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Y4s get first taste of school football!

Last Monday saw some of Shadwell's Y4s make the journey to Gledhow to play not one, not two...but THREE games!! Thrown into the action indeed but the players not only survived, but thrived in the competitive environment. Despite losing the first game 2-1 a highlight was when the team took the lead when a great corner from Lucas deflected off a Gledhow defender into the net.

Even though the second game finished 0-0, young stand-in keeper Jack made a couple of great saves to keep his side in the hunt for a result. Despite creating pressure there was to be no breakthrough.

The third game not only saw the team capitalise on their chances but also win with class as there were lots of different goal scorers the team not only looked to set each other up but also treat the opposition with respect, where others maybe wouldn't have.

All in all, a great experience for some of the class, and we will look to involve others as soon as we can!

Y5s miss out in narrow loss!

Half of Shadwell Y5s headed to St Paul's on Tuesday as they played their latest game. The team got off to an absolute flyer when Ruben

danced his way around the defence to finish passed the opposition stopper. Despite debutant Mollie making a couple of great saves, including one with her feet and then smothering the rebound, there was nothing she could do about either of the St Paul's goals as each one rifled into the top corners.

Although multiple changes were made at half time the team were able to keep up their intensity and push for the equaliser. Even though St Paul's added a third the game got all the more frantic towards the end when Ruby's long range scorcher whistled into the back of the net! With the team pushing upfield it left them more exposed at the back; up stepped 2nd half keeper Ajeet to not only make countless saves in open play but to also tip a penalty wide in a terrific display! Ruben's late effort clipped the crossbar but the team should be proud of their efforts, it not easy to take half the class to a game and put in as good a display as these lot did!

Shadwell Y5s & 6s not dampened by downpour!

So what if it takes us an hour to get to a game because of traffic, or if it rains torrentially for the entire game, only to be sunny for the 45 minute trip back; our group from Shadwell made the most of the time they had on the pitch on Wednesday in their away game at Ingram Road in what was (hopefully!) the longest trip any team will make all season!

Even though the team didn't get the result they're after the team definitely improved as the game went on, and what an experience as well to go with it from a great group of keen lads!

Bramham Y5s boys 'head' into the record books!

It was a week of away days for the Federation; this time the Y5 boys of Bramham made the much shorter journey to Ninelands where although they didn't win, they put up a strong fight! Not only that, but they scored possibly the most headers even seen in a

Federation game, with two, but more of that in a bit! It would be completely out of order to go straight to the headers without first acknowledging Toby's tremendous strike in the first half. Signed in a free transfer over the Summer break Toby's fitted right in to this Y5 team and the goal was just rewards for his efforts so far!

As the second half drew on a pair of Austin corners first found the head of defender Louie, then the next found Joey's forehead; both leaping like salmon through the air against bigger opposition players to nestle the ball in the back of the net! A good consolation for defeat and for what the team lacked in size they definitely made up for in heart!

Bramham vs Shadwell Girls' Football to round out the week!

The most hectic week of the year so far ended with Shadwell Y5 girls hosting Bramham in an enthralling encounter. Despite coming up against older opposition Shadwell didn't let it deter them and bounced back from a slow start to really get stuck in during the second half!

A particular highlight for Bramham was Marley-Mae's thumper of a strike in the second half that sent a sonic shockwave around the Shadwell Superdome! Beatrice was rightly named Shadwell's player of the game, and Ruby got the honours for Bramham! Well done girls, what a great end to the week!

Double Header sees success!

Shadwell Y4 girls and Y5 boys both hosted their respective opponents last week in another double fixture header. Excellent performances from both also lead to double wins; 2-0 for the girls and 5-0 for the boys. Not only were so many children involved but there was also exemplary football on display; the highlight of the day was undoubtedly Sienna's goal for the girls. After a ball down the right Lolita put in a brilliant cross off the bounce which found

Sienna who knocked it to her right and then drilled it back across the keeper! Ava was able to send her shot passed three defenders in the second half to double the lead!

Meanwhile, on the boys' side, goals from Ajeet, Arthur and Noah (2) in the first half, and Tom's first goal for school in the second half after great work down the left from Freddie D, meant a great team win!

First ever Y3 games for school!

Bramham Y3 played their first football matches for school on Wednesday as we took two teams to a local tournament! The children showed lots of determination and improved throughout, with Ellen's goalkeeper performance in the final game the moment of the day as she made multiple tremendous saves throwing herself all over the goal! A good learning experience for the teams, and it provides a starting point for growth. Well done to all involved, who represented school brilliantly!

Bramham Girls narrowly lose out on season opener!

Friday saw the first league game for Bramham Y5/6 Girls who made the journey to Shakespeare. Despite going 2-0 down the team showed fantastic resilience and really went for it in the second half; a brilliant strike from Ruby finding the top corner to reduce the deficit!

As the team pushed for the equaliser it meant keeper Poppy had to make two crucial saves to keep us in it. Despite not quite managing to claw all the way back there were a ton of positives for the group; Shakespeare are a three form entry school (meaning they have 3 classes in each year group – Bramham just have 10 girls in Y6!) so the team showed tremendous heart, especially given the situation! We look forward to our game against Wetherby St Joseph's this week!