



Cricket Festival Report Year 5&6 (Ann Westgate reports...)

On 20/1/25 OLQOH attended a Cricket Festival at K2 for Y5&6 children. There were 10 schools present and the festival was run by Sussex Cricket with young leaders from TBCC helping.



The children were separated from their own school and mixed together with the other schools. The idea was to promote good communication between the children and encourage them to speak and co-operate with other children they didn't already know. They worked in their groups and rotated around various cricket based activities.

The activities included underarm throwing, overarm throwing, bowling, aiming at targets, catching, batting and fitness/agility exercises. After completing each skill, the children had a short break before playing some friendly matches for the last hour. A few of the girls said they had made a new friend, which was exactly what the exercise in mixing was all about.

The matches helped the children learn more about batting, bowling and fielding in a match situation. All children had the opportunity to bowl when fielding. The children batted in pairs and our children all worked really hard at each activity with lots of energy and determination.

During the matches the children listened well, asked relevant questions and all really wanted to learn and do well. They encouraged each other and showed some good teamwork skills to get wickets.

The children all behaved impeccably, enjoyed the festival and are very keen to play cricket again.

Many thanks to OLQOH staff and parents for their support.

Boys League Football Finals Thursday 23rd January

On Thursday 23rd January, OLQOH attended the Boys League Football Finals at K2. The whole league consisted of 22 teams, split into 2 leagues. The top 4 schools from each league qualified for the league finals.

The 7 other teams who qualified along with us were The Oaks, Maidenhower, Hilltop, Desmond Anderson, Pound Hill, The Mill, Gossops Green and Three Bridges.

Our quarter final game was against The Oaks and after a slow start we took control and won the game 2-0.

Our semi final was against Hilltop who put up a good fight but after some perseverance we scored 2 goals and after that we had many more chances to increase the lead, however Hilltop's goalkeeper played extremely well and managed to keep the score at 2-0.

The final was against Desmond Anderson. They were a very good team but not strong enough for the great effort and team work produced by our boys today. We kept a constant pressure on their defence and were rewarded with 3 goals. We won the game 3-0.

Our whole team played well today, giving 100% effort, concentrating really well, showing fantastic resilience and determination but above all showing amazing team work skills. They came together brilliantly, supporting each other, backing each other up and covering for one another whenever necessary.

We had outstanding play from Daniel in midfield and Xander and Matthew in defence. All 3 boys showed calmness under pressure, amazing determination and composure on the ball.

I was **SO** proud of all 9 boys today, not just with their efforts, but also with how well they listened to advice and how hard each and every one of them worked for each other.



We now have a well earned trophy for our school! Many thanks to staff, parents, carers and especially Mr Adams who has worked tirelessly with the boys during the training sessions. The support we had from parents was amazing, especially considering the appalling weather – much appreciated.

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