

WHAT A SEASON!

We look back on our Football teams' epic season

With it being such a short half-term and a comparatively 'slow' one in terms of sporting news, it seems the perfect opportunity to reflect on the football season that has now drawn to a close.

As the Year 6s prepare to move on to pastures new with the footballers having secured 'legend' status in winning the league title 2 seasons running, we can also turn our attention to the rising stars in Year 5 and those coming up from Year 4 to see if they can successfully carry the torch into next season and beyond.

Our Under 11s team began the season with victory in the Under 11s Cup, defeating Ash Hill by 7 goals to 1.

This was followed by an extremely tense contest in the opening league game, snatching a 3-2 victory over Highworth with only a couple of minutes to spare.

Our league campaign stuttered slightly in our next game versus Castlefield, but the team showed grit and determination in first coming back from 2-0 down and then 3-2 down to secure an extremely valuable point with Alfie being the hero who secured us the winner – one of many goals that has seen him become the team's top scorer in both seasons in which he has played.

A somewhat changed squad contested for the District Trophy on a Saturday morning in late October following the event initially being postponed due to heavy rain and flooding (remember how it never seemed to stop raining for months?) It was a mixed afternoon with us losing 1-0 and 2-0 to Hamilton and St John's respectively, drawing 0-0 against eventual runners-up Disraeli and winning 2-0 against Great Kingshill – a match that saw one of the highlights of the season – a spectacular goal scored by Zhenglin from about 30 yards.



Above and next page – some of the post-match photos of the school's victorious Under 11 team of title winners

After the winter break, as the nights became lighter once more, our season resumed with a clinical 6-0 victory in the league against Chepping View – with all 6 goals coming in a very eventful first half.

This was followed by disappointment in a 4-1 defeat in the cup at the hands of a very strong Cedar Park team where luck wasn't on our side but we also had to concede that the better team (just) won on the day. As the (not a particularly wise) saying goes, "That's football."

The team's spirits were lifted once more with victory in their next 2 league matches – piling in the goals once more with a 5-1 victory against Beechview and a 7-2 win over King's Wood.

Now all that was needed was one final win against Oakridge and we could finish the season unbeaten in the league with a second successive title. This we secured (although it was far from easy) with a 3-1 win.

The team were asked what their highlights of the season were. Most of them, captain Jerry and vice-captain James among them, predictably said that their highlight was winning the league trophy, but here are a few more specific memories:

Alfie (top scorer): "Scoring five goals in one match when we played against Kingswood."

Isaac (goalkeeper): "Making a great save against Disraeli when the ball was heading for the 'top bins'."

Denis: "When Kevin and I did not let anyone past us in the match against Disraeli in the District Cup."

Finley: "Scoring my goal in our 6-0 win against Chepping View." (It was a great goal – Mr B)

Kevin: "Scoring my first goal (from a direct free kick) against Beechview." (Nothing was going to stop that bullet – Mr B)

Davi Lucca and Joel: "Playing in the District Cup tournament on a Saturday. The matches were great fun." (They were, even though most results didn't go our way.)

Flynn and Dylan: "Getting to play matches." Both were pleased that everyone got to play a part in matches at some point in the season. Next season will no doubt see both boys feature even more as they will be in Year 6

Eesah: "The match against Castlefield." Even though it was a draw, Eesah enjoyed the role he played in the fightback to earn a point.



HOW THE LEAGUE FINISHED

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Diff</u>	<u>Pts</u>
High Wycombe	6	5	1	0	27	9	+18	16
Highworth	6	4	1	1	16	8	+8	13
Chepping View	6	3	1	2	18	14	+4	10
Beechview	6	2	2	2	18	12	+6	8
Castlefield	6	2	1	3	16	17	-1	7
Oakridge	6	1	1	4	10	18	-8	4
King's Wood	6	0	1	5	6	33	-27	1

HWCE SPORTS STARS



Fantastic sporting news for a two of our youngest pupils at High Wycombe CE.

Harrison in Reception swam to success and achieved his 10-metre distance certificate whilst classmate Thea won a silver medal in gymnastics at her gym in Booker.

We all look forward to hearing about future sporting success as they make their way up the school.



Brotherly achievements, firstly for Josh in Year 3 who has won a prestigious Blue Peter Sports Badge for taking on a new sport (rugby) and writing all about it. Perhaps a guest columnist in next half term's sports report is the next step of a budding journalistic career?! Josh is a great sportsman and has tasted success in football recently too – more about that in next half term's report we hope...



...And then, to big brother Finley in Year 6 who earned the 'Under 12 Boys Coach's Player of the Year' at the Wycombe Hockey Club awards – a fantastic achievement! Great work to both brothers.



Above - action from Andrey's latest judo success

MORE SUCCESS FOR ANDREY

Year 4's judo star shows he's ready to rumble at local event

Once again, Andrey in Year 4 is featured in our sports report. This time ramping it up from his bronze medal success last term to a fantastic gold medal which he earned on 10th May in the 'Red Belt Rumble' tournament at the High Wycombe Judo Centre.

He had 3 bouts in total on his way to the title and managed to win all three – the last of which was extremely challenging.

