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Week 4 World Series Fixtures

Monday 28th June - Shadwell Y4 Boys vs Bramham Y4 Boys

Tuesday 29th June - Shadwell Y3 Boys vs Bramham Y3 Boys

Wednesday 30th June - Shadwell Y5 Boys vs Shadwell Y6 Boys

Thursday 1st July - Shadwell Y3 Girls vs Bramham Y3 Girls

Friday 2nd July - Bramham Y5 Girls vs Bramham Y6 Girls

Epic Y6 Boys Encounter!

A cracking game descended on Shadwell Stadium last Monday as Y6 boys from across the Federation battled it out to see who could catch the dominant Bramham Y5s at the top of their group.

The game was so competitive right from the beginning and it took a while for the ball to find its way into either penalty area; Shadwell's Archie hit the post from close range and Bramham's first half keeper Harvey made a couple of smart saves to keep shots out.

Shadwell were able to make the breakthrough towards half time (see the ever-popular Goal of the Week Section for more details!) when Oli took on what seemed like the whole team! Though it was only this goal which separated the two sides at the break.

Bramham's player of the game went to Ben F, who spent the second half in goal and must have made more saves than he's had school dinners this half term (and before you ask, no, he's not on packed lunches...). Ben fully earned the recognition from the opposition in what seemed a unanimous vote after the match. Not only was he making saves, but he also smothered many rebound chances before a Shadwell attacker could get there. Just when you thought Shadwell were going to score, there

was Ben with an outstretched arm or leg to deflect the ball away.

It wasn't all just Ben, of course, in front of him were a committed defence putting their bodies on the line in the hopes it would lead to a breakaway. And a breakaway it did, on a few occasions the boys broke down field but were unfortunate to come across a Shadwell defence ready to deal with any threats. After one Bramham break, Shadwell launched their own; Tom calmly dealing with attacker pressure and playing it cross field to Sonny, who stormed down the right wing and finished low across the goal to make it 2-0. Sonny was voted Shadwell's player of the game and he was a constant threat down that side from right-back; technically dribbling past defenders and providing many dangerous crosses which on another day would have seen him get at least three assists.

Shadwell saw the game out to claim victory; it was a thoroughly enjoyable encounter between two good teams. All the boys from both sets of classes played in the game, which is always the aim, and it was great to see them all just go for it and challenge themselves!

Shadwell Y6 now must have the top of the table in their sights, and if they can overcome their own Y5s next Wednesday it'll set up the showdown of all showdowns against Bramham Y5 in their final match of the tournament!

Cracking strike the difference on **Tuesday!**

An absolute powerhouse of a goal ended up clinching a solid win for the Bramham Y6 girls in their match-up against Shadwell Y5; Alice's shot from outside the box whistled into the top corner to clinch what was ultimately a great victory for Bramham Y6 girls!

Isla had previously given Bramham the lead in the first half, one which they took into half time. Isla's goal being the breakthrough in a close match with chances for both sides.

Shadwell's energy was off the charts; it needed to be as Bramham were making multiple forward runs but Y5 were able to contain them for the most part. Credit to Shadwell's defenders, as they pushed forward in search of a goal it left increasing amounts of space towards their own net; despite the tired legs they were still able to work back to prevent going further behind.

There were some great last ditch challenges just as Bramham were about to shoot. Most notably Olivia, who was able to keep pace with a breakthrough and perfectly time a tackle to prevent what would almost certainly have been a Bramham goal.

It's moments like that which can change games; the moments that no one would ever know about unless you were there (or read the Bulletin!) but without them the teams would not be successful. There were a few in this game; after Alice's amazing goal to make it 2-0 any further goals would have put the Shadwell comeback out of reach.

As it stood, 2-0 wasn't a surmountable lead and the Y5s were able to pull one back when captain Sharn's fancy footwork meant she found space in the box to finish into the bottom right corner.

All of a sudden the momentum was with Shadwell, Bramham were tactically aware and tried to deny space in their half, but a succession of corners right at the end almost had them at breaking point; even keeper Ava, whose long kicks had been a great source of attacks to get them back in it, went up for the final corner but it wasn't to be. Ava got the nod for Shadwell player of the game, with Alice getting it for Bramham. The victory gives Bramham hope of still finishing top of their group, whilst a victory for Shadwell in their final game would see them finish a creditable third.

Y4 Girls keep unbeaten run going!

Thursday's game saw the Shadwell Y3 girls go above and beyond in their efforts to try to contain the Shadwell Y4s. Coming up against much more experience, the Y3s defended valiantly for the whole game, even when they went 1-0 down they didn't let that affect their confidence and kept ploughing on in search of an equaliser. Mollie and Lilah (the Y3 player of the game) shared the goalkeeping duties and both looked like seasoned professionals between the sticks as they kept Y4 attacks at bay. Further up the pitch, Milly and Alice were able to provide excellent attacking outlets to relieve pressure on their team's defence, with the squad marshalled by captain Anna, who set the tone by getting stuck in right from the off!

