

HWCE SPORTS NEWS



All the latest sports stories from
High Wycombe Church of England Combined School

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GOALFEST!

FOOTBALL TEAM HIT 9 PAST THEIR OPPONENTS

(All football reports by Mr Burgin)

On Thursday 1st February the team travelled to Kings Wood school in Totteridge to play their league game that was postponed due to torrential rain back in November. On the back of a first league victory before the Christmas break and with players returning from injury, the team had high hopes of a second win to maintain their 100% record and hopefully their chances of a first league title in recent years. Little did they know that it would become an afternoon to remember as they recorded a massive and magnificent 9-0 triumph.

As the match was taking place on quite a large pitch, both team coaches agreed to play 9 a side rather than the customary 7. Therefore, the Wycombe C of E team shaped up in a 3-3-2 formation with Noah returning in goal, a back three of Kevin, captain Reuben and Finley, a midfield three of Jerry on the left, James in the centre and Alfie on the right and a front two of Arthur and Toba. Harry, ever reliable, took his place on the subs bench.

The goal rout began after only 30 seconds when (having won the toss and sensibly electing to attack the goal facing the sun) Wycombe C of E launched an attack through wonderkid vice-captain, Jerry, whose nimble legs saw him pass the Kings Wood players with ease down the left wing before delivering an inch perfect cross for Toba to slot away from about 2 yards. Kings Wood seemed stunned.

Warned that there was still a long time to go, Wycombe knew that, despite the perfect start, they couldn't take things for granted.



The jubilant team after their emphatic victory.

The team's tails were up though and they weren't about to sit back. Wave after wave of Wycombe attacks kept the Kings Wood team pinned in their own half and by the time it reached half-time, Alfie had added 2 more goals, both scored from the right where he was commanding the action. Wycombe were very much in control, winning tackles if ever they lost the ball and passing the ball well. Noah had had a very quiet first half without having to make a significant save.

For the second half, Harry came on in place of Kevin and the team was reshuffled - Harry moving to the left of midfield, Jerry switching to the right, Alfie to the centre and James into defence. All was quiet for the first 3 minutes or so with Wycombe still commanding the action but without any clear chances on goal and then the goals started coming thick and fast again. Arthur, who continually remained unmarked by the Kings Wood defence (so much so that I began to wonder if his bobble-hat gave him powers of invisibility!) hit a brace of his own being played clean through on both instances.

Toba then blasted through the defence - after a period of pinball in the Kings Wood box with several shots in a row being blocked by their defence hurling their bodies in the way - to make it 6-0.



If this wasn't misery enough for Kings Wood, the next goal was an own-goal as one of their defenders tried to clear the ball over the goal from a cross, only to see it hit the back of the net.

Next, following a Wycombe corner, Alfie rifled in a shot from close range to secure his hat-trick. Finally, in the dying moments of the game, Jerry added Wycombe C of E's ninth goal to finish the goal-fest.

The team know that there will be much harder games to come than this one but can go into these with great confidence following an awesome performance.

They were very respectful to their opponents remaining humble in their victory and all shook hands with each other before heading home.

Thank you once again to the amazing parents for providing support and transport for the team - we couldn't do it without you.

EVERYTHING GOES SWIMMINGLY FOR SCHOOL TEAM

Swimmers enjoy fierce local competition in gala



Our gallant team of Year 5 and Year 6 swimmers before the event

On the afternoon of Friday 26th January, a team of 8 swimmers from Year 5 and Year 6 competed in a swimming gala against 7 other schools from the High Wycombe District held at High Wycombe Sports Centre.

The competition was very exciting with many club and county swimmers representing their schools, so for some of our less experienced swimmers it may have felt like they were in at the deep-end! (pun definitely intended!)

In total, there were 12 races. Drawn in lane 4, High Wycombe CE were very much at the centre of things and with eventual winners, Juniper, on our left, and eventual runners-up, Disraeli, on our right, may at times have felt out of their depth. (pun intended again!)

