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Dear Parents/Carers

A Huge Well Done

On Wednesday 17th November our Y5/6 athletics team took part in the annual Sportshall Athletics competition at the Eston Sports Centre. All of the schools across the Middlesbrough area compete in 6 track events and 6 field events for both boys and girls, with each child limited to a maximum of 2 track and 2 field events. The track events are ran as time trials across different heats consisting of 5 teams. In our heat we were pitted against, Pallister Park, The Avenue, Thorntree and Whinney Banks. Abingdon, Acklam Whin, Ayresome, Beech Grove and Captain Cook made up time trial 1. Over recent years we have made steady progress climbing from 15th place to our best ever finish, 2 years ago, of 6th. The children had high hopes of trying to break into the top 5, but with such strong competition we knew this was going to be a big ask.

The children were consistently 2nd, 3rd or 4th across all of our time trials with 1 victory in the girls 2x2 lap relay. In the field events, we were strong, with one of our girls beating her previous best, set in school, in both the long jump and triple jump by 11cm. We finished the day very strongly with a 3rd position in the javelin and two 2nd place finishes in the 4x1 lap relays.

Going from experience, I predicted that our efforts had probably taken us to a battle for 4th/5th place with Ayresome Primary, with the top three places being shared between Acklam Whin, Pallister Park and Whinney Banks, as per previous years. As the results were read out, it was announced that Ayresome had finished in 5th place, with Acklam Whin in 4th and Kader Academy had earned the bronze medals by just 2 points, smashing any previous year's totals. Our points tally was even more impressive as we finished with 624 points, 136 more points than our previous best 2 years ago where we were 116 points behind 3rd place. An incredible achievement from a school, if it were based on numbers of pupils we have to choose from, should be finishing 10th.

The co-ordinator of the event gave us special praise after our collection of the medals, stating that he had never noticed us at the top of the leader board before and praised us for how well we must be doing within school, practising for this competition. A special thanks must go to the staff of Acklam Whin and Whinney Banks who were the first people to congratulate us and comment on the "top class" efforts of our children.

I cannot thank Mr Laverick enough for everything he continues to do for our children and also the children themselves who behaved as always impeccably. I always smile when they arrive back in school saying to me 'If you are not first you are last'.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs A Mitchinson



