

Sports Newsletter (28th Sept – 2nd Oct)

Another action-packed week of sport at Rupert House has seen our pupils continuing to throw themselves into every opportunity with tremendous enthusiasm, energy and determination. As the term gathers momentum, it has been fantastic to see so many children representing the school, supporting their teammates and enjoying everything our busy sporting programme has to offer.

This week has brought another excellent programme of fixtures, with our football teams taking on LVS and Lambrook, while our hockey teams have enjoyed matches against LVS, Reddam House and Ashfold. Across all of these fixtures, there have been some fantastic individual and team performances, but most pleasing has been the attitude of our pupils. Their determination, teamwork and sportsmanship continue to make us incredibly proud.

With the weather now beginning to show signs of a slightly wetter outlook, a gentle reminder that football boots are becoming increasingly important for Games sessions and fixtures. The extra grip they provide will make a big difference as pitches become softer and more slippery.

Please could we also ask parents to check that children have all the necessary equipment for their sports. Mouthguards and shin pads are essential for both football and hockey, and children will not be able to take part in competitive play without them. For match days, please also ensure that all children have the correct playing kit, including their reversible shirts for the boys and white quartered shirts for the girls. Having everyone properly equipped really helps our teams look and feel the part when representing Rupert House.

Away from school, we would like to wish all of our Year 6 girls representing Henley Hawks Hockey Club the very best of luck in their tournament at Wycombe High School this Sunday. We hope they have a fantastic day, play some brilliant hockey and, most importantly, enjoy the experience. We look forward to hearing how they get on!

As we move further into the term, it is wonderful to see the confidence of our pupils continuing to grow. Whether representing Rupert House in a fixture, trying something new in a club, working hard in a PE or Games lesson, or simply being a brilliant teammate, there are so many examples each week of children making a positive contribution to school sport.

I hope you enjoy reading about another busy week of sport at Rupert House. As always, thank you for your fantastic support from the touchline, the sidelines and beyond.

Mr Vigano

Match Reports

U8 & U9 Football vs LVS - Friday 25th Sept

Our U8 and U9 footballers enjoyed a competitive afternoon against LVS on Friday, producing two performances full of energy, enthusiasm and determination. Although both matches ultimately ended in defeat, the boys played some really encouraging football and showed a fantastic attitude throughout. There were some lovely passages of passing and movement, along with plenty of brave defending and determined running.

Most impressively, the boys continued to battle right until the final whistle, supporting one another and never allowing their heads to drop. There is plenty to build on as the term progresses, and the effort and teamwork on display were certainly worthy of praise. Well done to everyone involved!

Players of the match – **Geordie R/Hugo A**

U9 Hockey vs LVS - Friday 25th Sept

What a fantastic afternoon for our U9 hockey players! The girls were in superb form against LVS, producing three excellent victories and playing some brilliant hockey along the way. There was fantastic energy across all three matches, with the girls working incredibly hard in both attack and defence and beginning to demonstrate some really impressive teamwork.

Their passing, movement and willingness to compete for every ball were particularly pleasing, and it was wonderful to see their confidence growing as the afternoon progressed. Most importantly, they played with huge smiles on their faces and represented Rupert House brilliantly. Three matches, three wins and a superb afternoon of hockey. Well done, girls!

U10 & U11 Football vs Lambrook - Wednesday 30th Sept

Our U10 and U11 footballers faced a very strong Lambrook side on Wednesday in what proved to be a challenging but hugely valuable afternoon of football. Although both matches ended in defeat, the boys should be extremely proud of the way they competed against some excellent opposition.

From the first whistle to the last, they battled incredibly hard, showed great resilience and worked tirelessly for one another. There were plenty of positive moments, with some determined defending, good passing football and real commitment across the pitch. Even when under pressure, the boys refused to give up and continued to compete

with an excellent attitude. A fantastic display of character and determination from both teams!

Player of the match – **Deacon S**

A captains veiiv....

Score

The score was 3-0 to Lambrook.

Improvement

I think this week Rupert House could've improved dribbling and looking before they passed, as well as controlling the ball. Otherwise, I think Rupert House did well.

What went well

Rupert House played with skill and lined up shooting opportunities. Rupert House also played a very good defensive role.

Player's player

The player's player was **Henry C** for great goalkeeping.

