

## Best Ever Brickfields

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June St Joseph's enjoyed their best ever haul of trophies at The Plymouth Schools' Athletics Championships at our neighbouring track at Brickfields.

The day started well with Eli and Natalia both winning their field events. Natalia won the Vortex throw and Eli broke the record which had stood for seven years in the vertical jump. They were well supported by Seamus' third place in the long jump, Helia's second in the vertical jump and Leah's sixth place in the long jump. Xavi threw the vortex the furthest distance in his practice throw but could not replicate it in the real event and narrowly missed out on the top six. Both the boys and girls teams won the field event trophy. This was the fifth year in a row that we had won the boys event.

On the track things went very well too. We qualified for ten out of the fourteen finals. Seamus was our only individual winner in the 200m final with our younger girls winning their relay final too. We also had many near misses who scored good points towards our total including second place for both our older relay teams.

We were disappointed to lose out to our CAST friends, St Peter's, for the boys track trophy but were delighted to secure the girls track, and for the first time ever the overall minor schools championship trophy.

The icing on the cake came when the outstanding athlete out of the 1000+ children at the event was named. Eli broke the record for the vertical jump but crucially was beaten ( for the first time ever) in the 90m sprint. As it turns out it was Eli's reaction to that defeat that persuaded the judges of his suitability to be chosen. Eli immediately made his way to his conqueror and offered hearty congratulations. His competitive spirit was not dulled however as he overtook his conqueror in the relay after getting the baton slightly behind his opponent.

The eighteen children who took part in the event were all a great credit to St Joseph's and we are truly proud of them all.