



Another successful year for sport at Croft

Each year, our school participates in the Ashfield School Games events organised by the local School Games Officer. Children across school have the opportunity to compete in a wide range of sports against the other 36 schools in the District. Throughout the year, each event contributes towards a medal table and, more importantly, a participation table. Our aim this year was to increase the amount of children participating in sport and representing Croft in competitions.

I am delighted to announce that Croft Primary School have finished in 1st place in the participation table, competing in 34 level 2 events, with 47 days of competition and 11 B and C teams. Each time the children go to an event, they are trying to earn a gold, silver or bronze medal for the medals table. Not only have we finished 1st in the participation table, we have also topped the medals table with 21 gold, 11 silver and 11 bronze, making Croft Primary School the most successful school for sport across the Ashfield District. This is a fabulous achievement for the children and for Croft and has followed on from the success of the 2015-2016 academic year. Well done everybody!

Ashfield School Games Day 2017

On Monday 10th of July, 16 children from KS2 represented Croft at the Ashfield School Games Day. The top 8 schools across the District are invited to enjoy and compete in a wide range of different sports.

The children all had a fabulous day, giving 100% effort and most importantly demonstrated all of the School Games Values throughout the day. At the end of the day, the scores were added up and there was an anxious wait for the results. Croft Primary School were announced the Ashfield Schools Games Day champions for the second year in a row. We are also the first ever school to retain the title. We are so proud of all the children who took part in this event and it was so lovely to see the smiles on their faces throughout the day.

The sports and results were as follows:

- Speed Stacks: 1st
- Rowing: 3rd
- Speed Bounce: 2nd
- Multi-Skills Challenge: 1st
- Handball: 3rd
- Lacrosse: 4th
- Boys Athletics: 1st
- Girls Athletics: 1st



Cricketing success



Here at Croft we have enjoyed another successful Summer Term of Cricket with more teams than ever entered into competitions across the District. Two teams of Y5 and Y6 girls, finished 2nd and 3rd in their competition at the Mansfield Hosier Mills. The Y5 and Y6 boys also joined them on this day and finished 1st in their competition. It was the first time the Y3 and Y4 children have competed in a Cricket competition and the level of skill on show was brilliant. The children's batting was excellent and the fielding was even better with some superb bowling. This tremendous effort, meant that they too finished 1st in their competition.

The teams that finished in first or second place on the day were invited to the County Finals at the Lady Bay Cricket Ground. Here they competed

against the top 16 schools in Nottinghamshire and the standard was incredibly high. Our Y5 and Y6 boys finished in the top 10 in the County. The Y3 and Y4 children finished in the top 8 in the county. All the children progressed throughout the day and worked well as a team, organising themselves well in the field.

Unfortunately, due to other events in school, we were unable to attend the girls' competition but I know they too would have been very successful. We are so proud of all the children and what they have achieved and are really looking forward to doing it all again next year.

KS1 Quad Kids Athletics

Last week, 8 of our Y2 children competed in their first level 2 event for Croft, the Quad Kids Athletics, against 5 other schools. Each child had to complete three track events: a 300m run, a 60m sprint and a relay race. The children showed great determination to succeed with many 1st and 2nd places. It was great to see them all cheering each other on too. They then competed in a long jump and a javelin throw, with the girls and boys both finishing first in their field events. The children finished 1st overall and really enjoyed the afternoon. We are excited to see them competing in more events as they enter KS2 next year.

Team names: **Sam Vardy, Henry Williams, Harry Goddard, Harvey Gregory, Lily Comins, Tia Shah, Lily-Belle Robbins and Daisy Fisher.** Well done everybody!

Nottinghamshire School Games

On Friday 7th July 3 teams represented Croft at the Nottinghamshire School Games. This is the biggest event in the sporting calendar and one all schools strive to qualify for. The day is a celebration of sport with the best schools from each district across Nottinghamshire competing. This year 3 teams from Croft qualified for the event with our Handball, Tri-Golf and Quad kids Athletics teams in attendance. The Y3 and Y4 Handball teams put in some fabulous performances and finished 2nd in their group, meaning they qualified for the quarter finals. They won their quarter final match and went through to the semi-finals, against the group leaders. At the end of the match, the scores were tied and the children had to compete in a nail biting penalty shoot-out, which they won, with some fabulous goal keeping on display. The final match was very competitive with the children narrowly missing out, finishing 2nd in the entire county! The Y4 and Y5 Quad Kids Athletics team had a very successful day with some fabulous track and field performances. They finished 7th in the county. The Tri-Golf team completed several different golfing activities and they demonstrated great skill, finishing 4th in the county. It was an absolute pleasure to see the children representing Croft in such a positive light with great sportsmanship on show. We are so proud of you all!



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PE kit and clubs

As the year draws to a close, I would like to ask you to send any school PE kit that you have at home back into school. If your child attended the Ashfield Schools Games Day, Nottinghamshire School Games Day or the Kwik Cricket County Finals could you please send the tops back into school as soon as possible. It is vital we get these back so we can prepare and organise all of the kit ready for September. I will award 5 dojos for each top that is brought back into school.

Here at Croft, we are always looking to involve children in sport and unearth new talent. If your child attends a club outside of school or has a particular interest in a sport then please let us know. Equally, if you know of any great sports clubs that children from Croft could attend then please inform us of the details and we can pass these on, to give the children even more opportunities.

Sports for Champions

Following our visit from the Sports for Champions athlete, who put us through our paces with each class completing a mini circuit; we have collected and counted all the sponsorship money. I am delighted to announce we raised a total of £864.90. This money has been used to buy new handball and cricket equipment and the rest will be saved for the start of the new academic year. Thank you all for your support.

Race for Life

The Race for Life was a fabulous event enjoyed by children and adults alike. Here at Croft we look to support many different charities and are always looking for new ideas. Sponsorship money can be brought into the office in the new term. We will let you know the total amount raised. Well done to everyone involved and the Y6 girls who organised it.

Final Messages

Finally, on behalf of myself, Mr Hardy and Mr Hawkins, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the children on their sporting achievements this year. It is a privilege to work with such talented children who never fail to amaze me. As a school, we have built on the successes of last academic year and continue to go from strength to strength. I would like to thank all of you for the support you give to the children by attending events to cheer them on, helping with transport and washing kit. Without your help it wouldn't be possible to get as many children representing school as we do. A special mention to Mr Moore, our PE link governor, who has kindly donated a football kit and new football equipment to school which will help to enhance the children's PE lessons and football training sessions. I hope you all have an absolutely fabulous summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again in September. **Miss Thompson**