SPORTS BULLETIN

Dear Families,

What a week it has been. On Wednesday and Thursday, more than 160 LPW children pulled on the navy blue to represent the school. That included a trip up the hill to Lancing College for our Year 7 and 8 pupils and a busy afternoon of home fixtures against Brighton College Prep Hove. Thank you, as always, to everyone who came along to support and to the staff who made it all happen.

Wednesday 18 November

Our Year 7 and 8 boys headed up to Lancing College for a football masterclass with Lewis Benson, Lancing's Head of Football, a former professional footballer and UEFA A-licensed coach. The boys then put what they had learned straight into practice in fixtures against Westbourne House, winning 5-3 across their A and B team matches before putting up a resilient display in a C team defeat. A big thank you to Mr Benson for giving up his afternoon.

At the same time, more than 30 of our Year 7 and 8 girls took part in a netball masterclass with Cerys Bierton, Head of Netball at Lancing College. Miss Bierton's coaching focuses on strong technical and tactical foundations, alongside confidence, teamwork and resilience. Thank you to Miss Bierton and to Lancing College for hosting us.

Back at LPW, we fielded four U11 football teams against Brighton College Prep Hove, with many of our Year 5 boys playing up an age group and holding their own. The B team kept a clean sheet in a 2-0 win, and the C team earned a hard-fought 0-0 draw. The D team lost 4-1, while the A team came up against a very strong Brighton College side and were unable to hold on to

their half-time advantage, eventually slipping to defeat.

In U11 netball, our A and B teams also hosted Brighton College Prep Hove and both came away with wins, the A team 7-1 and the B team edging a closely contested game 5-4. The C and D teams travelled to Dorset House and, although the C team lost 5-0 and the D team lost 5-1, they played with real spirit and will have learned plenty from the afternoon.

Thursday 19 November

Thursday was a busy day of hosting, with six different teams taking on Brighton College Prep Hove and St Christopher's School at LPW.

In football, the U9 A team won 3-2 and the U9 B team won 2-1, while the U9 C team, made up largely of Year 3 boys playing up, was beaten 2-0. In netball, we were grateful for the support given by St Christopher's School to our brilliant U9 A team, who won 2-0 against BCPH. Our U8 A and B teams were both edged out 1-0 in tightly contested games, gaining valuable match experience.

As a growing sports department, we are also delighted to announce that we will be joined by additional specialist netball coaching and umpiring support in the form of Miss Vlasak and Miss Cleave on Wednesdays and Thursdays until the end of term, which will be a real boost for our netballers.

Beyond LPW

Congratulations to:

Tobias D, who won first place in the Intermediate 13-17 Boys category at the South East Regional & Club Pathway Series in Kent, an incredible

achievement. Next weekend, he will represent LPW at the BSGA South East Regional Trampoline Qualifier 2, and we wish him the very best of luck.

Asher G, who was named player of the match and trainer of the week for Worthing Minors Aces. He scored a memorable hat-trick and set up another goal, including the late equaliser that completed a comeback from 4-1 down to draw 5-5.

Oscar W, who was named player of the match on his debut for another Worthing Minors side, this time leading by example in a 3-1 win against Wick U11s.

And finally
A mix of results this week, but it was lovely to see so many children playing and enjoying themselves. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mr Marshman
Director of Sport