

Cross Country - Caterham SSCO Competition

Cold, wet, muddy, perfect conditions for the Churchfields cross country team to compete in. Twenty-four boys and girls from Years 4 and 5 took to the fields of Ashtons for the Redbridge Primary Schools Cross Country Competition.

First up were the Year 4 girls, with all of them making their debuts. Naturally there were pre-race nerves. These were quick to disappear as Amy Steinberg finished in a very impressive fifth place. Not too far behind were Isabel Greenidge, 8th, Isabel Henderson 10th, Olivia Spencer 28th, Niamh Bentley 29th and Lily Barthram 30th. Well done girls, a great start to our campaign.

Next were the Year 4 boys, who had to compose themselves after cheering on the girls. Right from the off, James Wood, who has the makings of a gifted and talented long distance athlete, hit the front and this was where James was to stay. The longer the race, the more comfortable and relaxed he looked. Congratulations James on a truly marvellous victory. Well done to Alexis Adebayo, 5th, Adam Harrison 6th, Sam Morrissey 8th, Freddy Lee 9th and Ben Percy 19th, who all produced amazing performances.

Then came our very patient Year 5 girls. Before the start, Jessica Archard was heard to say she wanted to finish in the top ten. She didn't disappoint either. Jess lead from start to end, and as she hit the home straight, strength was shown as she treated us all to a sprint finish. Great racing Jess, a fantastically well deserved victory. Let's not forget the rest of the team, who also finished in these brilliant positions – Georgina Gachette 4th, Sophia Walne 7th, Lola Bridger 8th and Laura Smith 10th.

Our final race of the day could almost be described as the Churchfields clean sweep, also known as the Year 5 boys. Naturally, Sam Dalby was where he likes to be, comfortable at the front. With a decent lead, Sam hit the home straight, only to be caught rather quickly by the fast finishing athlete behind him. Sam showed us all how courageous he really is, no way was he going to lose his lead, and in an extremely dramatic fight to the finish Sam was tripped on the finish line, hence he was given joint first place. We were proud to see a procession of navy and yellow T-shirts as here came the boys, Nathan Ndu 3rd, Aodan Downer 4th, Harry Cuthbert 6th, Yaqub Hashmi 8th and Louie Hill 9th.

After an anxious wait in the drizzle, the scores were in. Churchfields Girls Year 4 team 2nd, Churchfields Boys Year 4 team 1st, Churchfields Girls Year 5 team 1st and Churchfields Boys Year 5 team 1st. Congratulations to all of the children who took part in yet another victorious day for Churchfields.

Borough Cross Country

Meet 3 was again at Claybury Park. Weather conditions before the race had not been ideal, the sun was able to shine for Churchfields though. These athletes shone brightly for their team this week – Poppy Barford 7th, Jess Archard 13th, Sam Dalby 8th and Harrison Eva 14th. Well done to the team on another tremendous and gallant run.

Meet 4

The stage was set for the final meet of the season and race conditions were perfect. Once again Sam Dalby 8th, Jess Archard 13th, Harrison Eva 17th and a much improved Georgina Gachette 24th all achieved consistent highly placed positions. A huge well done to all of the team who competed in our first cross country competition. A high standard has now been set.

Squad

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| Jess Archard | Poppy Barford | Alex Chittka |
| Brian Clarke | Sam Dalby | Harrison Eva |
| Georgina Gachette | Anna Glenn | Yaqub Hashmi |
| Louie Hill | Rhiannon Jacobs | Frank Moore |
| Nathan Ndu | Chantal Percy | Dylan Scutt |
| | | Sophia Walne |

Dance

Another amazing achievement has occurred at Churchfields Juniors. There is a major new talent in the form of Lauran Taylor-Griffin in 5L. Lauran was competing against children from all over the country and, after an agonising wait she was given her wonderful news. Lauran has become a Cecchetti Associate, which is affiliated with the Royal Ballet. Congratulations Lauran, we are very proud of you.

