



Dear Families,

What a way to begin! Welcome back to a new academic year and the first weekly Lancing Prep Worthing sports bulletin of the season.

Orientation week brought a long-awaited return to the brilliantly renovated Lancing College Swimming Pool for Years 3 and 4, along with football and hockey training camps for our older children. In our second week back though, sport truly arrived as fixtures made a spectacular return. Hundreds of children across the school proudly donned the iconic navy-blue kit, and there is already plenty to celebrate.

The action got back underway on Wednesday, with six of our U11 and U13 girls' Hockey Sevens teams doing battle with Lancing Prep Hove at Lancing College. The U11As led the way with a hugely impressive 1-0 victory. Flo scored the all-important goal, and Amelie was superb at the back, marshalling a determined defence to see the game out. The U11Cs were also triumphant in an end-to-end thriller, winning 3-2, as Margo scored twice and Charlize also found the net.

Our U13A, B and C teams showed real steel in three tightly contested matches and kept a clean sheet in every one of them. Leah B was commanding in goal for the U13As, playing beyond her years to keep out a previously unstoppable LPH side. The U11Bs came up against a similarly strong opponent and went down 3-0, but their spirit and effort right to the final whistle were a credit to them and they will have taken plenty away from the afternoon.

The fun continued on Thursday. On home soil, our U8/9 boys mixed together



for a round-robin tournament against Great Ballard School, and remarkably every one of our teams tasted victory! Pasha S-N, Geraint T and Elijah S were all on target more than once for their teams on a memorable afternoon. Meanwhile, the U9A girls travelled to Lancing Prep Hove for a series of games against their hosts and Dorset House. A well-deserved 1-1 draw against Lancing Prep Hove was the pick of the afternoon, with Emily A and Delilah both catching the eye. Our U8 girls played their very first fixtures away at Dorset House, again in triangular action alongside LPH. Cece D scored a match-winning goal and Charlotte W and Savannah P also got among the goals. It was a wonderful first taste of competitive hockey for our youngest players.

The week ended on Friday with a co-ed team representing LPW at the Mowden Cup. In a series of close matches at Lancing Prep Hove, Emily T provided the moment of the tournament from an LPW perspective, scoring an emphatic free kick off the underside of the crossbar against eventual winners Brighton College Prep Hove. On an afternoon full of impressive performances, relentless Chima claimed Player of the Day honours for LPW as several onlookers praised the children for their excellent conduct and sportsmanship.

It has been a truly terrific start to the season, full of wins, determination and outstanding individual performances across every age group. Thank you to all the sports staff who coached, officiated and supported and to the parents who came along to cheer.

As the fixture programme comes together over the coming weeks, we are very grateful – as always – for your wonderful continued support. LPW is proud to be a sport for all school, and our aim is to give every child a good





mixture of opportunities to represent the school across the term. Unfortunately, this does mean that children will not always be selected every week, so thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the programme. We cannot wait to see what the rest of the term brings!

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