

Inter-House Cross Country Competition 2024

Personal Development | Physical Development | Behaviour and Attitudes

On Tuesday, pupils across the whole school took part in our annual Inter-House Cross Country competition, an event that plays a key role in promoting pupils' physical development, resilience and positive attitudes to challenge. The weather was very much on our side, with sunshine adding to the sense of occasion and excitement.

The event was carefully planned to provide appropriately challenging routes for each age group, ensuring all pupils were supported to take part while also being encouraged to push themselves beyond their comfort zones. From the outset, there was a tangible sense of anticipation, with pupils eager to represent their houses and give their best.

Hedgehog Class opened the afternoon with a route around the football pitch. Every child approached the challenge with enthusiasm and determination, and pupils crossed the finish line smiling, demonstrating confidence and enjoyment in physical activity.

Squirrel Class followed, running a longer course around the whole school field. Pupils showed strong motivation to do well for their house and were supported by peers and adults alike. The atmosphere was one of encouragement and collective effort, reinforcing the school's culture of positive behaviour and mutual support.

Fox Class undertook a particularly demanding route, encompassing the school field, playground and a second full lap of the field. This stretch tested endurance and perseverance, yet every pupil completed the course, finishing with a strong sense of pride in their achievement.

The afternoon concluded with Owl Class, who completed the longest and most challenging route, running around the field before leaving the school grounds towards the cricket field and returning. The class exemplified grit, determination and self-belief, providing a powerful model of resilience for younger pupils.

After results were carefully checked, it was announced that Galilee and Jerusalem houses were joint winners - a testament to the consistent effort shown across year groups. In addition, new time records were set for Squirrel, Fox and Owl Class, highlighting high levels of commitment and physical capability.

Throughout the event, pupils demonstrated:

- Excellent sportsmanship and respect
- Strong resilience and perseverance when faced with challenge
- Positive attitudes towards physical activity
- Pride in representing their house and school

The success of the event was also supported by the invaluable contribution of our parent marshals, who encouraged, guided and in some cases ran alongside pupils to offer reassurance and motivation. Their involvement further strengthened the sense of community and shared responsibility for pupils' wellbeing.

This event provided strong evidence of how the school promotes pupils' personal development, physical health and emotional resilience, ensuring all pupils are supported to achieve, challenge themselves and celebrate success together.