Netball

The school netball team travelled to Redbridge Sports Centre to compete in Forest Prep School's annual under 11's tournament. We were given a very tough 1st round draw group, including experienced teams such as Bancrofts and Ursuline. Finishing in a very respectable 4th position in our group, we marched into the second phase. Our confidence was boosted as we claimed our first victory, eventually finishing 3rd in the group. Throughout the day, the team showed they have great potential, considering they only formed just one week ago. Well done to all of you girls.

Lucy Armitage
Elliana Hamer
Leah May
Jessica Watkinson

Shazia Begum
Eleanor Hayes
Gracie Plastow

Nina Button-Gough
Lizzie Massingham
Ella Standen

Churchfields v St Bedes netball match

The Churchfields school netball team were very excited to be playing their opening game of the season. From the beginning the girls passed the ball with confidence and fluency resulting in the execution of six first half goals. After the half time team talk, the girls were asked to keep up their high level of concentration and standard of court play, as the expectation was to double their score. They did just that, making the final score Churchfields 12, St Bedes 2. Congratulations to the team on an impressive start to the league campaign. A special mention must go to Gracie Plastow, who was voted player of the match. Gracie was very dominant in defence, and made countless interceptions. Well done Gracie.

Churchfields v Bancrofts

On what was a very cold December evening, Churchfields netball team had the task of taking on the very experienced players of Bancroft. All of the girls did their very best to work the ball down the court and keep possession. However, our opponents showed their experience and strength and our girls learned a lot, taking many positives away from this game. A special mention must go to Eleanor Hayes, for her interceptions and tips in defence. Well done Eleanor who was voted Churchfields' player of the match.

Children in Need

At Churchfields Junior School we were extremely fortunate to have the honour of entertaining a truly talented star. Footballing maestro and trickster Jeremy Lynch from Britain's Got Talent kindly took time out from his busy schedule to come and talk to the boys and girls about the importance of donating to Children in Need. Jeremy then dazzled and thrilled us all with one of his spectacular routines and even had time to speak to his new array of admirers and fans afterwards. Thank you from us all Jeremy, it is a day we will never forget.

Football at Woodbridge High School

Churchfields Junior School were invited to the official opening of Woodbridge High School's all weather pitch, an outstanding local facility. Opponents on this occasion were Ray Lodge and Oakdale Junior Schools, who each fielded two mixed five a side teams. With games as short as only five minutes, both our sides needed to make the most of every goal scoring opportunity. As well as running a tight ship in defence, displays of excellent teamwork, skills and sportsmanship were shown by both our squads as we strolled into the semi-finals to play Oakdale 1 and 2. Resulting in two goal-less draws it was decided that a final should be played, the ten players of Churchfields versus the ten players of Oakdale. After some controversial team selections by our opponents, who were rightly penalised, the final score was 0-0. Churchfields however, claimed a well deserved victory for playing fairly and squarely with nothing to hide. Well done boys and girls.

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| George Birch | Shazia Begum | Harry Cuthbert | Sam Dalby | Dylan Scutt |
| Aodan Downer | Harrison Eva | Eleanor Hayes | Louie Hill | Carl Parsons |

Girls Football Tournament – phase 2

A much improved team performance marked our second outing to the academy on a chilly afternoon. Good defending and impressive attacking saw the girls earn a much deserved place in the third place play-off. However, our run was to end there, and Churchfields are set to return to the pitches next march. Well Done Girls!

Year 3 Indoor Athletics

Another cabinet is required at Churchfields Junior School as the Year 3 athletics team have added yet another trophy to the school's increasing collection. Our terrific ten travelled to Beal High School to compete in the Redbridge Primary Schools indoor athletics competition. With strong opposition from nine other schools, nothing was going to stop the team from dominating the track and field events. Congratulations to all the boys and girls on tremendous victory.

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| Abdullah Akbar | Abigail Allen | Liam Guymmer | Darcy Mather Sullivan |
| Sam McNally | Nicholas Ndu | Lois Reilly | Eve Shaw-Salmon |
| Wesley Thomas | Dyonte Williams | | |