

HWCE SPORTS NEWS



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GREAT START FOR SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Undefeated in opening games

(All reports by Mr Burgin)



It's been a brilliant start for the Under 11 football team at High Wycombe CE School, with a series of fantastic victories under their belts.

On October 1st, the first game of the season, saw them travel to Ash Hill in Micklefield.

True to form, the heavens opened ahead of the match and the rain continued throughout – Mr Burgin soon discovered that the coat that he thought was waterproof was merely 'water-resistant' and wished he had brought his umbrella instead!

Nevertheless, his and the team's spirits weren't dampened in the slightest when they took the lead early in the first half. The team were playing some of the best football they had ever played with great inter-play between captain Jerry, centre midfielder Alfie and right-winger Denis, making his full debut. Arthur, playing as striker was a constant threat on the Ash Hill goal and James and Finley were resolute at the back, aiming to make sure that Isaac had as little as possible to deal with in goal.

By half time it was 2-1 to High Wycombe, with Ash Hill pulling a goal back from a long ball after Wycombe had doubled their lead. The gap could have been much wider, but Ash Hill's goalkeeper had made a string of fantastic saves following some dramatic goalmouth scrambles in front of the home team's goal.

The second half got underway, with High Wycombe CE kicking downhill. This gave them added momentum and it wasn't long before they'd added a third goal, then a fourth, fifth, sixth and finally a seventh. They were jubilant in victory. Alfie completed his hat-trick setting his stall out early to be the team's highest scorer for a second season. Joel scored twice and Jerry and Arthur completed the scoring. Davi-Lucca, Flynn and Joel all came on as substitutes in the second half and all 10 players in the squad had an outstanding game. Wycombe now face Cedar Park in the next round.

The first league game was played a week later at Highworth. Thankfully, the rain stopped for this one although the ground was a little wet and muddy underfoot.

Kevin replaced James in defence and Kaedon, Zhenglin and Eesah came in for Denis, Davi-Lucca and Flynn on the subs' bench.

The game soon got under way and the momentum was with High Wycombe who had Highworth on the back foot for much of the first half.

At half time, the score was 2-0 to High Wycombe C of E, with goals coming from Joel and Alfie. We knew there was a long way to go however as, by this stage, Highworth had threatened our goal several times. They had several very skilful players.

Alfie had a niggling leg pain and had to come off to rest for a while. Highworth began to pile on the pressure in the second half. They first pulled back a goal after Isaac's save saw the ball fall to their striker who hammered home from close range and then doubled their tally as a shot from distance narrowly beat Isaac's brave dive. 2-2!

The boys of High Wycombe rallied themselves, determined not to be defeated and not to share the points. Some great interchange between Alfie (who had returned to the fray) and captain Jerry saw the latter slam home a 3rd and decisive goal for Wycombe with 3 minutes of the match remaining. The team bravely held out to claim all 3 points and their chance of defending the title they won last season remains intact.

Thanks go to all parents who lent their support in both games.

HONOURS EVEN

High Wycombe C of E secure hard-fought point at Castlefield

Continuing their bright start to the season, the players on the school football team were optimistic of their chances in their second league game of the season, this time against Castlefield. Even without James and Kaedon on the team, spirits were high.

The weather was more preferable to the previous games with no sign of rain. Playing on a slightly smaller pitch, it seemed quite likely that there were going to be plenty of goals. The stage was set.

The line up was familiar except for one major change with Davi-Lucca playing in goal. Finley & Kevin were paired in defence and there was an unchanged midfield of Jerry on the left, Alfie in the centre and Joel on the right. Arthur, wearing his lucky hat as usual was a lone striker. Eesah waited patiently on the subs bench for his opportunity.

The game kicked off and it was clear from the start that Castlefield meant business. Having played more games than any other school this season, their team had obviously had time to gel together and they were finding each other with good passes, making strong tackles and not giving High Wycombe any time on the ball. Both teams were creating chances in the opening minutes but it was the home side who made the breakthrough first – scoring after 5 minutes when High Wycombe didn't quite control the ball in front of their goal.

It was end to end stuff for quite a while thereafter with the Castlefield keeper making some good saves and both sets of defenders making goal-saving blocks and tackles.



However, Castlefield doubled their lead by finding their striker behind our defence with a good through ball. He calmly slotted the ball past Davi-Lucca to make it 2-0. High Wycombe were feeling the pressure!

Nevertheless, ever-resilient and still confident in their own ability, the team fought back with Alfie grabbing a goal just before half-time to make it 2-1 to Castlefield at the break.

One change for Wycombe at half-time saw Eesah replace Kevin in defence.

Castlefield kicked off for the second half which saw more of the same action as the first – end to end play with chances for both teams.

However, this time it was High Wycombe who scored first – levelling the scores at 2-2 with Arthur bundling in a shot after a goal-mouth scramble. The comeback was secured, but could Wycombe seal a win in a similar dramatic manner as in their previous league match?

