

Dear Parents

Dates for your diary:

Moon Hall College Parents Evening.

College 4 and 5—Wednesday 2nd February 2011 from 4.30p.m.

If you have not received your appointment time, please contact the school office.

College 1,2 and 3—Tuesday 8th February 2011 from 4.30p.m.

Appointment times will be issued shortly.

Half Term

Last day is Friday 18th February 2011, school finishes usual time 4.00p.m.

School resumes on Monday 28th February at 8.20p.m. and after school activities will resume this week.

Parent contact details.

Please advise me if you have changed address, phone number including mobile or email address. Without accurate contact details it is difficult to keep parents advised of important school events.

Absence

Please advise the school office *first* if your child will not be attending school due to sickness, medical or dental appointment. I will forward the message onto the relevant teacher. Following this procedure will stop unnecessary calls to parents asking why their child is not at school.

Messages regarding absence can be left on the school answerphone out of school hours on 01306 611372 or email enquiries@moonhallcollege.co.uk



School commences at 8.20a.m. Children arriving before that time should go and wait in the music room. If your child arrives after 8.30a.m. they are classed as being late and should report to the school office in the first instance to receive their mark in the register before going to class.



James Tindall

James is England's leading scorer in the 2010 Commonwealth Games, he will be visiting Bury's Court School at 4.30p.m. on Thursday 17th February. James will discuss with the School Hockey Squad set pieces and new, innovative skills to ensure that our performances this season can improve even more.

Everyone welcome to come along and meet James.

COURT CIRCLE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Pamper Evening

Following our last very successful Pamper Evening we are planning to have another one on Saturday 19th March. Further details to follow.



Dates to be confirmed for the following activities for the children.

Little Berries- Outing to soft play area.
 Burys Court—Climbing Wall
 Moon Hall College—Mountain boarding.

| JANUARY | | |
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| Monday 31st | Lunch 4.00p.m. 4.30p.m. | Jacket Potatoes and tomatoes, cheese, ham and beans. Choc ices. Drum Lesson Football club |
| Tuesday 1st February | Lunch 4.30p.m. | Chicken Curry with rice and Asian salad. Yogurt Italia Conti |
| Wednesday 2nd | Lunch 4.30p.m. 4.30p.m. onwards | Sausage, mash, gravy and broccoli. Peaches and cream Hockey v Parkside (A) (U11's) Art Club Parents Evening—College 4 and 5, |
| Thursday 3rd | Lunch 4.30p.m. | Beef Stroganoff with rice and green beans. TBC. Hockey Club (Team only) |
| Friday 4th | Lunch 4.30p.m. 8.00p.m. | Fish fingers chips and peas Jelly. Hockey Club (mixed ability) Court Circle Social at the Plough. |
| Saturday 5th | 10.00 - 12noon | School Open Day |

Second-hand Uniform

We have a selection of uniform in the shop, including Burys Court blazers, track suits, sweat shirts etc.

If you would like to have a browse contact one of our two parents who very kindly take care of the shop.

Lynn White: 07592 037931

Penny Goudie: 07772 136540.



Hoe Bridge School Routed 11-2!

Awesome Performance Destroys Hockey Specialist School!

On Wednesday, our little team lined up against one of the strongest hockey schools in the county, Hoe Bridge School. Did Oscar Loft let us down? Only over his dead body! Nothing in the whole world -nothing- mattered to Oscar and his team more than victory. Yes, there were nerves at the start but whatever happens this season I know that these children will strain every nerve and sinew to win! I have never known a team like this one.

The first half of the match involved the opposition's "A" team. We knew this would be a world away from the feeble opponents of last week. We started hesitantly and it took ten minutes before Loft received his customary cross from right-wing back George Mustchin. Result? Goal number one. Hoe Bridge is top quality -make no mistake- and these new opponents soon equalised in identical fashion. Burys Court bounced back with yet another Loft/Mustchin combination but, yet again, Hoe Bridge equalised. 2-2.

Liam Patel becomes a different person in goal-keeping kit! During the first half, he made three ridiculously hard saves. His anticipation and lightning reactions were just incredible. I swear one ball was past him yet in the blinking of an eye he had kicked it out. We owe a lot to this little man. The first "Half" eventually ended after a ludicrously long 29 minutes.