However, if they did, they certainly didn't let it show with smiles on their faces throughout the entire event and never once finishing last in any of their tight races.

We had a 2nd and a 4th place finish – Matthew and Ella both swimming brilliantly in their individual breaststroke events.

Arthur, Jesse, Evelyn & Hannah all did well in their freestyle races and Robert & Keira were fabulous in the backstroke event.

In the relay races, our swimmers showed great camaraderie, giving each other brilliant support. It was a fabulous experience for them all and they weren't at all disappointed with a 7th place finish.

BADMINTON PLAYERS SERVE UP A FUN TIME AT SCHOOL GAMES FESTIVALS

On Friday 12th and Friday 19th of January, some of our class members of first Years 5 & 6 and then Years 3 & 4 took part in 'School Games' Badminton Festivals. They had a great time learning and developing new skills, taught to them by experts and by taking part in fun, non-competitive games and exercises. They gelled together well and really showed team spirit, coming away from the event with a greater level of confidence in themselves. Miss Warkcup (who attended with them) & the organisers of the event said they made a real racket (groan!) with their cheering!



Receiving expert coaching



Great team-building games for Y5 & 6



Members of Year 3 & 4 at the Badminton Festival



Members of Year 5 and Year 6 at the end of their Badminton Festival

HWCE SPORTS STARS

ON YOUR BIKE!

Super speedy brothers in
joint triumphant BMX
success.



A smiling Jesse and his 'steed'.

Brothers Jesse (in Year 6) and Ezra (Year 3) are members of Hayes Hawks BMX team, and competed in their club race series from September to December last year.



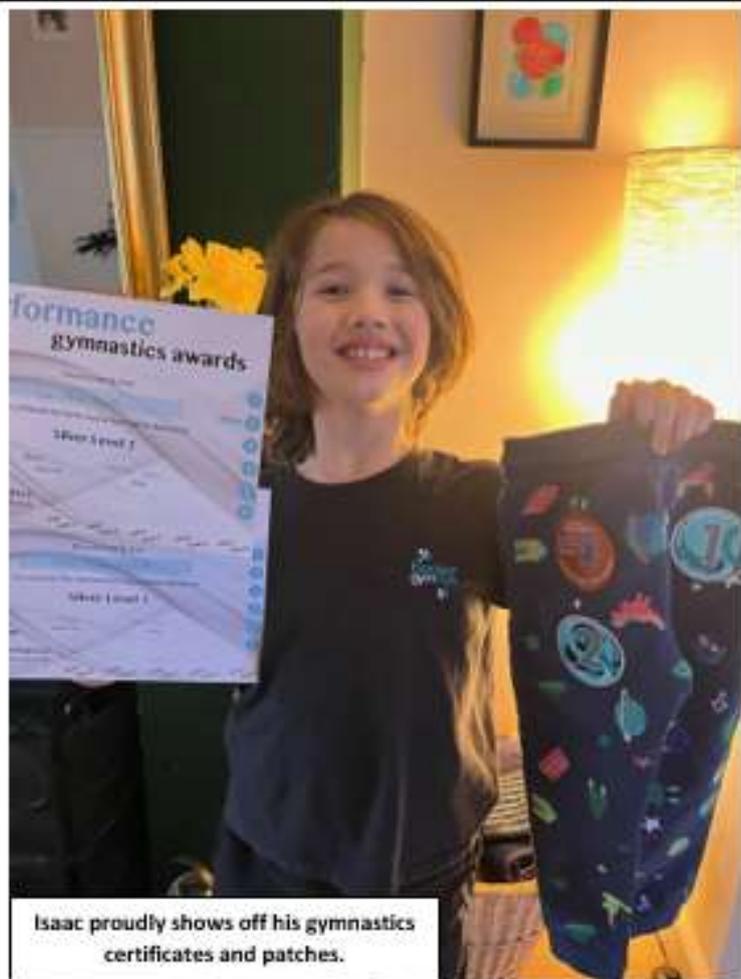
On the start line – Ezra is in the centre with the yellow number



Jesse & Ezra and their trophies

Each month there was a race day, and each round had three 'motos' or heats, seeing racers complete a lap of the BMX race track, soaring over jumps and speeding round berms. A final race decided the winner for the day. Jesse picked up two first place rankings and two second place across the series, and Ezra landed four first places. With points scored for each round, at the final race day in December, the total scores were announced, and both Jesse and Ezra won gold in their age categories. A fantastic achievement!

