SPORTS BULLETIN

Dear Families,

Welcome back after half term. All of our sports fixtures last week were against Farlington and it was lovely to see the children slip straight back into the rhythm of match days. There were some really pleasing wins along the way but, just as importantly, every team played with effort, teamwork and good sportsmanship, whatever the score. Thank you to all the staff and parents who coached and supported the teams and to Farlington for being such welcoming hosts and visitors.

Football

It was a mixed afternoon for the U13 boys. The U13A team were hugely frustrated to be on the wrong end of a 1-0 scoreline in an incredibly tight game, while the U13B side rallied impressively in the second half, with Daniel P on target in a 4-1 loss. The U13C boys enjoyed a memorable afternoon, winning 10-1 with the goals shared around the entire side - a fitting reward for their consistent application and improvement.

The U11 boys also enjoyed a really strong set of results, hosting Farlington at LPW. The U11A team won 7-2, with Bruno B-A standing out and the U11B team followed with an 8-1 win in which Rupert W and Oscar W particularly impressed. The U11C team lost 2-0 in a closer contest, but the boys kept going right to the final whistle and William J caught the eye throughout.

On Thursday it was the turn of our younger boys, who produced a really encouraging all-round performance. The U9A team were well organised, disciplined and excellent in attacking areas in their 5-1 win, with Pasha scoring a stunning double from long range. The U9B side showed real resilience to follow with a hard-fought and well-earned 2-1 win built on an

excellent team effort, while a hastily rearranged U9C team, which included some hardworking U8 players, lost 3-0 but kept working hard throughout.

We were very sorry that the U8B boys' fixture had to be cancelled at late notice when their minibus driver became unavailable. We know how disappointing this was for the boys who had been looking forward to playing, and we look forward to seeing them back on the pitch this week.

Hockey

The U11 girls had a mixed afternoon. Our rotated U11A team won 2-1, with some really pleasing spacing across the pitch, and Tilly W, who had represented LPW at a swimming gala that very morning, scored both goals. The U11B side found it harder going against a team with an extra player and lost 4-0, though they kept working hard to the end. The U11C girls showed the same determination in a 5-2 defeat, with Tora and Florence on target and the returning Frances named Player of the Match.

The U13s enjoyed a competitive afternoon of hockey, and some of the scorelines were very narrow. With rotation again in effect, the U13A team lost 2-0, with Leah and Frida named Players of the Match, and the U13B side lost 3-1, with Chima and Rishita picking up the award. The U13C game was the closest of the afternoon, a narrow 2-1 defeat, and Tabitha and Emiley were the standout players.

On Thursday, our U8 and U9 girls headed to Farlington and played in mixed teams across a series of games, picking up a number of wins, losses and draws. It was a great chance to continue to gain match experience and they played with real enthusiasm. Special mention goes to Amber, Lilah and Trixie for their standout performances.

Swimming

On Wednesday morning, six of our swimmers travelled to Lancing College for a swimming gala, competing as part of a combined team with Lancing Prep Hove. Year 6 pupils Leah, Tilly and Emmie L and Year 5 pupils Rory, Rupert and Marigold each swam in several races and represented LPW really well, helping the team to finish third overall. Well done to all six.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Peaches in Year 8, whose mixed club team were crowned Sussex League U12 Champions, winning five of their six matches and drawing the other. At the club's Awards Evening over half term, Peaches received a medal and the team picked up the Cup. She is now looking forward to winter nets ahead of club and county cricket next year. Well done, Peaches!

Thank you, as always, for your support on the touchline and at home, and well done to every child who represented LPW this week.

Best wishes,

Mr Marshman
Director of Sport