



A Great Start to 2019

The sporting calendar is always busy here at Croft and the first half of the Spring term has been no exception. It has been great to see so many new faces representing Croft in Level 2 competitions. As well as entering an A team into each competition, more often than not we enter B and C teams too, who compete on different nights. This enables more of our children to have the opportunity. Croft have entered the most amount of teams in competitions this year to date, out of all the other schools in Ashfield. We are flying once again on the participation table with outstanding figures. I am delighted to announce that we are well on our way to beating last year's percentage of children who represented Croft in Level 2 competitions. This is something we will continue to build on year on year. We are still leading the medals table with 12 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze. We are so proud of all of our children and wish those competing this half term the very best of luck. Go team Croft!

Athletics County Finalists



On the final Friday before half term, some of our children travelled to Nottingham to take part in the Year 5 and 6 Athletics County Finals. This is the first time Croft have represented Ashfield at the Winter School Games. The competition was tough, with the best eight teams in Nottinghamshire in attendance. All of the children performed brilliantly on the track and in their field events. It was great to see them all trying to beat their personal bests.

They finished 6th in the whole county and we couldn't be more proud – we definitely have some future stars in the making. Well done to you all.

Hucknall Swimming Gala



18 children across Key Stage 2 competed at the Hucknall Swimming Gala on the 11th February. Some of the children swim for clubs, but for many this was their first time swimming competitively. There were some great individual results but the children really excelled in the relay races, another excellent example of Croft teamwork. The children finished in 3rd place, narrowly missing out on the County Final by just a few points. Most importantly, the children had a fabulous time and were very pleased to bring another trophy back for our cabinet. Well done to all the participants.

Years 4 & 5 Girls Basketball



Girls Basketball is a new competition, which has been introduced to the sporting calendar this academic year. With so many talented girls at Croft, we were delighted to enter two teams and got on with training straight away. The team that went to Holgate Academy performed really well, getting better with each game that they played. This was the first time many of these girls had represented Croft and they all had lots of fun, trying a sport that was relatively new to them. They finished 6th overall. Team names: **Ruby Maloney,**

Roseanne Martin, Seerat Kaur, Ellie Gillespie, Maisy Slack, Darcey Green-Wright, Amie-Jaine Robertson, Lily-Belle Robbins and Julia Orzechowska. The other team (see picture above) went to Sutton Community Academy. They too improved game on game with some excellent passing and impressive baskets. They won all of their games and made it through to the District Final where they finished 5th overall. It was great to see all the School Games Values on display by all 17 girls and we are very proud of you all.

Netball

The Netball League is well underway, with Croft having played their first two fixtures this half term. The team got off to a remarkable start, winning their first game 11-0 against Kingsway Primary. The second game was much closer but the team worked hard together to walk away with a 2-1 victory against Hucknall National. Their dedication to training each week has definitely paid off and we look forward to the next round of fixtures. Well done to all the children involved.

A huge thank you once again to Mrs Hardy and Mrs Thompson who put in a tremendous amount of effort to train the team and organise games; without their hard work it would not be possible.

Year 5 & 6 Indoor Rowing

Two teams of eight children took part in two separate Indoor Rowing competitions this half term. Only a couple of the children had been on a rowing machine prior to the competitions. It was great to see how determined they all were to learn something new and they really did give it their all. In years 5 and 6, the children have to do the changeovers themselves, which is quite a challenge. This is something our children took in their stride and they all worked well together. Again, for some of the children this was their first time competing and they cannot wait to go to another competition.

Names of children involved: **George Walker, George Vardy, Thomas Moore, Will Medley, Lacey Gregory, Amelia Elliott, Lilly Barnett, Arabella Halili, Jayalee Hardstaff, Aurelia Wawrzyniewicz, Keira Radford, Roshni Kaur-Bains, Kailan Hardstaff, Owen Spencer, Timmy Harvatovic and Denis Asparuhov.**

Year 5 & 6 Futsal



Two teams of boys attended two separate Futsal competitions this half term; one in Hucknall and one in Sutton. The competition was open to boys who do not currently play for a team. Both teams played well and improved with each game. They all really enjoyed having an opportunity to play a sport they love. Six of the boys were then invited to a District Final at Sutton Community Academy where they finished 2nd and took home silver medals.

This was the first time Croft has finished in a medal position in this event. Congratulations to you all.

Names of children not in the photo who also took part are:

Oliver Waterfield, Jacob Tilstone, Leland Tighe, Kye Pietras, Arnas Zasytis, Isaac Rawson and Will Medley.

Young Ambassadors



Our Young Ambassadors have been out in force again, running Level 1 competitions at break times and lunch times for children across school. The Rugby Relays were a particular favourite with lots of children getting involved. We are also working on getting our blog up and running on the School Games website. This enables the children to write about sporting activities and competitions happening both in school time and after school. The Young Ambassador Programme has been in place for four years at Croft now and we continue to build upon this. It encourages children to take responsibility for activities run across school and feeds in nicely to the 'Young Leaders Programme' once the children reach secondary school.

The children who are part of the programme all demonstrate the School Games Values at all times and are great role models for the rest of the children in school. Thank you to you all and keep up the hard work.