The answer, alas, was no, as one of the Castlefield strikers burst through the Wycombe defence to put the home team 3-2 in the lead.

For just a moment, the team's heads dropped. But, cheered on by supporters and urged on by each other, they knew they had time to, (like our proverbial Badger) bounce-back.

It wasn't long before they received their chance. A Castlefield player unwittingly handled the ball in front of the goal area and a direct free-kick was awarded to High Wycombe with Alfie rifling it home into the top right corner of the goal with less than 2 minutes remaining – sadly not enough time for Wycombe to get a winner in this case.

The boys should be commended for their 'never-say-die' attitude. There is still all to play for in the league with the team hoping to secure maximum points in their remaining games to hold on to the title they won last season. Onwards an upwards!

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PINNED ON SUCCESS FOR ANDREY!

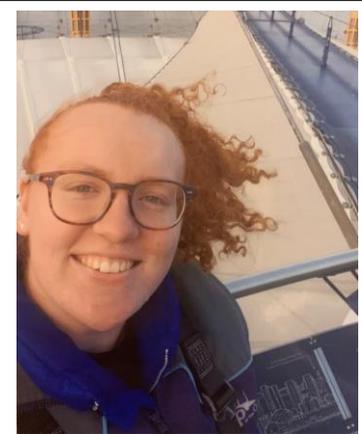
Well done to Andrey in Year 4 who attended his first judo competition on the 8th of September this year. He was 'not thrown' by nerves in the slightest as he fought his way to victory on his debut.

He entered the BSJK Alex Jackson red belt competition. He had three fights and won two of them, the third one was a draw. This resulted in him winning the golden medal for first place in his category.

When asked about his experience in judo, Andrey said, "The best part was the final match because my opponent was really tough and I had to be at my best to earn a draw."

STAFF SPORTS STAR – MISS BLANDFORD

Miss Blandford, our Reception Class teacher is something of an adrenaline junkie. Whilst most of us staff probably like to put our feet up and relax with a nice cup of tea at weekends and during school holidays, that's not for her! Instead, she loves more dangerous sports & pastimes – such as sky-diving, bungee-jumping, zip-lining and climbing over the O2 Arena in London – as you can see in the photograph! Who knew she was such a daredevil? We fully expect to see her take on an alternative career as a stuntwoman in the next action-packed blockbuster! Miss Blandford says, "I am open to suggestions for what activity I should do next." Nothing too dangerous please – we'd really like to hang on to her!



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KEEP ON RUNNING

Adaam inspires on his debut 5K run

Well done to Adaam in Year 2, who, before the summer holiday, completed his first 5km run in an event held in Bristol.

What is extra impressive is the way he provided motivation for all the other runners who were there too. Adaam said, "I really love the feeling I get when I run." Great work Aadam, we are all proud of you and look forward to hearing about any more runs.

BM X-CELLENT!

Ezra is a whizz on 2 wheels!

Well done to Ezra in Year 5 who has had a successful summer season competing in his first South Region BMX series.

He has been travelling around the south of England taking part in lots of races at many different tracks.

To round off the season, Ezra competed for his home team – Hayes Hawks – in an event run by Milton Keynes BMX Club.

After three moto races and a final, Ezra won the bronze medal in his category, beating many riders from other clubs.

He said, "The best part of BMX is training with the team. I love having the support of my team mates and I love the relay races we do in training."



HOWDY PARTNER!

The school are delighted to celebrate an increased level of partnership with our local football team – the mighty Chairboys, Wycombe Wanderers.

Members of the club's education program have been coming in to lead coaching sessions for many years, but now the school can enjoy even further involvement and opportunities that the club can offer. This includes match tickets, visits from players and coaches and even more coaching sessions for our pupils. Before the half term, Kelly Rees, Head of Education and Employability at the club, visited us to present a special commemorative plaque to our house captains to celebrate our partnership. We look forward to all the exciting future opportunities.

HOUSE TO HOUSE ENQUIRIES

Latest House-point Scores

Year One - Robins – Hurdling



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

Year Two – Swallows – Dodgeball



1st Surfers & Skaters 2nd Bikers & Riders

Year Three – Kites – Basketball



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

Year Four – Hawks – Netball



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

Year Five – Eagles – Football (Dribbling)



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

Year Six – Owls – Health Related Exercise



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

HOUSE-POINT RUNNING TOTALS

1st		329 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – HANNAH & ISAAC 
2nd		291 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – LAIBA & GERVAS 
3rd		275 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – JERRY & BELLA 
3rd		275 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – AMIRA & ALFIE 

Well, a new school year has begun and our new House Captains have settled into their roles well – inspiring and leading their teams on the ‘Team Mile’ at morning break and thinking about sporting activities they can organise for the school.

We all think they have been well chosen by their peers and look forward to seeing how they continue to fulfil their roles as the year passes. In terms of the house-point competition, it’s an early lead for Riders, but remember, it’s a marathon not a sprint. There is plenty of time left for other teams to catch up!

