

## Girls Year 4 Football Festival

Ann Westgate writes...

'On 17/3/25 OLQOH attended a Y4 Girls Football Festival at ICC. There were 9 schools present.

The afternoon was organised into a carousel of activities with each school rotating around all the activities.

The activities covered a range of football skills including dribbling, shooting, passing, tackling, marking, drop kicks and overhead throwing.

The girls all worked really hard at the activities, listened well, concentrating and showing determination. They supported and encouraged one another during the skill activities before playing friendly games against the other schools.

Our girls loved the matches, they worked hard and supported each other really well. We had outstanding play from Macie-Beau, who constantly helped the other girls, as well as some fantastic running and determination from Mimi. I was delighted with the girls, their attitude, resilience and the effort they all made.

Many thanks to staff, parents and carers for their support.



## Year 4 Mixed Tag Rugby Festival

'On 19/3/25 OLQOH attended a mixed Rugby Festival at St Francis Rugby Club.



There were several schools present who were all mixed together, giving the children an opportunity to meet and talk to other children and promote confidence and good communication skills.

The children learned about tackling (which at primary school level entails taking a tag from another player), dodging and evading taggers, and also chasing and marking.

Children also learned and practised scoring a try, which at primary school requires the ball to be placed onto the ground over a line without diving to the ground, sliding to the ground or throwing the ball to the ground!

The children all had a fun afternoon, worked really hard and showed some good teamwork skills.

Many thanks to OLQOH staff and parents for their support.'

***DON'T FORGET - Reception, Y1 & Y2 Easter Bonnet Parade at 9.05am on 8/4/25, followed by Friends of School Coffee Morning in the Hall (9.30am - 10.45am). All welcome.***

## KS1 Football Festival

'On 20/3/25, nine KS1 children attended a girls football festival at K2 in Crawley. There were 10 schools attending and it was amazing to see so many children taking part.

The event, played outside on the big astro pitch at K2. It was run by young leaders from Thomas Bennett school who organised all the activities, taught the children and then refereed some simple games at the end.

Activities included dodging/marketing skills, dribbling skills, passing skills, throw-ins, shooting skills and lots of fun fitness activities. The young leaders did a very good job of explaining, demonstrating and organising the children at each activity.



After the rotation the girls stayed with their own class and played some very simple friendly games to help them learn a little about the rules.

The children all worked well with lots of effort, energy and enthusiasm. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and behaved very well.

Many thanks to Miss Marklew, OLQOH staff and parents for all support.'

***COMING SOON - The OLQOH Colour Run in aid of Hands for Hope on Friday 16th May from 3.30pm. Details to follow.***

