

Clifton have summer of sporting success.

Clifton Primary signed of an excellent sporting year by enjoying their first ever LV3 School games win, as they secured the Birmingham School Games Y5/6 tennis trophy, with a brilliant performance. In addition to this, Clifton teams won the first ever Balsall Heath Commonwealth Carnival Games and qualified for the Birmingham Summer Games in Netball, Athletics and Change 4 Life.

After qualifying unbeaten from the Clifton SGO tennis festivals, both the Year 3/4 and 5/6 Tennis teams took their places in the Summer Games Finals, with the younger side finishing 5th. The older players however, performed brilliantly winning every single game in their qualifying matches, before winning the Final 3-1. The boys and girls who emerged victorious had been part of tennis clubs and matches since Year 3 and have been expertly coached by many teachers in their time at the school. Thanks to Cannon Hill Park for hosting and organising the events. Particular praise should be given to Mr Pengelly and Miss Osbourne for their work during tennis club this year and to Mr Masood for running the Year 5 and 6 team at the festivals.



The Year 3/4 Tennis team – LV2 winners.



The victorious LV2 and 3 Y5/6 Tennis winners.

Further sporting prowess was shown throughout the Summer Term in Handball, Netball, Tri Golf and Athletics, with athletes from Years 3 and 4 progressing to an amazing Summer Games, on Friday July 13th. The Birmingham Summer Games was an amazing day with some high quality sport on display across the age ranges. Clifton performed well in the athletics and Change 4 Life sections and were delighted to meet Commonwealth Gymnast Dom Cunningham.



Clifton Athletics Teams with Dom Cunningham.

The first ever Balsall Heath Commonwealth was a great success with four schools; Clifton, Nelson Mandela, Tindal and Ladypool Primaries, representing Commonwealth countries and competing in football, netball, tennis and athletics, in both pupil and adult competition. After an early afternoon

procession along St Pauls Rd and a wonderful opening ceremony, led by Selly Park Girls school band, the teams took part in over an hour's competition, cheering on by a crowd of over 100 people. Clifton and Ladypool School took the adults races with Clifton also securing the Anita Halliday trophy for the winning school. Nelson Mandela deservedly took the prize for best dressed during the procession. It was terrific to see the return of the Balsall Heath Carnival, with a sporting theme.



Clifton join in the Carnival fun, including the Opening procession and Commonwealth games. Special guests included the Lord Mayor, former Olympic silver medallist Phil Brown, Roger Godsiff MP and the Pakistani consulate.



But that was not the end of the sporting fun! Each year group took part in its own School Games Day, there were further LV1 and 2 matches in cricket, handball and football and the school was named as an FA Wildcat centre for its work with Sporting Elite in relation to Girls Football. Phew! Just about time to draw breath before we start again in September, with even more planned!