

# Sir Roger Manwood's School



Summer Term 2019

PE Newsletter

### Girls' Rounders



Rounders has not been the predominate Summer sport this year with the focus being on the growth of cricket. However, the girls continue to enjoy rounders as a recreational activity and have still been keen to compete against other schools in the Dover district. Each age group has fulfilled fixtures against other Dover and Sandwich schools and in most fixtures have been victorious. To boost the number of teams in the recent district tournament, Manwood's managed to field an A and B team at each age group which is pleasing to see. For many girls it was their first chance to represent the school and they enjoyed having this opportunity. The standard of rounders between Manwood's A and B teams in both the year 7 and year 9 competitions was very strong and the B teams finished only just behind Manwood's A in both tournaments. The year 8 team drew with Dover Girls in the district tournament and so they finished in joint 1<sup>st</sup> place and the year 10 team narrowly lost to Dover Girls in their tournament which meant they finished in second place. We hope that rounders will continue to feature within the district next year and that the girls can transfer their skills between rounders and cricket to be successful in both. A big thank-you to Miss Blythe, Miss Deveson and Miss May for helping out with rounders fixtures.

### Girls' Cricket



Cricket has been the main sport for the girls this Summer and we have been generally really pleased with the transition from rounders to cricket. The junior girls cricket has been particularly exciting to see with lots of the U12 girls regularly playing at local clubs. This will be really useful in helping to develop cricket over the next few years as the girls will be able to demonstrate to others how Women's cricket is rapidly becoming more popular. Both the

U13 and U15 teams, took part in the Kent 'Chance to Shine' cricket tournament which is designed to increase participation in cricket. Despite this being a 'mixed' tournament, most schools took mainly boys and so our girls teams performed well against slightly unfair opposition in some cases. The U13 did especially well to win one of their games. We had wins against Dover college and Kent college and losses to Kings and St. Lawrence but the future is very bright and we hope to promote cricket further next year. Watch this space!

### **Boys' Cricket**

The Year 7s had a season of ups and downs but approached their cricket with great enthusiasm, winning 5 and drawing 1 of their 11 games. The season started with a great win against Harvey Grammar in the rain and an amazing tied match against the Year 8s that will live long in the memory. Finn Theaker had a strong first season behind the stumps. Alex Dack and Ben Marsh led the team well and learned a lot about captaincy alongside their contributions with the bat and ball. The team will need to work on building bigger partnerships, but have some strong top order batsmen in Tom Skues, Isaac Waring and Finn Wilson with some excellent running from the likes of Joe Sumner. The bowling has been penetrating at times but needs more consistent accuracy to put teams under pressure, but Neeve Patel, Kel Stevenson and James Ogilvie and have all contributed strongly.

Mr Anderson (Coach)

This season the SRMS boys U13's have had a very enjoyable season. Played 8, winning 5, losing 2 and drawing 1. This season, the under 13's have been very successful considering we lost a key player to St Lawrence. A stand out batter this season has been Sam Ericson with a few great innings -scoring 40 against Chatham and Clarendon, and 32 against Harvey Grammar. On the fielding side U13's have improved massively since last summer. People that are new to cricket like Riley Burrett (took 1 wicket against the year sevens) and Reece Finlan have bowled exceptionally well. Lenny Delo and Henry Carruthers have made notable improvements in their game along with several others. Harry Laslett was our leading wicket taker with 13 wickets. Overall this season our team have improved massively, had lots of fun and played with great team spirit.

Harry Laslett (Captain)

Year 9 and 10 both had good runs in the Kent Plate competitions after 1<sup>st</sup> round exits in the cup but neither could get to a semi final spot. Still, some good cricket was played with the year 9 team winning more matches than in previous seasons and the year 10's playing some top quality cricket at times, putting some good schools to the sword. The year 10's can reflect on a frustrating loss away at St Olave's, Orpington but also the success many enjoyed when representing the senior side at various points during the season.



Senior cricket is a constant struggle for all schools now as external exams, jobs and holidays all disrupt the team. Thankfully our depth as a cricketing school serves us well and whilst many players represented the 1<sup>st</sup> XI this season, we still enjoyed a great deal of success. We have a fantastic recent history with the historic Lemon Cup and continued our success by playing great cricket in all of our cup games. Two young sides contested the final and our score of 243-3 with Olly Smith scoring 88 and Matt Carney just running out of time with 98 not out was just too formidable a score for Sir Joseph Williamsonian's to chase and we won by 58 runs. That is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Lemon Cup victory in 8 years. The season ended with the Alan Carpenter Memorial Cup game against the Old Manwoodian's, Alan being a dearly loved and departed Old Manwoodian. The school won for only the second time since the cup's inception in 1991. A great season for a young squad of players.

### Girls Tennis



The girls' tennis players have also had a successful Summer due to some strong under 12s joining us in year 7. In the junior competition, the girls won convincingly against Kent College in both the league and the cup which meant that they progressed in the cup to play against Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar school eventually in the semi-final. The girls lost the semi-final to some quality opposition but as the majority of our girls were year 7, I think we will have a good chance again next year in this competition. The girls ended their season with competing in the Kent School games finals day and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 5 schools, another excellent achievement. Our intermediate tennis players, remained a solid team throughout all of their fixtures but came up against some tough opposition. Their biggest

achievement this year was a win over St. Edmunds school. Thanks go to Mr Riordan who has coordinated all of the tennis again this year.

### Boys Tennis



Boys tennis at Manwood's continues to thrive. This season we have once again been highly competitive at the highest possible level of competition in Kent competing with the leading independent, grammar and state schools. We have entered teams into Division 1 of the Team Tennis Schools National Championships, the Kent Schools Knockout Cup, The National Cup and the Bromley Kent Schools Doubles Championships. Highlights include; the U15 team securing an impressive victory away at Tonbridge School and the same age group coming runners up in the doubles competition, the U14 team having an excellent run in the Kent Knockout cup beating Kings school and Norton Knatchbull on their way to the final, and our young, U13 team drawing to Norton Knatchbull in their round robin competition.

Mr Riordan

### Athletics



Athletics has been very successful this year for both boys and girls. The number of students that we have had willing to compete and keen to do multiple events has led to us gaining more points during competitions. The intermediate students have competed well and achieved personal bests at their 2 events which is really positive for them to use towards their GCSE PE practical scores. The biggest successes have definitely come in the junior competitions. In the Manwood's invitational event, the girls were joint first with DCCA and

the boys came 2<sup>nd</sup>; in the Powell trophy, the junior boys came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the junior girls 1<sup>st</sup> and in the U12 Dover Cup held at Astor, both the boys and girls teams won the competition. This is an incredible achievement as the boys in particular are always up against strong opposition from Dover Boys. Both the year 7 boys and girls participated in the Super 8s event which involves each student having to participate in a track and field event. All the students performed exceptionally well with the girls finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall and the boys coming 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 7. Within this competition, it is important to mention that out of 56 girls, we had 3 girls that finished in the top 5 in terms of their points scored. The girls then went on to represent the Dover District at the Kent School Games finals and finished 4<sup>th</sup> at that competition. It is important to mention the dedication that these young athletes have shown towards their events and they have still been out training when the season and events are all finished. Well done to all students who have represented Manwood's at athletics this season. I think next year could be even more exciting.



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