

Dear Readers,

What a terrific few weeks of sporting competitions we've had. As you know we believe strongly at Geoffrey Field Jnr in giving children as wide a variety of experiences as we possibly can. The government are keen that the energy generated by last year's Olympics continues to have a beneficial effect and influence on our children's health and keenness to participate in sport of all kinds. At Geoffrey Field we have provided children with lots of sporting opportunities and more recently have increased the variety of sports we offer and increasingly given pupils opportunity to compete against other schools.

Our cricket club played in a tournament at Shiplake College a couple of weeks ago. They were an absolute credit to the school. They not only came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams but showed real interest in watching other teams play and displayed some exceptional individual talent that was remarked on by teachers from other schools.

Two weekends ago Mr Benson took our dance club to Slough to compete against a series of professional dance schools in the Red Cross dance for life competition, again our children performed exceptionally well – I personally think they were best on the day, but then I guess I'm biased. They won the award for most energetic and enthusiastic of all groups - no easy task when competing against professional dance troupes.

Then there was the orienteering competition- a new sport to us that saw our children compete in a competition in Caversham at Highdown School, against schools from across Reading. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and have learnt that on top of our compass skills we need more practice in cross country running ( watch this space )

Lastly, our second cricket team performed incredibly well whilst competing at JMA against local schools.

Needless to say, our usual clubs of cricket, gym, street dance, netball, football and basketball continue to the end of term. And "Sports Day" is still to come! Hope to see you all there.