

HWCE SPORTS NEWS



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GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!

**HWCE Girls' Football Team
finish the season in style
but narrowly miss out on
cup glory**

(All reports by Mr Burgin)

The Girls' Football Team completed their season with 2 matches in quick succession earlier this half term.

The first was a quarter final match in the cup against Oakridge who they had previously played in the league – suffering a 3-0 defeat, despite playing well.

The girls recognised that they could turn this score around and come away with a victory – and the excitement of a semi-final match – if they avoided making mistakes. Much had been learned from the previous encounter.

They started well and laid siege to the Oakridge goal with some tough tackling as well as excellent defending each time Oakridge mounted an attack with Bella S in particular clearing any danger whenever the ball came near to our goal. However, the girls could not capitalise on their scoring chances with each going a smidgeon wide or being gathered by the Oakridge goalie.

Instead, it was Oakridge who broke the deadlock with a ball passed in from their right which somehow eluded our defence and Lucy in goal and crept frustratingly over our goal-line.

Not to be deterred, we doubled our efforts and completed dominated the second half.



Smiling faces from Mr Burgin and the Girls' football team after their narrow defeat against Oakridge in the cup. One occasion where the best team didn't win.



And equally happy faces following the 1-0 victory against Chepping View

With seconds to go, we thought we had the equaliser in the palm of our hand (or should that be at the sole of our feet?) as Anna had a chance to score with only the goalkeeper to beat only to be denied by a last-ditch, goal-saving, sliding tackle by the Oakridge number 10 to keep the final score as 1-0 to Oakridge.

The Oakridge coach agreed with our opinion and conceded that we had been the better team and deserved victory – hey, that's football.

What was more important is the great fun the girls had playing.

The final game was a league match versus Chepping View. This was closely contested with us having more of the possession but with the clearest chance of the first half falling to Chepping View who had a shot rattle our crossbar.

The second half saw the only goal of the game when Elsie bundled the ball over the line when the Chepping View goalkeeper failed to gather it, making the final score 1-0 to High Wycombe CE.

This meant that the team finished as runners up to Oakridge in the league – still a very successful season of which to be proud.

SING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING!

Boys give us all something to celebrate as they wrap up the season with a convincing victory

It is fair to say that it hasn't been the season that the boys' team would have hoped for. But then, it was a very tough act to follow after double league success for the school in the previous two seasons.

Nevertheless, they haven't let any disappointments dampen their spirits and they have steadily grown as a team and improved tactics and skills through experience. Furthermore, they have always enjoyed their football, which is the most important thing of all.

And so it was in their final league match against Hughenden with a team almost entirely consisting of Year 6s (with the addition of Andrey and Zachary in Year 5) taking to the pitch in a last hurrah before moving on to secondary school.

The sun was shining but it wasn't too hot and we were optimistic of scoring goals on a relatively small pitch.

The starting line-up saw Andrey in goal, William swapping his striking role to one of defender alongside Dylan, a midfield trio of Habib, Kaedon and Joel and captain Flynn as a lone striker. Davi-Lucca and Zachary stood by as substitutes.

It didn't take long for the first goal to be scored and we were up and running through a combination of good passes but mostly individual skill. This set a pattern for the rest of the game with High Wycombe dominating most of the play and turning defence into attack on the rarer occasion when Hughenden had possession. Our boys were showing excellent teamwork.



The Boys' team signal that they feel they have silenced their critics (not that there were any!) with a fantastic 6-1 win over Hughenden

By full time, Flynn and Joel had each scored a hat-trick to make the final score 6-1 to High Wycombe CE. Hughenden's goal had come from a free kick, struck with some venom, which sailed past the hands of Andrey in goal.

It was a game that allowed us the luxury of chopping and changing positions a bit to allow the whole squad a fairly decent amount of playing time.

It also meant that our boys would not finish at the foot of the table and could take some deserved extra points and goals away from the season.

Thanks to the whole squad of players – both boys and girls – this season and to parents and relatives who have continued to lend their valuable support as well as transport and keeping the kit clean and smelling fresh!

We look forward to next season and will see if the current Year 4s can add some skill to the current Year 5s as they move into their last year in primary school.

For those that may be interested, the climax of the High Wycombe District season took place on Friday 15th May at Flackwell Heath Minors FC with the finals of the Under 10s Cup, Girls' Cup and Under 11s Cup all being played in front of approximately 200 spectators.

Our district organisation, of which Mr Burgin is Secretary, consists of 52 schools stretching from Monks Risborough, on the border of Aylesbury, to Claytons in Bourne End, 39 of which have competed in football. It takes a lot of organisation to co-ordinate league, cup, district and friendly matches from September through to May and with a district team playing all over the south of England on most Saturdays too it is always busy.

The finals saw the following results:

GIRLS' CUP: Juniper Hill 0 Burford 2

UNDER 10s CUP: Holy Trinity 6 Naphill & Walters Ash 0

UNDER 11s CUP: Juniper Hill 3 Frieth 0

HOW THE TEAMS FINISHED IN THEIR LEAGUES

Girls' League E Table

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Oakridge	4	4	0	0	13	3	+10	12
High Wycombe CE	4	3	0	1	9	3	+6	9
Disraeli	4	2	0	2	9	5	+4	6
Chepping View	3	0	0	3	1	4	-3	0
Downley	3	0	0	3	1	18	-16	0

League E Table

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Downley	6*	5	1	0	29	3	+26	16
Disraeli	6	5	1	0	26	2	+24	16
Hamilton	6	3	0	3	21	14	+7	9
Castlefield	6*	3	0	3	14	10	+4	9
High Wycombe CE	6	2	0	4	12	21	-9	6
Oakridge	6	2	0	4	4	24	-20	6
Hughenden	6	0	0	6	5	37	-32	0

HWCE SPORTS STARS



Micah proudly displays his gold medal

GOLDEN BOY!

