

Bournemouth Under 9's v Ellingham

We have won the league!

After Broadstone beat Christchurch and scored 352, the boys knew that a win and a score of 299 or better would clinch the title.

Ben S, as captain in the absence of Sam, won the toss and elected to bat.

Matt Y and Lawrence got the team off to an excellent start with a partnership of 62, Ben and Will kept the score ticking along nicely in the middle, and Matt F and Josh finished strongly, to give us a total of 358. Ben topscored with 30, but all the boys reached double figures.

Ben then got us off to a great start with his bowling. He and Lawrence then picked up three wickets each, with Josh and Will also getting a wicket each and all generally bowling very tidily (although perhaps there were still a few too many wides/no balls!). Matt F kept wicket in his usual excellent style and also claimed a stumping. The fielding was sensible all round with very few overthrows. Ellingham were restricted to only 244 as a result – a comfortable victory in the end.

The boys worked very well as a team as usual, giving each other lots of encouragement, and coped very well in the absence of both Sam and Jacob, who have obviously both been critical to the overall championship win.

All of our thanks should also go to Ashley for managing the team so well through the last couple of months. In his absence today's victory was masterminded by Rachel Clarke (with assistance from some other bloke) and coaching from a variety of elder brothers!

Looking forward to the summer competition!