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## **Buckswood Sports Department News**

The weekly Buckswood Sports Department newsletter keeping you all up to date with all things sport.

### **Fixtures:**

#### **Football**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Form 5 away to Harodian school, ISFA national semi final

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Form 4 @Eastbourne borough v Langley school (Norwich) U15 national ESFA quarter final

#### **Netball**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March U15 V Moira House (A) leaving 1pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Senior and Social Team V Moira House (A) Leaving 1pm

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March ISA Senior Netball Tournament

#### **GOLF**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March Departure 12:45pm

Littlestone Golf Club  
St. Andrews Road  
Littlestone  
New Romney  
Kent  
TN28 8RB

## Recent Results

### Netball

U14 V Benenden (U15) 12-6 win POM Freya Forster Zola Clifford

Senior V Benenden 22-17 loss POM Molly Hardy

The U14's travelled to PGL in Windmill Hill for an England Netball Tournament. They had the opportunity to take part in PGL activities in the morning and then had to play a full afternoon of Netball. The team were made up of Year 8/9 in a Year 9 tournament so many of our players were younger. We were also up against 3 schools that had A and B teams, so we knew they would all be stronger.

Buckwood were very unlucky to lose their first match 6-5, with a goal from the opposition in the last few seconds. But we went on to win the next matches 6-5 and 9-0. The next few matches were against string A teams and the results (and a tiring team) were not as successful. However we finished the day middle of the table which was a great result for a team that had only just come together that weekend and were playing above their age group!

The girls also got to meet Superleague player Jo Tripp who gave her the benefit of her wisdom as a GD/GK/WD player.



Jo Tripp – who has played for Loughborough Lightning and Surrey Storm, and now Saracens Mavericks



Tabitha and Ayanna ready for the Big Swing



**Ellie in full flight!**

**Well done girls.**



**Player of the Tournament Sophie Frost**

## Rugby

### Buckswood heartbreak in the Sussex 7s final

With the referee indicating the last play of the match, Buckswood were leading the Sussex Schools 7s cup final 14-12 and in touching distance of their first ever trophy - only for Cardinal Newman, with a massive effort and strong running, to score with the final play, leaving the Hove College celebrating and Buckswood crestfallen. Tantalisingly close, but no cigar!

The Sussex 7s tournament was a real underdog-to-big-dog story for a Buckswood team whose spirit and skill grew throughout the tournament. With two pools of five featuring quality outfits such as Newman, Lancing College, Worthing College and Steyning, it was always going to be a tough tournament, and Buckswood started badly, beaten 0-31 by a well-drilled Newman A team. Buckswood were 0-12 down at half time to Worthing College in their second match - but then came a remarkable comeback. Buckswood turned the game round to win 21-19, and went on to win their next game 44-7 against Steyning, and their final game 51-7 against Newman C, by now playing some sparkling 7s; all this despite injuries to danger-men Kursitis (the top try scorer in the previous tournaments) and the powerful Karimov.

In the semi-final they played the top team of Pool 2, Newman B, who had impressed, but Buckswood blew them away, winning 31-7, before a repeat in the final of the first pool game against Newman.

The final itself was a fantastic match, with Buckswood leading, then Newman taking the lead, before Buckswood went ahead again with two minutes left - but alas, it wasn't to be.

The boys showed great spirit and played some wonderful 7s. Dupuy, Orr and Joubert created space and scored vital tries; Fotso, German, Marlow-Eastwood, Dufau and Pospisil carried and handled well all afternoon, while De Chanaille, Nicholas and Garriaga were devastating in space and helped the scoreboard tick over.

The tournament final marked the formal end to a massively successful rugby campaign: unbeaten in all 10 fifteen a-side matches, a tour to Georgia, three Sussex representatives, and runners-up in the Sussex Schools 7s!

S.German and S. Dupuy also represented Sussex U17 in their 5-20 defeat to Berkshire at Maidenhead on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. R. Kursitis was selected, but unfortunately injured.