Micah takes the top spot

There were great celebrations for Micah in Year 5 in winning gold at a recent Judo Competition held on 9th May at High Wycombe Judo Club where he trains alongside others from our school.

While the rest of us were probably eating crisps and watching TV, Micah was busy launching people through the air like a human tornado. After a series of impressive throws, quick moves, and serious determination, he fought his way to first place.

Micah now knows how to throw people properly. Luckily for all of us at school there is a strong sense of discipline and responsibility that comes with learning judo so we should be safe in the playground as Micah can only use his judo in sporting competitions and in self-defence.

He said, "I was really happy to win the gold medal. It felt great to stand at the top of the podium."

His family, friends and all of us at school are very proud of his achievement.



Jude and Isla with their certificates and orange belts – and three of their senseis.

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

Great success for Isla & Jude (and Mum & Dad too!)

Isla in Year 6 and her brother Jude in Year 5 have enjoyed some recent success in Karate with both of them passing their orange belts. This is their first grading and they are very excited to be starting their karate journey alongside their mum and dad.

They have been training since September and they both worked really hard to pass their grading, which included demonstrating punches, kicks, blocks, sparring, and learning and performing a kata.

Isla said, "The senseis are really great at teaching us and it's lots of fun but hard work." She has a favourite sensei, but that will remain a secret as we don't want to upset the others who teach her and her brother!

Jude has also had further success with his cub pack where he has completed a 10 kilometre 'endurance hike' in just 3 hours and 3 minutes. He said, "I felt



a little bit tired at the end, but not too much. I was really happy to have been able to complete it with my friends in the cubs."

Now onto the next challenge. 20km?



Delighted Daisy with her silver medal.



AMAZEY DAISY!

Great work from Daisy in Year 4 in winning a silver medal in her gymnastics bar competition! As you can see, she is very flexible. She hopes for a gold medal next time!

KING OF THE COUNTY

Well, as far as we are concerned, he is!

Huge congratulations to William in Year 6 who was one of only 10 boys who were part of the Bucks team in the National Cross-Country Finals. He completed the very hilly 2.7K course (which he described as one of the toughest he has run in an impressive 10 minutes and 53 seconds.



Matthew in action in hockey (left) and rugby (right).

MORE SUCCESS FOR WONDER-KID MATTHEW

Our very own multi-sports star has done it again. Matthew in Year 5, along with his team of under 10s from Wycombe Hockey Club reached the semi-final of the Bucks Cup and finished 3rd. Then, his rugby club – High Wycombe Under 10s took part in the Marlow Minis Rugby Festival where Matthew played a total of 6 tough matches in the space of 3 hours.



A smiling William at the National Cross Country Finals.



Stephanie with her bronze medal

Congratulations to Stephanie in Year 6, who earned a bronze medal by finishing 3rd in her gymnastics competition. She described herself as being, "Very happy!" to have won but wants a silver or gold next.



Ellis leaves others in his wake as he storms towards the try line.

Ellis in Year 5 excelled in High Wycombe Rugby Club's recent Devon tour and was crowned 'Player of the Tournament' in the Under 10s category – a fantastic achievement!

STAFF SPORTS STAR – MRS WELLS



Mrs Wells doesn't just have a special talent for Music and RE, she is also a superb, fit and very keen runner as can be seen in the photos above. On the left, (having completed the Hampton Court Half Marathon) she is receiving her medal from none other than Henry VIII himself! On the right, she is with a very proud Lois and Jonah having finished the Dorney Lake 10K last year. She says, "I like to set myself a challenge every year. I did the Yorkshire 3 peaks the year before last!" In June, she is running a Marlow 10K trail run – we all wish her good luck!

HOUSE TO HOUSE ENQUIRIES

Latest House-point Scores

Reception – Wrens – Space Invaders



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

Year One - Robins – Bat & Ball Skills



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Year Two - Swallows – Gymnastics - Balancing



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

Year Three – Kites – Rounders



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

Year Four – Hawks – Orienteering



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

Year Five – Eagles – Tennis Skills











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

Year Six – Owls – Frisbee



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HOUSE-POINT RUNNING TOTALS

1st		2271 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – JONATHAN & AMARA 
2nd		2243 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – JOEL & LUCY 
3rd		2230 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – KAEDON & ESHAAL 
4th		2046 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – LOIS & WILLIAM 

One half term left to go and scores could hardly be much closer with less than 40 points separating 1st from 3rd and hundreds of points to be scored during Healthy Heroes Sports Week. Skaters had a great half term and have taken the lead but Surfers have a Team Mile Challenge day in hand which could see them regain it. We are delighted to welcome the Reception class to class competitions. During Sports Week points are on offer for the Carousel, Cross-Country, Orienteering, Class House Competitions and, of course, Races Day so it is still all to play for. We look forward to seeing our House Captains putting their leadership skills to the test and will have our eyes on the Year 5s who may take on the mantle next year.