

## DRAGON BOAT CHALLENGE – SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009

Many families braved the weather to come down to Canbury Gardens on Sunday and, they were not disappointed. A huge bouncy castle and merry-go-round had been laid on for youngsters. The lively sound of music together with the rhythmic beating drums as teams raced along the river certainly drew many to come in and watch even if they had not intended to come into the park on Sunday.

Our team, despite never rowing in a dragon boat event before did very well. They rowed three very closely contested heats coming in neck and neck for nail-biting finishes, placed second in each. Their final race was against Guildford hospital. While Guildford had a dragon's head start, our team closed the gap coming second by only a dragon's nostril. In that race the team was joined by the Mayor himself.

Overall they were thirteenth in the final placements but, out of thirty-four teams, this was pretty good going!

The Mayor has asked the team for their support again in 2010.

