



Sunninghill
PREP SCHOOL DORCHESTER

Summer Term Match Results

Week commencing Monday 24th May

U8/9 Diamond Cricket v Castle Court (A)

An amazing afternoon being our first matches for over a year. The team were excited but a bit nervous and didn't really know what to expect. They need not have worried as they all had the correct kit, looked like a team and showed real maturity on the pitch. We batted first with Leo, Lottie, Noah and Harry S and they scored 39 runs in 8 minutes. All were a bit hesitant to begin with but gained more confidence and started hitting the ball really well. The next four of Abel, Hamish, Amelka and Gabriel then came in and they scored 21 runs in the 8 mins. They could have scored more but decided not to risk that extra run. Castle Court commented on our positive calling of 'Yes' 'No' 'Wait'.

We set them a total of 60 to beat. Our fielding was good, Abel stopped some hard ones with his foot and everyone else was running hard to pick up the ball and throw into the bowler. It was lovely to see the smiles and the enjoyment of playing again and I was proud to see their enthusiasm and their excellent behaviour. Well done.

U9 A Cricket v Castle Court (A)

Result: 252-259 win

The boys and girls were very excited and a little nervous for their first school match since March 2020. Sunninghill elected to bowl first and kept Castle Court's powerful shots at bay with some fine fielding. Georgie, Elodie, Albi and Tina made excellent stops whilst Albi, Natty and Harvey bowled very accurately.

In the second innings it was our turn to bat. Communication gradually got better between the players and more runs were scored. Millie was lightning fast on three occasions to add runs to the score board. Ren Ren, Harvey, Scarlett and Natty hit balls over the boundary, which was ultimately the difference between the two teams.

A huge learning experience and a lot of confidence gained!

Contribution Award: the entire squad, well done!

U11/10 Mixed Cricket v Castle Court (H)

Result: 267 – 198 loss

First game back for fifteen months and for some, their first ever match at the school; the Sunninghill team will have gained plenty of experience. With Harry deciding the team will bat first, Sunninghill found it difficult at times to put a high score together, due to the outstanding bowling from Castle Court. However, with fantastic moral support from peers, the home team continued to persevere and towards the end of the innings they hit the boundary twice for 4's. Despite some fantastic fielding (in particular Charlie and Harry) and bowling (from Clara and William A, who both claimed a wicket each) the team lost by 69 runs.

Contribution Award: William A, as his all round game performance was superb. As well as claiming a wicket and hitting the boundary for a four, he went on to display Spiderman-like fielding, making two catches in the process.

U11/10 Mixed Cricket v Castle Court (A)

Result: 301 – 238 loss

After winning the coin toss and choosing to field, Felix and Gregory were first to bowl. Despite delivering some good solid balls it was clear Castle Court had some strong batters. At the end of the first over Castle Court had already scored 232 runs. Tighter fielding was required and positions were adjusted. With Will and Izzy next to bowl with fewer runs and two wickets, Castle Courts score only increased by 1. Some great fielding from Will and Tom, stopping the ball before the boundary and supportive play from Iris and Gregory. As the innings progressed the batters ability did also and they finished on 301 runs for 5 wickets.

SPS were next to bat and were faced with much faster balls. Gregory and Will were the most successful batters. Unfortunately, for every few runs that were made more wickets followed and SPS finished on 238 runs for 9 wickets. It was refreshing to get the first match completed as after such a break there was obvious nerves hindering performance. More practice needed with bowling and batting but overall a pleasant afternoon of cricket.

Contribution Award: Will H for excellent bowling and supporting the team throughout.

U11/10 Mixed Cricket v Castle Court (H) @ Martinstown

Result: 277 – 236 loss

On Wednesday, the U11/10 team played pairs cricket against Castle Court at Martinstown Cricket grounds. The team were very excited to be playing their first fixture in a very long time. Alex C was the captain and he won the toss choosing to field first. It soon became obvious that the Castle Court team was extremely good at batting, scoring many overs. However, Sunninghill repositioned themselves on the pitch and their fielding became tighter. Alex C did some very accurate, fast bowling. When it was our turn to bat, Castle Court proved to be very slick bowlers too and unfortunately got quite a few wickets and catches against Sunninghill. The final score was a win to Castle Court at 277 runs to Sunninghill's 236 runs.

To improve, the Sunninghill team needs to take a run up when bowling in order to get more momentum.

Contribution Award: Lucy, who did some sound batting and determined runs!

U13 A Cricket v Castle Court (A)

Result: 249-253 loss

The U13 A's elected to bat first against a strong and experienced Castle Court team. Sunninghill were forced to defend their wicket early on and William S's patience paid off after he gradually had the opportunity to score runs. Communication was excellent and players did well to stay calm under the pressure Castle Court placed on them. Sam and Gethyn hit boundaries whilst Vishnu hit three lovely balls on the front foot. We must commend Castle Court for their excellent fielding.

In the second innings Sunninghill became more confident. Excellent leadership from Theo and Harri got the boys organised and fired up. Harri did well in his role as wicket keeper. The standard of bowling was superior to Castle Court with William, Archie, Theo, Sam, Gethyn, Thomas and Vishnu bowling superbly. The U13's were unfortunate to lose in the final over but can take many positives away!

Contribution Award: Harri for his excellent wicket keeping and William for his superb bowling. Well done!