

## Moulsham Juniors Summer Competitions Update

Well, it's been another successful term of sport at Moulsham Juniors and as always, there's plenty of huge achievements to discuss. However, we pride ourselves on taking part in as many Sport's Partnership events as we can and with fantastic parental support, we have taken part in ten events and qualified for three county finals across the summer term. We are so glad these events are back up and running!

### **Tennis: 6<sup>th</sup>**

This term, children in Year 4 and Year 5 competed in the 'Mini-Wimbledon' (held at Writtle Tennis Club) and 'Mini-Orange Tennis' (held at new Hall School) competitions. The children showed great individual skill, partner-work in doubles and super resilience against some very talented players. Although MJS did not achieve progression into the Level 3 event, we're looking forward to some of these players being able to play in the older competition next year!

### **Superstars!**

As is tradition for our Year 4 children, the whole year group ventured out to Chelmsford Sports and Athletic Centre to compete in the yearly Superstars games. MJS was delighted to see this event back on the calendar after the restrictions of previous years and as usual, the children were great ambassadors for the school. Well done Year 4!

### **QuadKids: 1st**

The Year 6s demonstrated excellent talent and skill during the QuadKids event at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre and were **victorious** over the other Chelmsford schools. Through hard work and perseverance, the team were through to the county competition!

### **District Field: 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd.**

The MJS staff were blown away by the Year 5 competitors of the District Field events. The children competed against other **Year 6** children from across Chelmsford demonstrating great resilience and determination, which gained them a 1<sup>st</sup> in boys throwing, 2<sup>nd</sup> in girls throwing, 2<sup>nd</sup> in boy's long jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in girl's long jump.

### **Basketball: 2nd**

Our mixed year 5 basketballers competed in a (very warm!) tournament at Great Baddow High School and after a nail-biting final, they came a very respectable 2<sup>nd</sup> place. It was great to see the children working so hard as a team, supporting one another and striving for success - Miss Cooper and Mrs Thurlow were very proud of you.



### **District Track: Runners-up**

Following the fantastic work of our Year 5s whilst Year 6 were at Cuffley Camp, children from all of our year groups represented the school at the District track event. With sprints, Long Distance and the relay being some of the highlights, there were some inspired performances to finish a very respectable runners-up overall. MJS placed in nearly every single race but were pipped to the trophy by Bishops School. A great effort all round!

## Cricket festival at Maldon Cricket Club

Mr Pugh was able to take 28 cricketers to his home cricket club for a cricket festival on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. With each of the five teams put into groups of four, they competed against other schools in some fun softball cricket. Lots of 4's and 6's were hit and all of the five teams finished either winners or runners up in their group. With the bar open, a barbecue running, an ice cream van and the sun shining it was a fun and great evening. Special mentions go to the girls' team Lowri, Ella, Florence, Poppy, Saffron and Beatrice for their enthusiasm and two wins. I've rarely seen such enjoyment of a new sport before. Also a special mention goes to Josh for his excellent captaincy and leadership of his team. Well done all.

## Indoor athletics County Final

After a long wait Moulsham finally attended the Sporthall Athletics County Final in Basildon. Having qualified in October and having the previous March final cancelled it had been a long wait. With the summer term being so busy it was hard to practice as much as we like so when we went it was with realistic expectations. What followed was a morning of exceptional performances in both track and field and a best ever finish for a Moulsham team of runners up. This was a real team effort but special mentions have to go to Florence and Ella in the girls 2 x 2 and the jumping performances of both Edan and Finley. A truly exceptional result from an outstanding team this year. Well done.



## Chess



In July, Moulsham Juniors hosted five schools in a chess tournament for the first time in 3 years. It was great to see the children playing chess in a hall again and the atmosphere was excellent. As hosts we were able to enter two teams with each team competing in 5 matches. Special mention goes to Xander playing board 1 who had to compete against every other school's best player, with this including a couple of County players. He acquitted himself very well. Every player gained a win at some point during the afternoon and overall Moulsham A including Xander, Sam, Henney, Ira, Tin Ho, Solonas, Ed finished joint second and Moulsham B including Kai, Oli, Max, Seth, Louis and

Myles finished fourth. A great afternoon and good to see chess finally back.