By **Locky C** (Football Captain)

U10 Hockey vs Ashfold - Wednesday 30th Sept

Our U10 hockey players were involved in three fiercely contested matches against Ashfold, finishing the afternoon with two defeats and a very well-fought draw. The girls showed tremendous determination throughout and produced some really encouraging hockey against strong opposition.

There were some excellent moments of passing and movement, combined with brave defending and plenty of hard work all over the pitch. As the matches progressed, the girls grew in confidence and began to put together some impressive passages of play. Their resilience was particularly pleasing, and they kept pushing and battling for every ball regardless of the scoreline. A very positive afternoon with lots to be proud of and plenty to build upon!

Players of the match – **Posy M/Heather S/Sophie N/Genevieve R/Ariadne L/Elise H**

U11 Hockey vs Reddam House - Wednesday 30th Sept

What an outstanding afternoon of hockey for our U11 girls against Reddam House! Across four matches, Rupert House secured a superb three victories and one draw, completing an excellent set of results and producing some of their best hockey of the term so far.

The quality of play across the teams was fantastic, with some brilliant passing, intelligent movement and exciting attacking hockey. Equally impressive was the determination shown when defending, with the girls working incredibly hard for one another and demonstrating excellent teamwork throughout. It was particularly pleasing to see the confidence with which the girls played and the way they looked to move the ball quickly and positively around the pitch.

Three wins, a draw and some outstanding hockey. A brilliant afternoon for the U11s and a performance of which they should be very proud!

Players of the match – **Maisie L/Amelie P/Eleanor G/Freya C/Darcey C**

Sporting Events Next Week

We have another busy and exciting week of sport ahead, with Children representing Rupert House across a number of matches and tournaments.

Wednesday 7th October

U10 & U11 Boys Football at **Reddam House**

U10 Girls Hockey Vs **St Piran's**

U10 Girls Hockey Festival at **Headington Rye**

U11 Girls Hockey Vs **St Piran's**

Friday 9th October

U8 & U9 Boys Football at **Reddam House**

U8 Girls Hockey at **St Piran's**

U9 Girls Hockey Vs **St Piran's**

Rupert House Sports Stars

Each week, the Sports Department will select one or two pupils from Nursery through to Year 6 who have truly gone above and beyond in their sporting experiences.

We will also present one child from all year group for The Sports Cup. This is awarded to someone who the whole sports department has recognised for going above and beyond in Sport this week

This week we have awarded the following children the Sport Stars award:

Rupert Bears: Martha A-M for her excellent throwing underarm & overarm with a bean bag

Reception: Darcey C & Connie S for their wonderful use of overarm and underarm throwing in PE.

Year 1: Rafael A-B for his excellent throwing accuracy when aiming at a target. He showed good focus, coordination, and control throughout the activity, consistently demonstrating strong technique and determination.

Year 2: Martha R for her excellent rope climbing in gymnastics. She showed great strength, coordination, and determination throughout the activity, demonstrating impressive technique and confidence as she climbed. Her effort and perseverance were outstanding and set a great example to others.

Year 3: Tommy B for his excellent sit-ups in gymnastics. He demonstrated great core strength, determination, and perseverance throughout the activity, completing the exercise with good technique and enthusiasm.

Ella L for her excellent burpees in gymnastics. She showed fantastic energy, coordination, and fitness, working hard throughout the session and setting a great example with her positive attitude and effort.

Year 4: Sarah K, Cleo M, and Otilie L for their excellent gymnastics' routine. They worked brilliantly together, demonstrating great teamwork, coordination, and confidence throughout their performance. Their routine was well practised and performed with enthusiasm, showing excellent gymnastic skills and determination.

Year 5: Oliver D and Quinn K for representing the school admirably in our fixtures against Lambrook. Their timing when tackling was excellent and their teamwork really stood out.

Year 6: Eleanor G performed very well in the hockey match against Reddam House School, demonstrating excellent distribution of the ball throughout the game. Her accurate passing and ability to link play effectively helped create attacking opportunities for her team. Eleanor's awareness, composure, and teamwork made a valuable contribution to Rupert House's performance. Also, **Emily W** for her hard work attacking & defending in the Hockey match against Reddam School.

Sports Cup : Oscar W (Y1) for helping in PE, being kind and considerate towards others, and assisting with organising teams.

Mr V (Jamie Vigano)

Director of Sport

Jamie.Vigano@ruperthouse.co.uk