



Sports Day

A busy second week in July saw the children represent their house teams in the school's annual sports day competition. The weather stayed kind to us and all year group sports events were able to go ahead on time and without weather delays. First up were Reception and Nursery, competing in a carousel of events which were supervised by our fantastic year 6 children. Each child wore their house colour with pride and tried their hardest to accumulate as many points as possible. Events included target games, egg and spoon relays and an obstacle course. Spectators watched from all around the field and even got their chance to join in in the adults races. When all the points were added up, checked and double checked, it was Sir Gareth (green) who were victorious. A great day was had by all with smiles on the faces of the children and spectators alike.



Next up were KS1 (Year 1 and 2). Again the sun was shining and like reception and nursery, the KS1 sports day followed a similar but more challenging format. Events included space hopper relay, obstacle course and bench ball throw to name a few. Just like the previous day's events, all of the Darlinghurst children ran, threw and jumped their hearts out. At the end of the day and after some more very amusing adult and teacher races the result was announced and Sir Gareth (green) were crowned champions of the KS1 sports day.



KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) finished off the week's events with their sports day. This was a new format this year and consisted of half of the children doing a skills based carousel and the other half participating in running races. The children, once they had completed the events, then swapped over so that all of them got to compete in everything. As always, the KS2 children were very competitive with all the children desperate for their house team to win.

Points came rolling into our scoring station and the lead changed hands a number of times before finally the winning house was announced. Sir Dinadan (blue) had won the event outright by the closest of margins. What a proud group of children they were as they paraded the house cup up and down the sprint track for all to see.



All four sports days received very positive feedback from the children, parents and grandparents alike. What a lovely way to finish the term.

KS2 Borough Sports

On Wednesday 21st July the PE team took some KS2 children to the Southend School Sports Athletics Championship (Borough Sports). After the success of last year and getting promoted to division two the team knew they had a hard task ahead of them. Mr Felton set the team the target of finishing mid-table, so put in extra training before school, at lunchtimes and after school to ensure the team was ready for the day. As always the team did not disappoint and all performed to their best ability on the day taking lots of firsts, seconds and third places in individual disciplines.



Super Sports

July also saw sixteen of our Borough Sports squad compete in the Super Sports Athletics Competition.



In this competition the children from all four divisions who came first, second or in some cases third in their event come together in a battle to see who really is the best in the borough at their event. The level of ability within the Southend borough is extremely high and to be invited to this event is an achievement in itself. We are pleased to say that our children represented the school fantastically with many of them placing in the top three. All of our athletes who took part will be invited to attend an elite athletics club run by the SPSSA at Garon Park athletic track later in the year. Yet again our children have excelled in sport and shown that with a determined mind, they can achieve anything. Well done to all involved.



At the end of what was a very hot but enjoyable day the team eagerly awaited the results. Amazingly, Darlinghurst took first place in the field events beating off some very tough competition, and fourth in the track events, which meant placing third overall!

Two years ago Darlinghurst were in the fourth division and on Wednesday finished third in the second division. What an amazing achievement for all concerned.

KS1 Borough Sports



In July the PE team took 20 talented KS1 children to the Garon Park athletics track for the annual Borough Sports Athletics Championships. This was the very first time on a professional athletics track for nearly all of the squad so there was lots of excitement in the air. All of our 10 girls and 10 boys represented in 3 events each ranging from straight sprint relays and the very amusing space hopper race. A great day was had by all with our squad finishing 4th out of 12 schools on the day. If they can achieve that now and at such a young age, imagine what they could do in the next few years. Exciting times ahead.

Girls' Cricket Team

When our girls' cricket team travelled to Garon Park for the 'Chance to Shine' cricket tournament in July, it was the first time many of them had played a proper cricket match. July is a very busy time of year for the PE team and time couldn't be found for a friendly match for the girls to practice. Nonetheless, our girls arrived full of confidence and ready to put the skills they had learned in PE lessons and at cricket club to the test.



They did not disappoint, in their first game they managed to beat their first opponents by 20 runs. The second game was a similar affair with the girls winning by 22 runs. As the day went on the girls' confidence grew even more and they went on to win the third game putting them in the final. This game was a fantastic advert for girls cricket with some amazing batting and even more amazing fielding. Darlinghurst were triumphant at the end of play and were crowned tournament champions at the end of a very enjoyable day.



Y5 / 6 Boys Football Team



The year 5 and 6 boys' football team proved to everyone that they can play excellent football even against the hardest of opponents. After being given a very tough division, our boys' football team played some fantastic football managing to finish a very respectable 3rd in the league. In May we were invited to play at Southend United's home ground, Roots Hall, in the Southend Community Cup and were very unlucky to miss the final, getting knocked out by the eventual winners, Grove Wood Primary School, in the semi-final. A great achievement by all involved.

Y5 / 6 Girls Football Team



Our year 5 and 6 girls' football team had great success in their debut season, winning their league and being crowned champions in May. All of the girls worked really hard in training and showed great determination by coming back from 2 – 0 down and drawing their last game of the season against Thorpedene 2 – 2.

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the **Silver School Games Mark Award** for the 2016/17 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success