



## We're off to a Flying Start

We have had a fabulous start to the sporting year here at Croft. We have had many children from across school, taking part in a variety of sports and it been great to see many new faces participating. Schools are now required to provide 30 minutes of physical activity for each child every day. We are providing this through PE lessons, adult led activities during playtimes, brain breaks in the classroom, active maths, lunchtime and after school clubs. At Croft this half term, our children have enjoyed a wide range of after school clubs including Netball, Girl's Football, Handball, Dance, Athletics, New Age Curling and Boccia. Thank you to Mrs Hardy, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Nicholson for helping to organise and run their respective clubs. A huge thank you to our parent governor, Mr Moore, for donating more football kits to school, for the children to wear. A polite reminder that PE kit needs to be in school on a Monday and taken home again on a Friday.

## School Games Mark

I am delighted to announce that Croft has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the third consecutive year. There is a huge emphasis on high levels of participation to achieve the award. Last year at Croft, we attended 45 Level 2 competitions, with 147 children from Key Stage 2 alone taking part. We also had 23 B and C teams competing throughout the year. This is such an amazing achievement and a huge testament to our children's dedication and passion. Here's to another great year at Croft.

## Personal Challenge & Young Ambassadors



At the beginning of the year, our Young Ambassadors, along with some of our Year 5 and 6 children, attended a Personal Challenge event at Sutton Community Academy. The children all got to have a go at different activities and then had to try to beat their score the second time around. The event was run to give the children ideas of competitions they could organise and run at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Since attending, the children have used their knowledge to organise personal challenges in school including a football activity and another to develop hand-eye co-ordination. Thank you also to our Young Ambassadors for posting our first blog of the year on the School Games website. Keep up the hard work everyone.

## Years 1- 4 Cross Country- District Champions

Some of our youngest children in school enjoyed their first competition of the academic year. Children from years 1- 4 took part in a Cross Country competition on Sutton Lawn. They all tried their very best and we had some fantastic team and individual results. Year 1/2 girls came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Year 1/2 boys came 1<sup>st</sup> (**Oliver Dawson 1<sup>st</sup>**), Year 3/4 girls came 1<sup>st</sup> (**Maisy Slack 1<sup>st</sup>, Daisy Fisher 2<sup>nd</sup>, Olivia Frith 3<sup>rd</sup>**) and Year 3/4 boys came 1<sup>st</sup> (**Archie Gunn 1<sup>st</sup>**). All had a fantastic afternoon.



## Tag Rugby-District Finalists & County Finalists

Two teams took part in a Tag Rugby competition on Sutton Lawn. Both teams played extremely well and developed their skills as the games progressed. Croft light blue finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place and Croft dark blue finished as overall winners, earning their place at the District Final. The District Final took place at National Academy in Hucknall. Croft topped their group and made it through to the semi-final where they scored a try in the last play of the game. The final was a close game against Morven Park. Croft scored a spectacular try, again in the last play. The team are now through to the county finals. A super achievement! Team names: **Lacey Gregory, Thomas Moore, Paige West, Timmy Harvotovic, Luka Sissons, George Walker, Harry Goddard and Archie Gunn.**

## Football Teams

Girls from Key Stage 2 have been taking part in an after school football club. Many of the girls have never played and both myself, and Mrs Gates, have been extremely impressed at their ability to learn a new sport so quickly. All of the girls have developed their skills over the last four weeks. Some of the girls then had a chance to put all they had learned into practice in their first game of the season against Woodland View. There was some superb football on display and the girls came away with a very convincing win. A huge thank you to Mrs Gates for helping to organise and run the after school club. The boy's team had a difficult first game against a very talented Abbey Gates side. Despite the defeat, the boys showed a positive attitude throughout the game. The second game remained close all the way through, with Hucknall National just having the edge in the second half, winning by a narrow margin. It was clear to see that the team had grown together and there was some lovely passing and moving. As well as this, the boys also had the opportunity to play against King Edward Primary. Both were two evenly matched teams, this time Croft emerged victorious. Well done to all.

## Year 5 & 6 Cross Country- District Champions



Well done to all the KS2 children who took part in the District Cross Country Competition at Ashfield School. There were over 500 children from across the district taking part. The results were as follows:

Boys 1100 metres = 1<sup>st</sup>, Girls 1100 metres = 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Boys 1300 metres = 2<sup>nd</sup>, Girls 1300 metres = 1<sup>st</sup>,

Mixed race relay = 1<sup>st</sup>. All of our children showed a superb attitude and their determination was clear to see. All of the children came away with a medal but, more importantly, they all had huge smiles on their faces. The children who finished in the top 12 individually, in the 1300 metre races earned a place at the County Finals. Huge congratulations to Ruby Vickers (1st), Lacey Gregory (5th), Amelia Elliott (6th), Maisy Slack (9th) and Thomas Fisher (3rd). These children will now represent Croft and the Ashfield District at the Nottinghamshire County Finals. We are incredibly proud of them all. Croft children never fail to amaze me. Go Team Croft!

## Year 5 Mini Tennis- District Finalists



Four children from Year 5 took part in a Mini Tennis competition at Sutton Community Academy. Their serves were particularly strong and at times, their opponents struggled to return them. All of the children improved their game as the competition progressed. They won all of their matches and qualified for the District Finals. The District Final was in Hucknall. Our children played extremely well against some very strong competition. They displayed all the School Games Values throughout the competition. Overall, they finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the District. Great work

all of you.

## Handball- District Finalists



We were delighted to be able to enter two teams into the Handball competition. Croft 'light blue' played some very competitive matches at Kirkby College. There was some strong attacking and defensive play going on. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, narrowly missing out on a place at the District Final. Croft 'dark blue' then went to Sutton Community Academy to try to qualify for the District Final. They won all of their games and did just that. The District Final was held at Ashfield School with four competitive teams ready and raring to go. Croft won their first two matches with some excellent passing and moving. Our goalkeepers

made some excellent saves too. The last game was hard fought and unfortunately we lost by a narrow margin. The team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Ashfield District and we are waiting to see if we have earned a place at the County Finals. Incredible achievement for all involved.