By now, a constant drizzle was falling and our winning record streak was under threat. The opposition then sent on their "B" Team -fresh and rearing to go against these upstart nonentities.

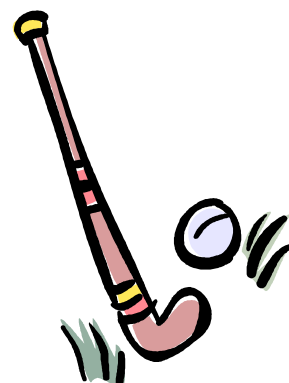
Quite honestly, it is difficult to give you a coherent chronological account of the events that followed but my abiding memory is of George Mustchin, who must have run a mile as he made endless sorties down the right wing, crossing with bewitching pushes and the occasional hit. His wonderfully flexible wrist-work ensured that the Indian Dribble transfixed those unfortunate enough to be in his path. He scored two goals -the least he deserved. He "assisted" at least five of the other goals. I have never witnessed a performance like it! Towards the end of the game, he careered into an opponent and collapsed in a heap, dazed and confused. He refused to go off even though he was almost certainly slightly concussed. Bristling with anger and frightening determination, he slalomed his way down the right wing before violently thumping in goal number eleven -his own personal hat-trick. How can you measure that kind of do or die attitude? The boy is simply a marvel.

Every goal was the result of an "assist". Tarran Lineham showed wonderful skill and speed and secured a hat trick of his own, besides several near misses. Wow, he's a cracking player! He epitomised the growing confidence that became so apparent after the fourth goal was secured. This Hoe Bridge "B" team was no light touch, however, and when Hoe Bridge did secure free hits Loft had the presence of mind to stand five or six metres away while the opponent dribbled a few inches and then hit. Loft looked at the opponent's eyes to gage the direction of the outgoing shot and -more often than not- he blocked the missile with audacious courage and fantastic anticipation before darting off at tremendous speed towards the now non-plussed Hoe Bridge defenders.

Nicholas Gill is tenacious if nothing else. Clinging to the left post as a good left wing-back should, he pushed in two goals thanks to more really fantastic crossing from the omnipresent Mustchin. The crossing from the right in this game was simply a joy to see and Gill was always there.

The backs Edward Wilkinson and Corbyn Johannes were terrific! Their tackles were low and, consequently, powerful. They may be unsung heroes but, once again, they proved priceless members of this team.

At 9-2, Gill was replaced by Marcus Malley who came within a whisker of scoring a goal, seconds after coming on. Take notice, this boy will become a superb player. Joe McLaughlin also shared a last minute taste of the big match atmosphere.



It's hard to quantify Loft's contribution. I'm glad he's on our side! You don't need to witness either his awesome skills or his fast maturing leadership qualities -just look at his face, a face chiselled from granite, a single-minded, determined countenance which frightens the opposition, a look which simply says, "I am taking no prisoners and I will show absolutely no mercy!" He scares the opposition. He even scares me!

At the end of the game, one Hoe Bridge parent spoke to one of our wonderfully loyal parent supporters and, having complimented her on the team's performance, enquired as to why Hoe Bridge had never played us before. This team is not making splashes anymore -it's making waves! Be ill! Skive off work! Take time out and come and see a really special group of children who ALL give their heart and soul to a team cause. I promise that you will be amazed at the truly extraordinary skill and courage of a team of hockey players who cannot give in, a group who want success so, so much. It proves -indisputably- that a good child will not only receive the trust bestowed upon him or her but will enrich it and use it to the absolute full.

Sunday morning's game will be the toughest challenge of all -a triangular tournament with a team whose raison d'etre is hockey, pure and simple -Horsham Hockey Club! The matches start at 12.30 pm at Broadbridge Heath -next to Tesco's on the A24. It will be an intimidating experience. I believe in these children though. They are trustworthy, tough, unselfish and immensely skilful. Please support them on Sunday. They are worth supporting, believe you me!

STOP PRESS:- One of the world's greatest players, James Tindall, England's leading scorer in the 2010 Commonwealth Games, will be visiting Burys Court School at 4.30 pm on Thursday, February 17th. He wants a detailed session with the School Hockey Squad. He will discuss set pieces and new, innovative skills to ensure that our performances this season can improve even more!!

