

Sport Events – Term One

Cross Country -Quex Park -Saturday 8th October



On a warm Saturday morning, sixty children from Cliftonville took part in the opening Cross Country of the Year at Quex park, many of them for the very first time. In total over a thousand children from across Thanet competed in the eight races. Stand out performances came from Nikola Stawiarska (3W) who finished 3rd in her very first race and Bradley Porter (6N) who finished 9th. The next Cross Country is at Quex Park on the 4th March 2023.

Football



A busy but successful term of Football for Years 5 & 6. Starting with Cliftonville hosting a festival on the 16th September against teams from St Nicholas and Holy Trinity. The following week (23rd) we hosted the John Curran Cup group matches. Cliftonville drew with Holy Trinity and beat St Nicholas, Birchington and Northdown so qualifying for the Finals at Margate F.C. on the 30th September, a tremendous achievement in its self. At the finals Cliftonville beat Bromstone 1-0, drew with St Saviours 0-0 and narrowly lost 1-0 to St Peters. Had the result been reversed Cliftonville would have won the John Curran Cup and gone on to the County Finals. They all received a well deserved medal for their efforts.

Super Saturday (15th October)



Six children played in the Football event known as Super Saturday at Upton. Playing a man short and against mainly older children Cliftonville unsurprisingly lost all their initial group stage matches. Playing for a trophy in the second group stage was completely different as Cliftonville drew with Upton, St Saviours, Chilton and beat St Laurence 2-0 with Jacob McGookin scoring all the goals. Never have medals been so richly deserved for their tremendous enthusiasm and resilience.



Les Riggs Cup

On Wednesday 19th Oct, Cliftonville played their second round Les Riggs cup match against a strong St Saviours team. What can only be described as a calamitous start, Cliftonville recovered strongly to completely dominated the match creating numerous chances. Finally with only five minutes left Riley Parker scored from a Jacob McGookin corner taking the game into extra time. Within the opening few minutes of extra time Jacob McGookin scored what proved to be the winning goal when the ball rebounded off his legs from a goalkeeper clearance. Cliftonville thoroughly deserved the victory and now meet St Georges in the next round.

Further congratulations must go to Bradley Porter (6N) and Riley Parker (6P) who both train and play for the District team. Freya Parker(5B) has been invited to train with Millwall Lioness. Bradley Porter has also been invited to tournament held at Chelsea.

Year 2 Football



Seven children from Year 2 began their school football journey with a chance to play in an entertaining and successful Football Festival at Margate F.C. They all received medals for their efforts, Omer Dinc received an extra medal for his excellent defending and goalkeeping.

Basketball

Seven children from Years 5 & 6 took part in 'Taster' Basketball event at Ursuline College on the 7th October. This was a chance to practice skills, learn the rules and play a few games in preparation for the tournament next term.

