‘Junior Swans’ in action

We took part in the first-ever KS1 Football event under the ‘School Games’ format at Carre’s School. Seven children from Roe Deer Class (Corey, Rubie, Dominic, Theo, Alice, Luca and Wilf) played matches against 6 other schools, each game lasting 5 minutes.

We lost the first match against a strong team from Navenby but bounced back to win the next two. We beat Dunston 1-0 thanks to Wilf’s great goal before 2 more fine goals from Dominic gave us a 2-0 win over Helpringham. There was plenty of brave tackling and good passing as our boys and girls worked very well together as a team.

Next up were Digby and this was a very close game with plenty of midfield action but very few chances, so it ended 0-0. Our toughest game was against Cranwell School, who had a few tall boys who were clearly more experienced players and who also play together for their local Sunday team. Some heroic saves from Corey and saving tackles from Rubie, Wilf, Luca, Alice and Theo kept Cranwell at bay until they finally scored with the very last kick of the game. What a terrific effort from our team and we almost drew the match. Finally, we played against a young-looking team from Winchelsea and I will never know how we didn’t score a goal. We had lots of good chances but their goalkeeper always seemed to be standing just in the right place. She didn’t know much about it but she kept the ball out of the net, so it was another 0-0 draw to end the action.

Our team all tried their absolute best and had a fantastic time. In the end, we had a very balanced performance: we won 2 games, drew 2 and lost 2, we scored 3 goals and let 3 in. Importantly, the children behaved extremely well all the time and sportingly shook hands with the other team after every single match. It was a super, sunny afternoon in Sleaford before we all headed back to...Friday football club, of course!