



Year 5/6 Cricket Match
Tuesday 17th May 2022

On Tuesday 17th May, the year 5 and 6 cricket team played in a year 5 and 6 kwik cricket tournament at Spalding Grammar school. In the morning the children played 4 matches in a group. Depending on these results they would go into the silver or gold knockout stage in the afternoon.

In the group stage we started with a 33-13 victory against Tower Road. From the first bowl in this game, which resulted in a wicket from Conor's brilliant accuracy, the team communicated, caught balls, fielded and batted excellently as a team. What was even more impressive was the encouragement and support they showed towards each other when a player dropped a catch or lost a wicket. This togetherness would then be the theme and the reason for the success that followed throughout the day.

In the next match against Weston the batting pairs throughout the team was fantastic and the reason for the team winning 45 – 12.

In the next match against Tower Road, Lily and Emelia opened the batting in impressive style with Lily hitting the ball so far that the pair were able to get 5 runs from the one hit. Also, after they finally got the pair out, Eloise and Poppy came in and again were brilliant hitting the ball into gaps and running many singles with excellent communication between the pair. We finished the match with a 42-12 victory.

In the final group game against Weston, the fielding and bowling got their team out many teams. I was particularly impressed with how the team encouraged players who dropped catches that gave them confidence resulting in some fantastic catches. A particular example of this was Dylan's superb one-handed diving catch. In addition to the catches, Grayson showed fast hands as wicket keeper to get many of their batters out when they had just strayed out of the crease. We followed this up with an impressive batting performance from Thomas and Conor who were constantly running and making the most of slow fielding and mistakes. We won the match 45-18.

Due to these results, we topped the group and progressed to the semi-final in the afternoon.

In the semi final we played against Wygate. We fielded first and put huge pressure on their team bowling, catching, and running them out over and over again to only give them an innings score of 13. Grayson and Harry then came into bat and were incredible hitting the ball through the gaps and running at every opportunity. They battered for the entire innings and worked so well as a partnership. We won with a score of 56-13 and progressed through to the final.

In the final, we played against Crowland and fielded well against a strong opponent. Matthew was excellent encouraging the team and moving players to improve the fielding coverage. The team got many of their pairs out and worked well as a team. We then batted well with every player hitting some wonderful shots and constantly running between the wickets. The final result of the match 43-32 to John Harrox! They thoroughly deserved the victory and were outstanding on the day both individually and collectively. Also, it was pleasing to hear that the officials commented on the positive play and encouragement of the team. Well done to all the team!

