



End of Year Sports Statement 2018

Well another year done, and once again our sports teams have been phenomenal. The most successful year I have seen since I started.

For the 6th year in a row our Swimming team won the Harborough Gala, making it 7 wins in 9 years, and the fact I have never seen one of our Swimming teams lose a gala is testament to not only the talent of our children, but the commitment and determination to succeed for our school. The team also came runners up in the district finals, only just missing out on the Summer Games. A massive congratulations and thanks must go to Mrs Haynes who without all her hard work and passion for these teams, we would not be able to achieve the success we have had.

Our Year 6 Basketball team continued to follow in the footsteps of previous Year 6 teams, and prove how much of a popular and important sport it has become in our school. Team Meadowdale won the Harborough Tournament without conceding a single Basket which meant they progressed to the district final. We eventually came runners up in the districts, just missing out to Folsville, however both teams progressed through to the county finals held in Leicester. In the county finals the team played some brilliant basketball, finishing up with the Bronze medal, and beating Folsville in the 3rd place play off. To be the third best school in the whole of Leicestershire is an amazing achievement, and we are all so proud of this team.

Our Year 5/6 Girls football team have simply been superb this year. To witness the progression from where this team started to where they are now has been breathtaking and definitely one of my biggest highlights of the year. We have played in two Harborough Tournaments, and won them both without conceding a goal. This meant that we entered two county finals, the first we finished second place on goals difference, and the second county finals we finished runners up again, narrowly missing out in the final. Some of the football these girls have played this year was a pleasure to witness, but what made this team special was the determination and fight to do well as a team. The team spirit within the group is all any coach could hope for, and I could not be prouder of them. Congratulations for the year girls!

The Year 6 Girls Netball team entered the Harborough tournament with the A team coming first and the B team finishing third. The A team went on to the district finals in Broughton Astley where they just missed out on a semi-final place. Very well done girls.

Meadowdale can again boast the highest number of children entering the three races in this year's Cross Country, along with a scattering of top 10 finishes. Six of our children went on to represent Leicestershire in the Cross Country finals after finishing in the top 10 rankings over the three Harborough races.

Other successes include tournament wins for our Year 3 Tag-Rugby team, second places for our Year 6 Tennis Team, Year 4 Dodge-Ball team, and third places for our Year 4 Tennis, Year 5 Tag-Rugby, and Year 6 and 4 Uni-Hoc teams.

Our KS2 Athletics team went to the Area Sports attempting to defend the title which we had won for the previous two years. Our Year 3 and 4 children ended up in first place, and our Year 5 and 6 children finished second. Overall our team finished one point behind the Small Schools team, just missing out on the overall win this year, but the efforts and brilliance our children produced during this event were amazing.

The Year 5/6 Girls Cricket team entered the district tournament this year, and didn't lose a single match. They went on to a play-off game against Badgerbrook, winners of the Blaby & Wigston tournament, to decide who would represent Blaby & Harborough at this year's Summer Games. I am delighted to say we won this match in the last over, with some incredible bowling and fielding by our girls.

So a couple of weeks ago Mr Pierce and I took our Girls Cricket team and Year 4 Athletics team to this year's Leicester-Shire and Rutland Summer Games County Finals held in Uppingham, to represent Blaby & Harborough. This in itself was a massive achievement, as the only primary school from the Harborough area to be involved. Both teams did amazingly well, finishing with Silver medals for their events. Their performances contributed towards the Blaby & Harborough district being crowned the overall winners for 2018 - truly brilliant accolade, one that cannot be topped.

Just an amazing year! Thank you to every single team, individual, parent and staff member - you should be very proud of yourselves. You could not have work any harder. To have seven of our teams in county finals is just brilliant. Team Meadowdale you are incredible.