

HWCE SPORTS NEWS



All the latest sports stories from
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HIGH WYCOMBE GIRLS 'PLAY DIRTY' TO WIN IN THE CUP!

Team victorious in the
glorious mud!

(All reports by Mr Burgin)



Smiling faces from Mr Burgin and the Girls' Football team after defeating Downley Girls 5-0 in the first round of the cup on a very muddy pitch.

Please don't be shocked by the headline; as usual, our girls were all model pupils in their latest match. The only dirty play came from the state of the kits as the team waded about, slipping and sliding on a very muddy pitch as they faced Downley in the first round of the Girls' Cup.

Following heavy rain during most of January, it probably didn't come as a big surprise when we stepped on the Downley pitch on a reasonably mild Wednesday afternoon to find large patches of goeey mud and puddles. "It's like walking through chocolate cake!" commented one person.

Nevertheless, we weren't going to be put off by some mud. "It'll be good for your skin!" said Mr Burgin, hopefully.

We kicked off with Lucy starting in goal, Lois and Sofia in defence, a midfield three of Stephanie on the left, Anna on the right and Amara in the centre and Elsie playing as our striker. Bellas S and R along with Thea looked on keenly from 'the bench'.

Immediately, the pressure was on Downley as wave after wave of relentless attacks came from the Wycombe team. Lucy and the defenders were having a reasonably quiet time as our forwards took charge. Before long, Anna had scored the opening goal, keeping the ball on the field just as it looked as if it was going off for a Downley

goal kick, to then dribble towards the goal and calmly slot it home. Before the half time whistle blew, she had added a second to leave us leading 2-0.

It could have been more as we had plenty of shots on goal but many had been from a distance and the Downley goalkeeper was able to make some comfortable saves.

It hadn't been all our own way however as Downley's forward and their best player broke through the defence following a moment of confusion and we needed a spectacular save from Lucy to help us keep a clean sheet, as she stretched a gloved right hand to tip the ball round the post just as we thought it might go in the top corner.

We had been able to chop and change a little in the first half with Bella S and Thea coming on to the pitch to play some valuable minutes of football in defence but the big changes happened during the half time break. Bella S replaced Lucy in goal and Bella R replaced Stephanie on the left with Lois coming back on to take Bella S' place in defence. As the second half continued more changes were made to give even

more playing time and experience to the squad.

We were under pressure a lot more at the start of the second half and Downley seemed more determined than in the first half to try to get back on level terms, but some good work from our defenders and midfielders tracking back meant that we could clear our lines every time Downley came forward and make sure Bella S didn't have much to do in goal.

Eventually, our hard work was rewarded with Anna completing her hat-trick with a 3rd goal.

2 more goals followed after that, both for Amara as she capitalised first on a moment where the ball was held up in a particularly muddy patch in front of the Downley goal to storm in and score and then score again with a fantastic solo run, bursting powerfully past the Downley players to make it 5-0 to Wycombe C of E.

We now look forward to the quarter finals where we will face either Radnage or Oakridge.

Thank you as usual to parents for their support and most of all for washing the muddy kits!

HWCE SPORTS STARS



Left: William in cross-country action. Right: Proudly showing off his National Team invitation. Fingers crossed he'll be selected.

WILLIAM IS FEELING JUST RUN-DERFUL!

Year 6 star races to an excellent position in Bucks County championships.

Now we wait to see if he can make the county team to compete in the National Finals!

A huge well done to William in Year 6 who has been representing our school in the Bucks County Cross Country Championships this month. Competing against a strong field of runners from all over our huge county, William managed to finish in the top 15 in his age range. This is a remarkable achievement and it means that he now has the possibility

of representing Buckinghamshire in the National Finals. At present, William has received an invite informing him he is on the reserve list and, although we wish no ill will to other runners, I am sure we will be delighted if William is selected to run. He said, "I love running as it relaxes me and takes my mind off schoolwork!"

THE ONLY WAY IS UP!

Congratulations to Lucy in Year 6 who has earned a Level 1 certificate for her rock-climbing skills.

It is her 1st certificate of the 6 available that she hopes to achieve.

She said, "I go climbing every week at High Wycombe Sports Centre. The wall is high but I can get to the top easily now I've been a lot. It's really important though that you need to learn how to climb safely before you really get started. We work in partners and help each other out as we climb up and as we descend."

Onwards and upwards! We all wish Lucy every success as she strives for the other 5 awards.



Evie (left) and Erin (right) show off their hard-earned certificates

DOUBLE SUCCESS FOR CLASS MATES

Well done to Evie and Erin in Year 4 who have both received certificates for achievement in gymnastics.

Erin earned a Level 1 silver award and Evie earned Level 2 Silver for their achievements across a range of gymnastics apparatus.

Evie said, "I like doing the floor work the best. It's fun to move to the music and I'm starting to learn more about all the moves and tumbles."