## Football

**NATIONAL CUP match for BUCKSWOOD football team FORM 5. We travelled to HARRODIAN SCHOOL, beautiful place and lovely people. The field was in great condition, and the weather was perfect, a lovely sunny day**

**In the First half, Buckswood started with the system 1-5-3-2 trying to control the midfield and play in the wings, but the Harrodian team started very strong and created many chances, and corners but our team was perfect in defence and after 10 minutes we scored the first goal by a WONDERFUL play by SUGURU, making a 25 meters pass behind the defenders and a great finish by COLIN. 0 - 1 for Ibstock in the first half. Buckswood started to control the ball possession and created one chance that Prince almost scored, and in the 25th minute, we scored the second goal, with a great assist from Ernst and a great finish by Colin. Half time 0-2 up for Buckswood**

**In the second half, we continued with the same plan and scored the third goal in the 10th minute by Gabriel in a great assist by Suguru again. The Harrodians continued pushing up and after few chances saved by Farouq they scored a goal by Penalty. 3-1. Then our team started being a bit nervous and making few mistakes and Harrodians started to control the game, but in a counter attack Colin scored the 4th goal in the 30th minute, we started playing good football after that and we scored the 5th goal by a great strike from Prince.**

**FINAL TIME 1-5 to BUCKSWOOD**

**A word from Coach RAFA:**

**I think the players did a great defensive effort and we were very deep and pro in the definition part that was the difference, the match was tough against a physical and technical team**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO PLAYING THE FINAL AT ST GEORGES PARK!!!!**

**\*\*One thing to say was that the HARRODIAN SCHOOL people were SUPER polite and the referees were perfect.**



**MVP for Buckswood was SUGURU**

**MVP for Harrodian was the captain (strong and good technical player) Captain for Buckswood was Virgilio**

## **Hockey**

**Buckswood Senior Hockey mixed team played a match against Claremont at Buckswood on the 28th of February .**

**A very wet afternoon on Buckswood Astro saw Buckswood Boys Hockey and Girls Hockey combine to show off their Hockey skills.**

**Buckswood's dominated in every aspect , attacking with pace and defending in numbers. Gijs showed his class with another 5 goals in a match. And Harvey (the youngster) scoring a cheeky goal by lobbing the Claremont Keeper.**

**Very good performances from all the girls but Player of the match Maisey Bull was outstanding . Maisey showed off her pace combined with skill to frustrate the Claremont Boys.**

**Buckswood Won 8-2.**

## **Sporting Excellence**

**Well done to Jervay in Form 5 for being selected for Mansfield Town FC. After Jervay has successfully completed his GCSE's of course, he will be heading up to play with this League 2 side, where another past pupil Austin is already playing.**



**Also again to reiterate, the U16 boys have reached the final of the ISFA cup. A monumental achievement to even get this far. So well done coach RAFA!**

## Squads

We have a new squad timetable out for this term. Look out for new sports we have introduced for the first time as well as continuing to provide lots of opportunities for girl's participation.

Day	Squad	Teacher	Location
Monday	Gym (individual programmes created) Girl's and Junior Rugby	Miss Johnson, Mr Micolli Mr Claughton	Gym Front Field
Tuesday	Girl's Football Table tennis (All Years) Basketball (All years/boys/girls)	Miss Johnson Miss Godon Mr Sebastian	Astro Great Hall Sports Hall
Weds	God's Squad (Fitness girls only) Football (All years/boy/girls) Badminton (All years/boys/girls)	Miss Johnson  Mr Duncan  Miss Godon	Great Hall  Sports Hall  Sports Hall
Thurs			
Friday	Dodgeball (All years/boys/girls)	Miss Nathalia	Sports Hall

Many thanks for reading this newsletter. We look forward to keeping more up to date with you about fixtures and Games.

Good Luck!!!

And finally.....

One busy week behind us and another ahead of us. All the students are working incredibly hard to make sure they keep up with all their academic commitments as well as their training and fixture commitments. I think with both Academic and Sporting achievement the following is important to remember

“Hard Work beats Talent when Talent doesn't work Hard”

All our sports teams have shown this this week with some incredible performances. But all our Sports coaches endeavour to make sure that it is the hard work and commitment that all the students (and coaches) put in in order to make this happen. We are very lucky in the sports Department to have such an experienced set of coaches that really have the success and happiness of the students at heart and really will go that 'extra mile' to ensure that whatever the result, the students have shown a good work ethic and have progressed to the best of their abilities.

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