

# SPORTS NEWS

## Conifers once again impress at the District Cross Country Championships

On 15th January, our biggest ever cross country team descended on Budmouth for the annual District Cross Country Championships and with at least 80 children in each race, it really made for an incredibly exciting afternoon of racing.

Every Conifers participant ran their hearts out and we experienced many excellent successes, with top three performances in some races, all races experiencing some top ten finishes and even one remarkable run where no shoes were worn for almost the entire race. Following the 4 races, two of the eight trophies awarded that day are now proudly displayed in the trophy cabinet.

**The overall results were as follows:**

### YEAR 3/4 BOYS:

#### A TEAM

Samuel H - 1st

Charlie T - 3rd

Eryk R - 11th

Warren C - 19th

**2ND OVERALL**

#### B TEAM

Freddie H. C - 28th

Martin G - 32nd

Ahmed M - 34th

Ronnie D. V - 37th

### **2ND OVERALL B TEAM**

Matthew C - 43rd

### YEAR 3/4 GIRLS:

#### A TEAM

Navaeh G-A - 1st

Evelyn G-C - 2nd

Eleanor W - 10th

Lola M M - 12th

**1ST OVERALL**

#### B TEAM

Lexi-Rose M. L - 16th

Sienna B - 21st

Zameera T - 25th

Dolcie-Jean T - 30th

**2ND OVERALL B TEAM**

Amelia R - 31st

### YEAR 5/6 BOYS:

#### A TEAM

Frank C - 6th

Oliver G-A - 7th

Jake D - 10th

Daniel B. H - 14th

**2ND OVERALL**

#### B TEAM

Christie T - 24th

Caleb P - 28th

Jack D - 34th

Sunny C - 38th

**2ND OVERALL B TEAM**

Alex C - 47th

Charlie S - 51st

Lucas S - 59th

### YEAR 5/6 GIRLS:

#### A TEAM

Leylah B - 5th

Delilah-Rose D - 6th

Ebonie Mae B - 11th

Alice S - 13th

**2ND OVERALL**

#### BTEAM

Amber Ablett - 16th

Isla Wood - 17th

Lily-Jean Bishton - 30th

Levi Hawdon - 33rd

**1st OVERALL B TEAM**

Madiha Islam - 37th

## **Conifers go from strength to strength at Atlantic Basketball Tournament**

On the 17th January, our year 6 basketball team headed over to Atlantic Academy to participate in the District Basketball championship. Since the festival earlier in the academic year, the team could often be seen practising their skills at lunch time and we entered the competition really excited to see how well our team would do against the other schools.

When warming up, it was like we couldn't miss - every shot swished into the basket. As the matches began, we showed ever improving passing, dribbling and team work skills and always matched every team played for number of shots attempted, but unfortunately the 'Shooting Gods' were not on our side. Every shot that seemed destined to go in, somehow managed to bounce or ricochet out of the basket. After 5 matches played, having had the same if not more shooting attempts than any other team, we unfortunately had not scored quite enough to take us through to the semi finals - with a little more accuracy in our shooting (when under matchplay pressure), the tournament could have been ours for the taking.

An awesome effort from all involved - congratulations to Tyreece R, Lucas W, Arnie P-M, Matty L, Daisy May H-C, Lucas L & Luke C



## **COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP DODGEBALL SUCCESS**

### **Conifers Certainly didn't crumble at the Dorset County Dodgeball Championships!**

On Thursday 25th January, our team of ninja-like year 4 and 5 dodgers headed to Leaf Studio in Bournemouth, knowing they would be up against the strongest year 6 dodgeball teams from across the county, but this did not perturb them. Having played Mr Lyon's 'Mayhem Style' dodgeball before, they knew they had the dodging skills, throwing speed and accuracy to take on any opposition that came their way.

Having quickly got to terms with official dodgeball rules and regulations before the tournament began, every match we played, was a hard fought contest and after the group stages, we came away with two wins a draw and a narrow loss which saw us safely through to the semi-finals where we would face the might of Winton Primary (a four form academy from Bournemouth). We gave it our all in

the semi and every set could have gone either way, but we ended up narrowly defeated. In our third fourth place play-off against Corpus Christi, every set could have gone either way, but unfortunately, we once again ended up narrowly defeated. However, ending up placing as the 4th best team in the entire county is a most impressive result indeed.

Furthermore, with another year's training under their belts, this team will be able to come back next year and see if they can improve on their 4th place finish...

A massive congratulations to the whole team (pictured) Jess-Blu G, Imogen Y, Chardai S, Caleb P, Jack D, Jake D, Naseera A, Clark G and Oliver G-A..

