

Under 11 Basketball Finals at Cowes Enterprise College

After winning the West Wight cluster Basketball competition, it was off to Cowes Enterprise for the Isle of Wight finals for our Year 5 & 6 team. Twelve teams qualified for the finals, with two groups of six, our team grouped together with Barton A, Greenmount B, Dover Park, Gatten & Lake and Queensgate.

The tournament got off to a great start, as first half scores for Oliver Bradshaw, Zachary Hooper and Billy Graham (2) saw us defeat a tall Gatten & Lake side 8-2. However, a much tougher task faced us next, and a loss of concentration saw Barton score three times in just thirty seconds as they defeated us 8-0.

Despite the setback, the team got straight back to winning ways, as Finn McMahon (2) and Zach (2) helped us to an 8-3 win over Dover Park. A hat-trick from Finn and a basket from Macy Toogood secured an 8-2 victory against a good Queensgate team in the fourth match, before four more scores from Finn gave us an 8-0 win over Greenmount B.

The results meant that not only had we qualified for the semi-finals, but we had topped Group A and would now face Haylands for a place in the final.

It was the semi-finals that the team saved their best performance of all, quick passing, committed defending and sharp shooting saw us run out as 10-0 winners, with scores for Billy (2), Finn, Florrie Snow and Jago Tasker.

The final saw us up against Queensgate again, who clearly looking for revenge, got off to a great start with three baskets in as many minutes. The team tried their best to get back into the game, but were incredibly unlucky and were unable to find the hoop with the ball continually rebounding back from the ring. Queensgate finished as 8-0 winners, but finishing runners-up was a deserved fantastic achievement, which now means the team will go to the Hampshire Finals in June to face the best teams from across the region.

Under 11 Girls Football Semi-Final - Home to Shalfleet

On Tuesday, the U11 Girls football team took on Shalfleet in their league semi-final match. After performing a well-rehearsed haka routine, the match kicked off, but it was Shalfleet who enjoyed most of the early exchanges and were soon leading 2-0. However, the girls quickly switched on and started to play some of the football that had got them this far in the competition. Just before half time, the girls got their reward, Lily Wimble showed great determination and bravery to go past the defence and beat the keeper in a 50-50 challenge to score and half the deficit.

The second half was a really good contest, with end-to-end football throughout. The girls limited the Shalfleet chances, with Darcey Morgan looking confident in goal and stopping their attacks on many occasions. The girls also created numerous chances, but were unable to get back on level terms as Shalfleet ended as 2-1 winners.

The result put an end to the girl's matches for the season, the team have played really well together all season, and the Year 5s who have played will no doubt be able to use that experience when they play again next season.

Team: Darcey, Olivia, Florrie, Lily W, Ruby, Sydney, Macy, Hannah, Scarlett

Under 11 Football League Semi-Final - Home to Arreton

On Thursday, the U11 football team took on Arreton in the league semi-finals. An even first half saw lots of opportunities for both teams, but neither side could break the deadlock, with Billy Graham making a couple of really important saves to keep the score 0-0.

The opening minutes of the second half saw Arreton take the lead, before they doubled their advantage five minutes later. The team continued to push for goals, with Finn McMahon forcing the Arreton keeper into a great save in the final few minutes, but the team just couldn't find a goal. The last few seconds saw Arreton grab a third goal, as our opponents finished 3-0 winners. The team will face Arreton again on Monday in the cup final at Queensgate and will look to bounce back with a win.

Team - Billy, Macy, Harry, Hannah, Finn, Jago, Zach, Oliver, Benji, Florrie