

Headteacher's Award

Well done to the following pupils who were given Headteacher's Award certificates this week.

Thomas H-S, Maggie M-J, Dolly C, Oscar C, Ayat J, Lilly J, Mia M, Henry T, Alannah B, William G, Jasmine O-M, Rowan C, Oliver B, Aaron H, Sophia N, Ben P, Lulu F, Ethan W, Chet L, Harvey L, Maisey K, Daisy S, Joseph S & Thomas H.



Our U10 rugby team travelled to Birkenhead on Friday afternoon facing the prospect of their first game together as one-year group, against tough opposition. We arrived in good time to go through some drills and get ourselves match-ready, and before long we took our places on the pitch. The game itself proved a huge opportunity for us to learn the game of rugby, in a way that all the training sessions and YouTube videos just can't! Both teams were coached through the different situations very well by the host referee, and our team certainly gained valuable experience from this,



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groups. It is unacceptable to comment about staff or children. Any concerns should be brought to Mrs Pease.

especially when it came to rucks and scrums! Considering how many of our team had never played competitive rugby before, they all acquitted themselves very admirably throughout. MOTM Mason N, in particular, was outstanding both in ability and leadership on the pitch. He ran in two tries for us, while the lightning athletic prowess of Joe C run in two more for us. Josh K went close with a fantastic run of his own. The centre of the pitch was packed with good tacklers, but Abu-Bakr H was especially impressive! We only conceded the one try in reply, meaning we won our first match as a Year 5 team 4-1! I said to the players at the end that they all looked at home on a rugby pitch and like they had been playing for a while, which was the highest compliment I could pay them after such an excellent team performance!



Our year 6 A team travelled to Birkenhead on Friday afternoon to play their first netball match of the year! We managed to get some quick shooting practice in as well as quickly running through the rules of the game. We had two substitutes observing the match for the first quarter ready to swap in when needed. The match proved difficult at first and was incredibly fast paced, the netballers soon realised their teamwork needed to improve and started working together to ensure they kept the

ball for as long as possible. We did not manage to get the ball long enough to score in our first quarter but after a quick chat at half time and with a few position swaps we brought it back in the second half! Both Goal Shooter - Leilani - and Goal Attack - Orla - got two shots each which kept the girls motivated and competitive. Freya made sure to receive every ball and passed quickly and efficiently, knowing exactly where she wanted the ball to go. Anya never stopped running and ensured she was always in space ready to receive the ball. Marina ensured her defence was perfectly timed and intercepted many of the opposing teams passes. Both shooters worked together and congratulated each other throughout the match. The rest of the girls kept spirits up throughout despite being defeated in the end. The netballers needed no reminder to thank and congratulate the other team and did so with smiles on their faces. We came away knowing what we need to work on as a team and are ready to keep practising ready for our next game! I am incredibly proud of the netballers especially as that was our longest match yet! Well done girls.

Our Under 10 team FINALLY had their first game of the season on Tuesday afterschool, under the floodlights at Tiber centre. To say there was excitement in the team as we travelled there would be a huge understatement; we had already had a number of fixtures cancelled so we were truly raring to go. A quick and efficient warm up later and we were ready to go. What followed was nothing short of a masterclass. I can't recall ever seeing quite such a complete team performance. Every single one of our players worked hard and worked well in unison as team, supporting and encouraging each other massively. But the actual football they played was phenomenal! Their use of space and how well they moved the ball was quite something.

They looked as though they had played together for years! Arben L proved a deadly finisher upfront, bagging himself a hat-trick, including one very fine volleyed finish from a tight angle. There were also goals from Joe C, our captain, and a well taken strike by Hadley H. Niall O'C scored after a brilliant solo run, while Josh L and Mason N both found the net with wonder strikes from distance! A further own goal added to our tally. We did concede one, but by that time our opponents had two more players than us on the pitch to try to even up the game, and we still managed to maintain a lot of possession and create chance after chance. I was so impressed with the performance, picking a MOTM proved very tricky. However, despite being a defender in a **9-1 victory**, Jack W was our star man. He was first to everything, kept dictating play and generally raised everyone else's performances. These boys have laid down a real marker in this league - I can't wait for the next fixture!



The Year 6 football team were in action this week against Christ the King. We had a few players missing this week but the team didn't let this affect them as they ran out 5-0 winners.

Daniel C, as always, shone in goal and showed some excellent distribution. Joseph O, Ben P and Jordan A all worked well as a unit at

the back. Mustafa Al-R made some excellent and vital tackles and used the ball well.

Our midfield really ran the show with constant running by Elijah L who was unlucky not to get on the scoresheet. Finn S and Harvey L did well in their time up front and didn't give the opposition defence any time. Finn got his reward for this when he opened the scoring. A special mention needs to go to Leo T, Thomas B - the captain for the day, and Joe C (who stepped in to help at the last minute). All three weighed in with goals with Joe netting twice. Leo linked the play excellently with a box to box display and Thomas was commanding wherever he was needed on the pitch. It was tough to choose between them for man of the match but Leo just edged it. He put in a great display, was full of running and really encouraged his team mates.

All the boys were a credit to the school and their parents and we look forward to their next game.



SEUSSICAL REHEARSALS

THURSDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

Rehearsals will be for the following characters and songs:

- Schmitt and Y3/4 Cadets who were at rehearsals this week - The Military
- Wickersham Brothers plus extras - Monkey Around
- JoJo and Things - It's Possible
- Mayzie - Amazing Mayzie
- Gertrude - Amazing Gertrude



NO CHOIR OR
BPM NEXT
WEEK!!!

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NAMED THIS WEEKEND**

We have rather a lot of unnamed lost
property in the lost property box.



Best wishes to you all for a
good weekend
Mrs A Pease - Head of Prep