Andrey admitted to being nervous before the tournament and at one stage doubted if he wanted to take part. However, remembering how much he enjoys judo and mustering up great resilience, he bravely stepped up to take on the challenge. And we all bet he is very glad he did. Well done Andrey, we are all very proud of you and look forward to hearing more about your judo exploits.

Andrey receives his judo coaching at High Wycombe Judo Centre who are based in the Cressex/Booker area of High Wycombe. If anyone is interested in finding out more about judo, you can contact them at info@wycombejudocentre.co.uk.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE GIRLS!

Girls show great team spirit in final game of the season



The team enjoy some juicy oranges at full-time as a reward for their efforts

It wasn't the result the girls wanted but they did themselves credit in the way they played as they suffered a 2-0 defeat against Manor Farm Junior School in what would be their final game of the season.

It was a bright sunny day and the team were tempted (or perhaps distracted) at the prospect of an ice-cream as a reward as we waited near the ice-cream van for all to arrive to face the home team.

The game eventually began with slight changes to the familiar line-up Lucy in goal, Bella and Kiera in defence, a midfield trio of Amara, Megan and Stephanie and Elsie playing as striker.

It was end-to end stuff for much of the game with the balance slightly in the home team's favour. Both teams had chances to score with the deadlock only broken after the whole of High Wycombe CE pushed forward hoping to get a goal before the break but leaving nobody to

cover defence. Manor Farm broke-away from Wycombe's attack and though they chased hard, our girls couldn't catch their striker who stroked the ball home past Lucy.

The second half was much the same as the first, Melinda and Maribel came on for Kiera and Megan as we pushed for a goal to at least secure a point.

With seconds to go, the team pushed forward once more in the hope of scoring only for Manor Farm to score a replica of their goal in the first half with the final kick of the game. Final score Manor Farm 2- High Wycombe CE 0.

There were still smiles as the girls have enjoyed their season. Sadly, there is no longer the opportunity to play the match vs Downley which we hoped to play so the result has been recorded as a 1-1 draw.

These are some comments made by some of the girls about their favourite memories of the season:

Melinda said, "I was really pleased with how I played against Manor Farm." Lucy added, "I love the photo of us and the oranges at the end of that game – it shows how much fun we had."

Megan, Amara, Elsie, Kiera, Stephanie said, "Winning against Kingswood," with scorers Amara & Elsie both adding, "Scoring my goal."

Maribell and Bella both said: "The match against Disraeli." This was a great game and probably the best performance by the team against the league champions. Bella added, "Scoring my first goal against Disraeli was great." Bella captained the side really well in all their matches. It has been a really fun season.

STAFF SPORTS STAR – MISS BLANDFORD



Miss Blandford – alias 'William Tell' Blandford shows off her archery prowess – note the hole in the apple please.

Miss Blandford is the first member of staff at our school to have the honour of appearing for a second time in a sports report. However, this time, it is for a very different sport than the last time she appeared.

Whilst enjoying a well-earned holiday over the Easter break, Miss Blandford had the opportunity to take part in a 'William Tell' style archery competition at the hotel where she was staying.

The aim of the competition was to shoot a foam apple from the top of a balloon head set against an archery target – of course without harming the balloon head of the imaginary person.

Clearly, Miss Blandford is well practiced, having taught some archery at school as part of our 'alternative PE' provision. She said, "I managed to hit the apple cleanly on my third shot! There was one shot left but they hit the balloon! In the photograph, you can clearly see the hole in the apple made by my arrow." Great shot Miss Blandford! We still hope you never have to shoot from a real head though!

HOUSE TO HOUSE ENQUIRIES

Latest House- point Scores

Reception - Wrens – Bean Bag Shuttle Races



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

Year One - Robins – Gymnastics



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

Year Two - Swallows – Football



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

Year Three – Kites – Rounders



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

Year Four – Hawks – Tennis



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

Year Five – Eagles – Bench Ball



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

Year Six – Owls – Hockey



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

HOUSE-POINT RUNNING TOTALS

<p>1st</p>		<p>2608 points</p>	<p>HOUSE CAPTAINS – JERRY & BELLA</p> 
<p>2nd</p>		<p>2549 points</p>	<p>HOUSE CAPTAINS – HANNAH & ISAAC</p> 
<p>3rd</p>		<p>2537 points</p>	<p>HOUSE CAPTAINS – LAIBA & GERVAS</p> 
<p>4th</p>		<p>2380 points</p>	<p>HOUSE CAPTAINS – AMIRA & ALFIE</p> 

A strong half term from Skaters in both the class competitions and the Mile Challenge has meant that they have leap-frogged over Riders in their quest for the House Shield. The lead is larger than last half term but certainly not unassailable with so many points on offer during our final and busiest half term of the year for sports.

Chasing teams need a strong showing in the final class house competitions, carousel morning, cross-country, orienteering and, of course, races-day during the school's Healthy Heroes Sports Week. Plus, there are still points to pick up during our Global Awareness Morning. It's going to be an exciting conclusion to the school year!

Keep those sporting achievements coming in please – FAO Mr Burgin.