Jesse and Ezra said, "We've been doing BMX for a few years now. The thing we like most is the fast-paced action. There are lots of people where we train who are friendly. It's a great atmosphere and we've made lots of friends."



Isaac proudly shows off his gymnastics certificates and patches.

ISAAC BENDS OVER BACKWARDS TO ACHIEVE DOUBLE GYMNASTICS SUCCESS!

Mr Burgin once asked a gymnastics teacher if he could teach him how to do the splits. The teacher replied, "That depends, how flexible are you?" to which Mr Burgin said, "Well, I can't do Tuesday nights!"

Well, one young man who is certainly flexible is Year 5's Isaac, who, at the end of Autumn term achieved both his Silver Level 1 *and* Level 2 awards in gymnastics.

When asked what he had to do to gain the awards, Isaac said, "It was quite challenging to get my silver awards. I had to do straddles and floor exercises as well as work on the beam, performing round-offs. I am now working to get the rest of the silver awards before moving on to gold. The thing I like most about gymnastics is that the challenges make you stronger."

STAFF SPORTS STAR – MISS WARKCUP

Here's a good reason why you shouldn't mess with Miss Warkcup. It is perhaps no surprise that her athletic physique points to the fact she is a keen sportswoman and the latest of featured staff members to have an interest in more than one sporting discipline. Our fantastic LSA has expertise in both netball and mixed martial arts.

She first started playing netball in primary school for the school's team before joining Marlow Kites netball club at 11 and has played for them ever since. She says, "I play goal attack and use my height to help me score longer distance goals. When I moved to secondary school, I also joined the school's team, where I played goal defence."

As well as netball, Miss Warkcup has trained in MMA since the age of 8. She says, "My favourite of the martial arts I practice is Taijutsu which is a form of 'empty hand' close combat. I have been fortunate enough to compete in tournaments across the country."

We all think she is awesome – and we're sure you will agree.

If anyone is interested in taking up netball or mixed martial arts, have a chat to Miss Warkcup and she can give you some sound advice.



Above – Miss Warkcup performs a kata – a series of choreographed moves to help memorise combinations



Above – Miss Warkcup (right) with the rest of the Marlow Kites Netball team pictured after another victory.

HOUSE-POINT RUNNING TOTALS

1st		1066 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – JESSE & ELLA 
2nd		1003 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – KEIRA & ALEX C 
3rd		980 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – LOIS & REUBEN 
4th		952 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – KHYAN & EMILY 

You may notice that several of our house-captains have featured in competitions as part of school teams and also in activities outside of school in their own spare time. This is by no means a deliberate inclusion in this sports report. It just goes to show how well-chosen they are for their roles that they were recognised by pupils and staff alike as being positive role-models in the field of sport and are pupils to whom we all hope the younger members of the school aspire. It is great to see several of them joining in with younger children in the 'run a mile' challenges in the mornings and attempting to provide support. Please help them to do so by providing extra encouragement to your children and asking them about their sporting achievements each day. A reminder that the days for 'run-a-mile' challenges are: Monday – Bikers, Tuesday – Riders, Thursday – Skaters and Friday – Surfers.

HOUSE TO HOUSE ENQUIRIES

Latest House-point Scores

Year One – Robins – Target Throwing



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

Year Two – Swallows – Under-arm Throwing Skills



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

Year Three – Kites -



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

Year Four – Hawks - Gymnastics



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

Year Five – Eagles - Gymnastics



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

Year Six – Owls - Gymnastics



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