Erin added, "I like the obstacles better than the floor. It's great to learn about vaulting and jumping over objects and how to land safely afterwards."

We await further developments in their skills.



Gabriysia proudly show off her silver medal.

LET'S GET READY TO TUMBLE

Well – vaulting really. Silver success for Gabryisia!

Well done to Gabryisia in Year 2 who has been awarded a silver medal in gymnastics.

She finished 2nd in the vaulting competition where she was competing against 25 other gymnasts from a range of gymnastic clubs.

She had to take off from the springboard and perform a handstand on the platform before dismounting and landing perfectly without taking a single step.

She said, "It was really difficult but I did it. I am pleased that I never seem to step out of place when I land and that I can land well almost every single time."



Never too old to be a fanboy! Mr Burgin meets Taylor Allen and provides some valuable coaching advice ahead of Wycombe's next game!

TAYLOR-MADE

Delight as Chairboys player meets our pupils

It was all smiles for our pupils as Taylor Allen of Wycombe Wanderers visited along with our WWFC coaches who come in to train and teach every week. This was all part of the school's ongoing partnership with our local club. Taylor was able to sign some autographs, answer some questions and present the school with a new plaque which will proudly be displayed to celebrate our relationship with the Blues. Long may it continue!



Taylor Allen's visit is very popular with our Year 5 pupils who all queued in an orderly fashion for autographs and to ask probing questions about how to be a successful footballer

ANOTHER AWARD FOR JUDO STAR

Andrey scoops 3rd place award at club ceremony!

Well done once more to Andrey in Year 5, a regular in our sports assemblies, who, on 31st January, received the 3rd place Judo Player of the Year trophy in the Under 12s category from his judo club.

He was praised for his massive improvement and dedication to the sport.

It follows a fantastic year which has been well documented in our sports reports and sports assemblies. There must be very little space left on the shelf at home for any more trophies and medals but Andrey is keen on adding to the impressive haul he now has.

Following this latest achievement, he said, "After doing Judo for 2 years, it's still as much fun as when I started. I'm really hoping to get my next belt soon. There's another tournament in March and I can't wait to take part."



Andrey – delighted with his award recognising his achievements over the last year.

STAFF SPORTS STAR – MRS RYALL

Those who have partied at staff events with our fabulous long serving LSA, Mrs Ryall, will know that she has all the right moves and is extremely sprightly on the dance floor. Now we are able to reveal why this is in this latest edition of the school sports report!

Mrs Ryall tells us, "I have always had a love of dancing and movement. From the age of 16, exercise to music has been a big part of my life, from aerobics, Jazzercise and step classes to general keep-fit sessions. Over the years, I've been lucky enough to be part of several dance troupes, including performing as a Dance Cheerleader for the Hemel and Watford Royals Basketball Team. My fellow cheerleaders and I (The Royalettes) choreographed our own routines – one before the game and another for half-time. A real highlight was being invited to perform at an England game at Wembley Arena, which was an unforgettable experience.

She continues, "I also spent four years learning Salsa, which I absolutely loved. Dancing with a partner was very different from anything I'd done before and was an exciting new challenge. Over ten years ago, I discovered Zumba classes and haven't looked back! Dancing continues to be my favourite way to stay fit, healthy and happy."



Mrs Ryall struts her stuff as a youthful cheerleader (left and centre). If you can't spot her in the middle photo, she is on the far left. Right, a more current photo – but Mrs Ryall is still obviously in great shape and an advocate for how dance can keep you fit and healthy.

HOUSE TO HOUSE ENQUIRIES

Latest House-point Scores

Year One - Robins – Target Throw



1st Riders, 2nd Surfers 3rd Bikers and Skaters

Year Two – Swallows – Throwing



1st Surfers 2nd Skaters 3rd Riders 4th Bikers

Year Three – Kites – Ball Skills



1st Bikers, 2nd Skaters 3rd Riders, & Surfers

Year Four – Hawks – Gymnastics



1st Skaters, 2nd Surfers 3rd Riders 4th Bikers

Year Five – Eagles – Badminton











1st Bikers,
2nd Surfers,
3rd Riders,
4th Skaters

Year 6 Owls: Table Tennis



1st Surfers, 2nd Bikers, 3rd Riders, 4th Skaters

HOUSE-POINT RUNNING TOTALS

1st		1522 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – JOEL & LUCY 
2nd		1503 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – JONATHAN & AMARA 
3rd		1500 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – KAEDON & ESHAAL 
4th		1392 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – LOIS & WILLIAM 

Halfway through the year and following some very close results overall and in the class house competitions, as the saying goes, “it is still anybody’s game” as far as the title of winning house is concerned. It could all come down to points for the ‘Team Mile’ or events when we get to Sports Week in June!

Certainly, we have some great house captains who continue to inspire their teams. As another saying goes, “It’s a game of 2 halves” and so we look forward to the second half of the school year!

