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Week 2 World Series Fixtures

Monday 14th June - Shadwell Y4 Girls vs Bramham Y4 Girls

Tuesday 15th June - Shadwell Y5 Boys vs Bramham Y5 Boys

Thursday 17th June - Shadwell Y6 Girls vs Shadwell Y5 Girls

Friday 18th June - Bramham Y4 Boys vs Bramham Y3 Boys

Bramham Y4 Girls edge close encounter!

Monday marked the first match of the Federation World Series as Bramham Y4 made the journey across to Shadwell. With both teams having their first match for school, it was Shadwell who made the early breakthrough, taking the lead in the first minute when Ruby ran through straight from kick off to fire a low shot into the bottom right of the goal!

In an action packed first half, there was lots of effort and tackling, but neither team was able to add to the score line and the score remained 1-0 at the break.

With Miss Ings' coaching advice still ringing loud in the players' ears, Bramham began to settle down a bit in the second half and apply pressure to the previously untested Shadwell net. They were able to make the breakthrough, when Bramham's Ruby broke down the left, crossing the ball in for Ava to fire past the keeper for her debut goal!

Mollie, playing her first game in goal for Shadwell, made some great saves to keep the game level; one in particular where the ball was heading into the bottom right corner, only for her outstretched hand to tip it round the post.

Unfortunately for Shadwell, it was not long after when Bramham took the lead; further pressure led to the ball falling to Immy, who tucked the chance away. Immy doubled her tally with the last kick of the game, sealing victory for the Y4s!

Both captains, both called Ruby, were awarded with player of the game from their opposing teams, and credit to them for how they set great examples and words of encouragement throughout. All sets of players put in so much effort on a super-hot day and you could really see how much they progressed as the game went on!



Late winner seals victory for **Shadwell Y6 Girls!**

The ultra-competitive Upper KS2 Girls' League saw a real battle of wills last Tuesday as Bramham and Shadwell Y6s took to the stage to try and get an early advantage in their group. If Monday's game saw early goalmouth action, Tuesday's was the opposite; although there were chances, so much of the action took place in the middle of the park, with each team's defence snuffing out any attacks and working very solidly as units. The deadlock

was unable to be broken and the score remained 0-0 going into the halftime break.

As the game wore on it became increasingly open; each side had multiple corners and had varying spells of pressure. Bramham keeper Isla, in particular, made multiple good saves including a few ones bravely coming out to smother the ball at the feet of Shadwell strikers.

As the game drew to a close, you could have been forgiven for thinking both teams were going to cancel each other out, but it was Shadwell who finally made the breakthrough when Olivia's long range shot from the right found its way through the Bramham defence to seal victory.

Olivia (voted Shadwell's player of the game by Bramham) and friends could well look back at the end of the tournament and see this as a key victory; Bramham certainly made them work for it and proved to be an equal match throughout. No one could question their desire and work ethic, epitomised by all of them. Shadwell players voted Alice as Bramham's player of the game, but in truth, it could have gone to any of them!

A big well done as well to all the girls whose first game it was for school; it's never easy to step onto any sports pitch, let alone one with so many experienced players, but you all did a great job and really challenged yourselves, and that counts for so much!



5-goal thriller ends in triumph **for Y4 Boys!**

The game of the week took place on Thursday as a very local derby (only a classroom wall separates the two sides geographically!) between Shadwell Y3 and Y4 boys in front of a packed crowd. Shadwell turnstile attendants estimated at least 70 fans in attendance; Mr B's dental-floss crowd barrier he'd borrowed from local side, Shadwell United, was working into overdrive to prevent any pitch invasions!

If you'd heard that the first half ended 0-0, you'd be forgiven for thinking it was a dull affair. The reality was anything but! Agile goalkeeper Ajeet in the Y3 net was called upon what seemed like 53 times to bat away longshots or dive out to tip crosses around despairing Y4 lunges on the goal line, inspiring his team in a sterling defensive effort and give them a chance later in the match.

This was a chance they took in excellent manner at the start of the second half; Ruben took the ball down the left side, crossing for Noah, who found himself unmarked to fire home!

A potential upset seemed on the cards; Miss Beaumont's tactics of soaking up Y4 pressure, then hitting them on the counter attack, working a treat until a quick-fire double from Y4 gave them the advantage. First, Milo found space in the box for a low finish, then captain George ran the length of the right wing, working his way into the box to score and take the lead.

Later in the half, the Y4s added a third when Theo latched onto a defensive clearance, slamming the ball into the roof of the net! Despite trailing 3-1, you could see the character in the Y3 team, and they were pushing a talented Y4 side all the way. Captain Ruben grabbing a brilliant goal to pull one back (See our World Series Goal of the Week Section for more!).

Deep into shoelace-tying time (the World Series version of injury time), the Y3s threw everything but the kitchen sink into the Y4 penalty box, even 2nd half keeper Adi ventured up for a corner, but it wasn't to be. Well done to Y4 who showed lots of composure to turn the game around and hold on until the end!

If the Y3s had gotten a draw from the game, I think everyone in attendance would have agreed it would have been deserved. What they did get, however, was a great experience and the respect and standing ovation from the masses of fans watching on, and that's a pretty good consolation prize!



Spectacular Strike Sinks Y6s!

Bramham Y5 Boys provided the upset of the week on Friday as they stunned the Y6s to claim a smash and grab 1-0 victory in their World Series opener!

