**Under 11 Football Cup Final - vs Arreton**

Our Year 5&6 football team travelled to Queensgate for their final match of the season - the cup final against Arreton.

The team had much of the early possession and looked threatening, but were unable to find the first goal. In fact, a hopeful long ball from Arreton found their striker, who slotted home to give our opponents a 1-0 lead.

However, our heads didn’t drop, and a brilliant individual goal from Finn McMahon brought the scores level.

The second half was a really even affair, with both sides creating chances. With little over five minutes left to play, Arreton were awarded a penalty for handball, and despite a fantastic save from Billy Graham, Arreton scored the rebound to give them a 2-1 win.

The match saw the U11 football season come to an end, a great campaign which has seen some fantastic performances from the whole squad throughout the winter.

Team: Billy, Jago, Finn, Zach, Hannah, Macy, Harry, Oliver, Benji

**Under 9 Girls Football League Final - vs Shalfleet**

Our final football match of the season saw the Under 9 girls take on Shalfleet at Queensgate in the league final. A stunning strike gave Shalfleet an early lead, but the girls pulled together and looked to create chances of their own. Lily Rogers in particular went on some brilliant runs to try and get us back into the game.

However, our attacking threats eventually came to nothing as Shalfleet soon doubled their lead. At half time, Tilly switched to goalkeeper, and showed great courage and bravery with some super saves. Despite this, Shalfleet found a third goal before the end to seal the victory 3-0.

The defeat bought the football season to an end, I would like to thank everyone that has played for the school teams this season, each and every one of you has tried their hardest and been a great role model for Brighstone. I would also like to thank all the parents for their support during matches, as well as transporting children to and from the games.

Team - Olivia, Tilly, Sonya, Lily, Gemma, Daisy, Charlotte, Jasmine, Connie, Rose

**Under 11 Hockey at Smallbrook**

Eight of our Year 5&6s travelled to Smallbrook to play in a hockey tournament in the first week back after Easter. Their first match was an incredibly tough test against Ryde School. The team defended superbly and showed great teamwork to deny Ryde School a goal and held on defiantly for a 0-0 draw. Nine Acres were up next, where Finn McMahon and a brace from Billy Graham gave us a 3-0 win. Newport were our third opponents, and two goals from Jago Tasker gave us back-to-back victories, this time with a 2-0 scoreline. Our final opponents in the group were Queensgate, Billy Graham scoring his second brace of the afternoon in a 2-0 win. Those results meant that we topped the group, winning three and drawing one, scoring seven goals and not conceding a single one. The top two from each group then went into the ‘Super Fours’ group, with the top two from that qualifying for the Island finals. Our first match in our new group was again against Ryde School, this time our opponents grabbing a very late goal for a 1-0 win. Finn McMahon then scored a wonderful hat-trick in our second match as we defeated Broadlea 3-0. Our last match saw things go against us, Wroxall scoring in the dying seconds for a 1-0 victory. The final result meant that we finished third behind Wroxall and Ryde School, narrowly missing out on the Island finals. However, it was a fantastic performance from a school that doesn’t even own wooden hockey sticks(!!!!) and so unlucky to not qualify for the next round.

Squad: Billy, Jago, Finn, Zach, Macy, Hannah, Benji, Olivia

**Under 11 Handball at Smallbrook**

Last Monday, some of our Year 5&6s were back at Smallbrook, this time for a handball competition. In our first match against Binstead, we went 1-0 down, but great determination saw us win 2-1, with goals from Billy Graham and Finn McMahon. Broadlea were next up, and in an end-to-end game, the points were shared, Billy and Finn again scoring in a 2-2 draw. The last group match against Newchurch was a thriller from start to finish, Jago Tasker opened the scoring with a magnificent goal from about 25 yards, before Finn doubled our lead. Newchurch grabbed a goal to make the final minute tense but the defence held on for a 2-1 win to top the group.

The semi-finals saw us come up against Queensgate, who passed the ball around quickly and accurately. Four Queensgate goals were too much for us to handle, although Jago did get his second goal of the afternoon. The 3rd/4th play-off was against Barton, goals from Billy and Zachary Hooper gave us an early 2-0 lead, but Barton took advantage of some tired defending and turned the game around to win 4-2, meaning we finished fourth overall.

Squad: Billy, Jago, Finn, Zach, Macy, Hannah, Scarlett, Florrie, Olivia, Oliver

**Under 11 Netball - Island Finals at Cowes Enterprise**

Our Year 5&6 netball team travelled to Cowes Enterprise last Wednesday for the Isle of Wight finals. Our first group match was an incredible performance against Newport, Jago Tasker scored twice in the first half, before Finn McMahon scored an outstanding seven times in the second as we eased to a 9-0 win. The next match saw a tough test against an impressive Ryde School side. A hat-trick from Finn gave us a 3-2 lead going into the final minute, but Ryde attacked sharply and scored twice for a 4-3 win, a great effort from our team. Finn added another two goals in our next game, but Newchurch proved too strong as they won 5-2. The final group game was a really exciting tense match against Northwood - Jago and Billy Graham both scoring to make the score 2-2. In the final thirty seconds, it was Macy Toogood who scored the decisive winner to see us finish third in the group, narrowly behind the top two.

Those results meant we faced Binstead in the 5th/6th place play-off. Hannah Pocock scored early on, before a brace from Finn, but in an end-to-end game it was Binstead who came out on top, winning 4-3 in overtime, meaning we finished sixth overall.

Again, it was a great effort from a team who were playing their first matches against other schools. We will now play Haylands A & B in a friendly match next week.

Team: Scarlett, Hannah, Macy, Darcey, Finn, Jago, Billy

**Kwik Cricket Festival at Freshwater Cricket Club**

Last Thursday saw all of Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 take part in the Kwik Cricket Festival at Freshwater Cricket Club along with teams from Yarmouth Primary School. The Year 2&3 children played matches of diamond cricket, whilst also taking part in skill stations. The skill stations included a batting drill, a bowling drill, and two fielding drills - one for throwing and one for catching. The children really enjoyed their morning and were rewarded for their fine behaviour and effort with an Allstars sticker and water bottle.

In the afternoon, Years 4&5 took part in three matches of pairs cricket. Although there was no official winner, the matches were played competitively, but also fairly, and there was a great sense of enjoyment from all the teams. There were impressive batting and bowling performances from players in all four of our teams, and all the children were a credit to the school with their behaviour and focus.

The competitive cricket season starts very soon, with the Under 11 team playing Godshill and Broadlea and the Under 11 girls team facing Shalfleet and Yarmouth. The Under 10 and Under 9 seasons will also be starting shortly.