The Y4s, however, are a great team themselves, captained by Ivy, their player of the game. Ivy showed great communication skills, impressing with her ability to lead her team. They looked cool and composed throughout, and were able to match the Y3 attacks with a solid defence and chances of their own. A second half back-line comprising of Sienna, Kitty and Isla would have made it difficult for Y6 to score, let alone Y3s; their strong tackling giving players further forward the confidence to push on and create scoring opportunities.

It took towards the end of the game until the deadlock was broken; just when you thought we were heading for our first World Series draw, Ella's low shot found its way through a host of bodies and into the net. Y4 had the majority of the attacks, it's fair to say, but from sheer will power alone I don't think anyone could argue against the Y3s deserving a draw.

Still, there were so many positives for them to build upon; in a couple of years these two teams will be combining to take on the best from around Leeds, and if this game is anything to go by, they'll do pretty well to say the least!

Massive Week for Lower KS2 **Boys' league!**

We're on the downward slope in terms of fixtures now for the World Series though there's still everything to play for, especially in the Y3 & 4 boys' group, with each team having played one game so far the next couple of days will play a huge part in the final positioning!

We start with a Y4 derby Monday; both teams experienced victory in their first game and will be looking to establish their dominance in the league! A win for either team will give them major hopes of claiming that World Series title!

Battle of the Youth Academies **on Tuesday!**

Forget England v Germany, why watch a 0-0 inevitable extra-time defeat when you could watch Y3 take on Y3 on Tuesday (Just for the record, the game should be finished no later than 4:30pm, giving plenty of time to find a seat in front of a TV screen!). Mr B's attempts to persuade UEFA to knock their game back half an hour ultimately proved futile...

Nevertheless, if their first games were anything to go by there'll be plenty of action; both teams are able to offer lots going forward and with their never-give-in, stop-that-ball attitude on display it's surely a recipe for excitement! A win for either team will place a lot of pressure on the Y4s at the top of the table and keep any hopes of an underdog league title alive! This reporter can't wait to do the match report on this one!

Fire-door Derby: Episode 2!

After watching their Y5 and 6 girls battle it out its now the turn of Shadwell boys to take on each other on Wednesday. A victory for Y6 will see them go level at the top of the league with Bramham Y5, whereas a win for Y5 will keep their championship hopes alive! Either celebrate England's victory, or take your mind off defeat with what will surely be one of the games of the tournament!

Another battle of the Youth Academies!

In a World Series first, we have both teams from two classes playing against each other in the same week. By Thursday we will know how the boys got on in their Tuesday match-up, but this will be the Y3 girls' chance to shine. After Bramham's game was rained off on Friday, they will no doubt be raring to go and take on a Shadwell team who, if they play like they did in their previous games, will surely prove a tough match-up!

Fifth game in record setting week!

All being well, Friday will conclude a full week's schedule of games, as we look to pass the half way mark of the World Series. This game will see the experienced Y6 Bramham girls take on their Y5 rivals in what will be their final game, and Y5s first! Will their World Series know-how prove to be the difference, or will the Y5s provide a shock similar to what their boys did when they played Y6 a couple of weeks ago?

A win for Y6 will see them take a narrow lead at the top of their group, whereas a Y5 victory will give them every chance of winning the whole thing! This could be the Y6s final game for school and if it is, we'll be hoping it's one to remember for a great group of players!

Federation Legends Return to the side lines!

It's great to see news about the World Series spread to past pupils of both Bramham and Shadwell, and even better to see them return to games to support the teams and any younger siblings playing! Your support is always valued and your historic performances for school teams are what inspired many of our current players to represent school!

World Series Goal of the Week!

Goal of the week comes from the Y6 boys' match on Monday. Starting in his own half, Oli put it through the attacker's legs, then round a second challenge across halfway making his journey down the pitch. He laid the ball off to Anton on the edge of the area and continued his run; Anton found him again and Oli, clearly sensing this was a potential 'Goal of the week moment', took the ball close to the by-line, ball-rolled it round another defender, shimmied round a final tackle before passing it past the keeper to make it 1-0. Forget goal of the week, this one would be a contender for goal of the World Series!

Mr B's statistics of the week!

5 – The number of games we have this week! Find out when your local team is playing and get yourselves down to support!

0 – The number draws we've had so far, out of 11 games now! Looks like this stat could be in every week!

5 – The number of undefeated teams - can anyone stop them?!

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	2	2	0	0	2:0	6
Y6 Shadwell	1	1	0	0	2:0	3
Y6 Bramham	2	0	0	2	0:3	2
Y5 Shadwell	1	0	0	1	0:1	1

Upper KS2 Girls':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y6 Shadwell	2	2	0	0	4:0	6
Y6 Bramham	2	1	0	1	2:2	4
Y5 Shadwell	2	0	0	2	1:5	2
Y5 Bramham	0	0	0	0	0:0	0

Lower KS2 Boys':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y4 Bramham	1	1	0	0	4:0	3
Y4 Shadwell	1	1	0	0	3:2	3
Y3 Shadwell	1	0	0	1	2:3	1
Y3 Bramham	1	0	0	1	0:4	1

Lower KS2 Girls':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y4 Shadwell	2	2	0	0	5:1	6
Y4 Bramham	2	1	0	1	4:5	4
Y3 Shadwell	1	0	0	1	1:4	2
Y3 Bramham	0	0	0	0	0:0	0