There's no question Y6 had more chances, and Y5 relied on saves from their goalkeepers, especially Thomas in the second half who pulled off at least 3 crucial stops which would otherwise have resulted in goals. Although the Y5s did create pressure of their own, with strong running especially down the wings resulting in multiple corners, captain Bodie was the heartbeat of the Y5 engine, driving his team and the clashes from both midfields in the middle of the park showed just how much both sides wanted to do well! Both captains were voted players of the game by the opposite team which showed just what a positive influence Bodie, and Thomas in Y6, had!

Just when you thought the game was going to peter out into a 0-0 stalemate, a Y5 corner was cleared to the edge of the box and there was Adam, whose volley screamed past the opposition defenders (nearly breaking the sound barrier in the process!) and flew into the net sending Y5 into raptures!

Ultimately, the Goal of the Week Winner came from Thursday's game, but this was definitely a close second, based purely on power, distance and the impact it had on the game!

Speaking to pitch-side reporters after the game, Adam exclaimed, "I just turned around and hit it, and it went in! I can't believe it!". It was definitely Adam's moment and it was great to see even the Y6 players enjoy the strike.

Both sides also showed great maturity in how they handled victory and defeat, setting the standard for any future underdog wins, and based on what we've seen this week, there'll surely be more to come!



Can Bramham Y4 Girls continue their winning streak?

Bramham Y4 Girls have never lost a game played on a Monday in their entire history, but they'll be putting it all on the line against an experienced Shadwell team looking to kick off their league campaign with a positive result. Shadwell will have to deal with a powerful Bramham attack who are joint top goal scorers out of all the teams who have played so far! Confidence couldn't be much higher in the Bramham camp, who know that

victory will put them in a brilliant position in the league and Shadwell will have to be at their very best in what could prove to be the game of the group!



Y5 Showdown on Tuesday!

The second game of the week will see a quick turnaround for Bramham Y5 as they travel to Shadwell to take on their second World Series opponents.

A win for Bramham, fresh of Friday's victory, will place them in a great position in their league and they'll be hoping momentum will play a factor against a talented Shadwell team who will want to get off to their own good start.



Shadwell Y5 Girls to make their World Series Debut!

The battle of the upstairs classrooms takes place on Thursday when the Shadwell Y5 Girls take on their Y6 counterparts. A fire door separates the two classes and the Y6s will be hoping their World Series dreams don't

go up in smoke as they look to continue their hot start to the tournament after extinguishing Bramham Y6s last week in the final minutes of a fiery game. The Y5s would usually have played plenty of football by this stage in a regular year, but this time they can't let inexperience get in the way; everyone will need to be brave and give it everything they've got!



Another day, another derby!

Not had enough football this week? Get ready for a Friday finale like no other as Bramham Y4 Boys take on Bramham Y3 Boys! Both teams are yet to play in this World Series and the energy is high in both classes as each team looks to get off to the best possible start. With 20 boys in the Y4 squad, Mr B had better get his rotation sheet ready as all players will be desperate for game time.

Y3, meanwhile, look like they could be tricky opponents for the older Y4s; they're sure to come with lots of energy and after seeing the Y5 team win against older opposition last week, will believe anything is possible!

World Series Goal of the Week!

The week's goal comes from Thursday's match-up between Shadwell Y3 boys and Y4 boys. At 3-1 down and looking for some inspiration the Y3s found it in Ruben, whose maze-like run included more twists and turns than a Formula 1 rally track! Weaving his way into the box, Ruben took it past no less than three Y4s, faking to shoot on multiple occasions, tying defenders in knots! He somehow found the space to thump his effort right into the top corner! What a brilliant solo effort with so much technique involved!

Mr B's statistics of the week!

33 – The number of boys that played in last week's Y3 vs Y4 Shadwell match, each one playing at least half the game – you do the maths!!

24 – The number of World Series games we're cramming into a 6-week span – Lots of lost time to make up for!

20 – The number of boys in Bramham's Y4 class, the largest squad in the whole competition!

Latest League Tables!

World Series Point Scoring System:

Win – 3 points; Draw – 2 points; Loss – 1 Point

If at the end of the group teams are level on points, the winner is decided by the following: goal difference, then head-to-head result, then which team scored the most goals, then which team conceded the least goals, then rock/paper/scissors best of three between two nominated players!

Upper KS2 Boys':

| Team | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F:A | Points |
|-------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|--------|
| Y5 Bramham | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1:0 | 3 |
| Y6 Bramham | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0:1 | 1 |
| Y6 Shadwell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:0 | 0 |
| Y5 Shadwell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:0 | 0 |

Upper KS2 Girls':

| Team | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F:A | Points |
|-------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|--------|
| Y6 Shadwell | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1:0 | 3 |
| Y6 Bramham | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0:1 | 1 |
| Y5 Shadwell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:0 | 0 |
| Y5 Bramham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:0 | 0 |

Lower KS2 Boys':

| Team | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F:A | Points |
|-------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|--------|
| Y4 Shadwell | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3:2 | 3 |
| Y3 Bramham | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2:3 | 1 |
| Y4 Bramham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:0 | 0 |
| Y3 Shadwell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:0 | 0 |

Lower KS2 Girls':

| Team | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F:A | Points |
|-------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|--------|
| Y4 Bramham | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3:1 | 3 |
| Y3 Shadwell | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1:3 | 1 |
| Y3 Bramham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:0 | 0 |
| Y4 Shadwell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:0 | 0 |

