SPORTS BULLETIN

Dear Families,

It has been another busy week of sport at LPW, with hockey and football fixtures across every age group. It also marks a week of change, as the girls played their final hockey fixtures of a successful season, with the focus now switching over to netball. Thank you, as always, for your support on the touchline and behind the scenes.

Girls' Hockey

Our U13 girls finished their hockey season with two well-matched games against Lewes Old Grammar School. The impressive A team signed off in style, edging a hard-fought encounter 1-0, with Poppy scoring the decisive goal. Much of our play took place in attacking areas, where Emily, Elodie and Hali combined well, while LPW's Leah was the quieter of the two goalkeepers. Lewes chose Emily and match-winner Poppy as their Girls of the Game.

The B team's game was just as close and, although they lost 3-2, there was a lot to be proud of. Peaches and Isabella took on leadership roles, Tilly and Francesca drove the ball up the pitch, Autumn and Hettie defended strongly and Fatima performed excellently in goal. Lewes chose Isabella and Tilly as their Girls of the Game.

Our U11 teams were also in action, with a shorter trip to Lancing College, where they hosted Burgess Hill Girls. The A team came away with a 4-0 win, while the B team battled to a 1-1 draw. The C team, although they lost 3-5, kept working hard right to the final whistle.

On Thursday, it was the younger girls' turn, as our U9 A team gave a fantastic performance to beat Dorset House School 7-4, with Delilah, Daisy and Emily

sharing the goals. Our U8 girls played Burgess Hill Girls in two very close games. The A team were unfortunate to lose 1-0, while the B team claimed victory by the same narrow scoreline. This has been the U8s' first ever term of hockey for the school, and they have improved so much. It has been a real pleasure to watch them grow in confidence each week.

That brings our hockey season to a close. Thank you to every girl who played, and to all the families who supported them so well this term. We now move on to netball, and we're looking forward to seeing the girls bring their teamwork and determination onto the court.

Boys' Football

Wednesday was a familiar busy afternoon for the boys, with teams playing at three different venues. The U11 A team travelled to Jubilee Fields for Brighton College Prep Hove's tournament, where they played lots of impressive football and the pick of their results arrived in the shape of a resilient draw with sporting powerhouse Ardingly.

At the same time, the U10 A and B teams were in tournament action at Brighton College itself. The A team also impressed, and they too held Ardingly, with a wonder goal from Oliver enough to earn a share of the spoils. The B team caught the eye of onlooking coach Mr Stephenson, who was consistently impressed by their teamwork, shape and togetherness as William made a number of good saves in goal.

Back at LPW, the U11 B team took on Dorset House School in a hugely entertaining end-to-end game. Goals from Jasper, Toby and Otis had them deservedly level at 3-3 but, as the boys pushed forward in search of a thrilling winner, Dorset House caught them with two late goals of their own

to win 5-3. That's football! The excellent Tobi Q was named Player of the Match.

Dorset House returned on Thursday to play our younger boys and LPW's U9 A team avenged that scoreline with a 5-3 win of their own in a lively, high-scoring game, with Geraint again on form in front of goal. Meanwhile, the U9 B and U8 A squads were mixed together for a mini tournament with DH. They played well, winning several games and scoring some eye-catching goals.

To round off the week, our Year 7 and 8 boys combined for the afternoon and played out a highly competitive inter-school tournament. The Blues team of Ben, Harry, Max, Reeve, Seb, Daniel and Sebastian played superb football together to emerge victorious, winning two games and drawing the other to take the trophy overall.

Well done to every child who represented the school this week, and thank you to all the staff who coached, drove and supported. We look forward to more next week.

Best wishes,

Mr Marshman
Director of Sport