

This half term has been slightly less busy with regard to external sporting events. Although everyone has been participating in numerous sports in order for the children to gain individual awards from the English Schools Athletics Association – These sports include: Triple jump, long jump, hurdling, sprinting, middle distance running, throwing, javelin, and I am pleased to say several school records have already been broken this term. Also baton theory has been taught, to enable the transition of the baton, around the track when competing in relay events. This also allows practice for the District Athletics Championships whereby 50 of our children in KS2 will be representing the school in many events: middle distance running, relays, sprinting, long jump and throwing.

The main event this term was in the District Archery –

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How wet can you get? You could ask Hetty, Finch, Sophie L, Molly, Naomi, Saba, Abby, and Poppy M - they will let you know! However, a few(!) drops of rain did not deter the Hopelands' Archers from enjoying a great morning's tuition followed by a small competition, in which they took part against 6 other schools. We were, unfortunately, one Archer down due to ill health on the day, yet we still managed to come 4th even with one less bow in the sessions (perhaps we should have let one of our archers shoot twice). Oh well! The organisers told us we would have won with a full team.

And a big 'Congratulation' must go to Hetty Simpson for winning the individual competition.

In fact, well done to all, for a soggy introduction to Archery.

Next half term "Our feet will not be touching the floor"- especially when we're taking part in the Wycliffe swimming festival !! We will also be travelling to the Cheltenham Ladies College for a Lacrosse Day. Nearer to home we are playing against Beaudesert in a Cricket match at the Stroud Cricket club and, as previously mentioned, 50 of our children will be taking part in the District Athletics Meeting. All of Year 2 will then be representing Hopelands at a Football skills afternoon.

And finally we have the Hopelands sports day which is a competitive event, albeit fully inclusive, with both individual performances and house team competitions. Not forgetting, of course, the audience participation team games which are always a hoot, after which everyone can indulge in a well deserved ice cream from the ice-cream van. This year sees "Hopelands - Race for Life" being the finale of the afternoon which will be raising funds for Cancer Research UK.