lacey Gregory, Lois Coleman, Amelia Adams, Cade Hanshaw, Thomas Moore, Owen Spencer, Daisy Fisher, Maisy Slack, Ellie Gillespie, Mia Tighe, Harry Goddard, Thomas Walsh and Aurelia Wawrzyniewicz.**

Sporting Achievements



Finally, we were delighted to hear about the success of one of our year 6 pupils, outside of school. Lacey has been attending Sutton Harriers for the past couple of years and has gone from strength to strength in this time. This year, Lacey was crowned, the Under 11's Sportshall Athletics Girl of the Year. She has been an excellent ambassador for Croft, throughout her time here and is great to see this being acknowledged elsewhere too. This is a huge achievement for Lacey and we are already incredibly proud of her here at Croft. We always love to hear about and share the achievements of all of our pupils, so please get in touch to share these with us.