

Pre-Prep Sport 2003/4

SPORTS DAY 2004



After a term of wonderful weather, with all athletic lessons taking place outdoors, Sports day itself was not quite as settled. The weather forecast for the day depended upon which TV channel you happened to be watching! We were going to have showers, some of them heavy and they would be arriving later. But how much later? That was the important question. With a determined resolve that the heavy dark grey clouds often break up and disperse over Vinehall, preparations were in hand to go ahead on the field as per usual, with the Sports Hall ready on standby, just in case the heavens opened and we all had to make a dash for it at some stage. But no, despite blustery winds and a few drops falling occasionally, we were able to get through the afternoon, with the sun shining brightly on the little ones races in the Nursery and Kindergarten events. To see the likes of Phoebe Flood at 2 years of age running in her team relay, jumping in and out of hoops; pulling herself along a bench and jumping off the end; balancing along a skipping rope placed on the floor and then running around a cone and finally racing 40 metres back to the start was an amazing feat in itself. The beaming smile on her face clearly showed that she was loving it and was also proud that she could show everyone that she could do it all on her own and with confidence too. A very well done to each one of the 37 Nursery and Kindergarten athletes!



Then the children in Pre-Prep revved up for their starts. The sprint races were keenly contested as per usual. The ensuing fun races always bring us back to earth with a chance for anyone to win coming to light. Balancing a ball on a spoon for 40 metres soon tests the speedier competitor!! The relay with its balanced teams always means that anyone can win on the day and more chances are available for medal winners no matter what their athletic prowess. Finally the tug of war, often the highlight of Sports day for many, because it involves one class working together to pull the other class past the marker. Did RB realise that they were pulling RR with a little bit of assistance from Mrs Richardson at times? Even then they still won!!!

After the fun of it all came the medal winners presentation. Nearly 50 children received medals, several being first time winners. There are always some outstanding performances and this year was no exception. Records were broken in the pre Sports day competitions by Daniel Hotz in his first time of competing in high jump. He cleared 78cms, beating the old record by 2cms.

This year high jump records tumbled thick and fast. In the Year 2 competition both the girls and the boys records went to jumps of 91cms to William Collier and Isabella Bearcroft. As they were both still in the competition together, William helped Isabella to this amazing height, exceeding the girl's record by a massive 6cms! Isabelle Powell took the Year 2 girls long jump record, jumping 2m 62. Finally, Jack Banks took the throwing record yet again. Last year he took the 8 year old Year 1 boys record and this year he did it again. The Year 2 boys throwing record which had been standing for 6 years fell. He threw a massive distance of 28m 05, 7 metres beyond Hamish Auld's achievement in 1998! Well done, not only to these children but to all the children who took part in the 2004 Sports day. You were great!!

