



The Pilgrims' Way

Friday 9th October 2009 www.thepilgrims-school.co.uk



Boarding Request

The boarding house is looking for board games. If anyone has any unused, but complete board games at home the boarders would love to have them. Please bring them to the front office. Many thanks.

Choral auditions

Any boy in Year 3, Year 4 or Year 5 who would like to find out more about becoming a Chorister or a Quirister is very welcome to meet Mr Lumsden (Cathedral choir) and Mr Archer (College choir) for a chat and a very informal audition, to see if you might be on track for the auditions in November. To arrange a time, or to find out more, please ask your parents to call the school.



Entertainment and Excitement on Sunday

The school playing fields are the place to be this Sunday morning at **1030**, when the parents and the staff take on each other at football. Enjoy the spectacle of strength versus guile, enjoy the opportunity to shout loudly, enjoy a drink afterwards at a welcoming hospitality.

Early Kick-Offs at Home on Saturday!

The home matches this Saturday against Cheam kick off at **1400**. This affects the 2nd XI, Colts B and the Under 9s.

A Song for Naomi

with the boy choristers of Winchester Cathedral Choir and the Quiristers of Winchester College Chapel Choir.



An eclectic mix of outstanding choral music, from Sumsion to Sinatra, the Choristers of Winchester Cathedral and the Quiristers of Winchester College present a joint concert of their unique, exciting and varied repertoire. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear the two professional choirs singing together - if you love the pure sound of a boys' choir, and enjoy Vaughan Williams, Mozart, Faure and the Wizard of Oz, then this is the concert for you!

Sunday 18th October

6pm - the concert lasts just over one hour, no interval

Home Barn Farm
Farleigh Wallop
Basingstoke
RG25 2HX
Tickets £15 (inc a glass of wine!)

For tickets please contact Greta Iddeson on 01256 819853 (evening) or email: iddeson@tesco.net

Lost!

Sebastian Fernando (Year 4) has lost not one, but two school coats since the beginning of term! Please could everyone check that they have the correct coats either at school or at home. Many thanks!



Match Reports

1st XI vs Brockhurst—Won 4-0

(Gus Mitchell, Harry Hands, Dominic Miles and Danny Tomlinson)

The 1st XI had a comfortable, yet impressive victory against opposition who worked hard but never threatened. Gus Mitchell stabbed home the first from close range and the goals flowed in the second half with Harry Hands lobbing home from 30 yards, a super header from debutant Dominic Miles and a great strike from the stylish Danny Tomlinson. Time after time George Garnett delivered high quality crosses into the box. This was a very pleasing result which should build self-confidence levels. Well played boys.

2nd XI vs Brockhurst—won 9-0

(Tom Boissier 3, Jamie Colvin 2, Constantin Duhamel 2, Tom Wigley, Tom Allinson)

To stand and deliver for the full match duration was what the 2nd XI were asked to do after an unfocussed 1st half against Horris Hill. After James Colvin headed the ball home after the 2nds' first attack, it was clear that Brockhurst were going to be in for a torrid afternoon. The boys worked on their possession and continuity but will be more severely tested by our more familiar rivals.

Colts A vs Brockhurst—won 7 - 0

(Tellet 5, Jewell, Docherty)

Colts A played their best football of the term so far against a team who played tidily, but lacked self belief. Not only did the Pilgrims boys pass crisply, but they were physical too, and this combination led to much pressure and many goals. Rafferty Tellett found his shooting boots in the second half and Matthew Ryall was impeccable at the back. But this was a team win and all the boys made it happen.

Colts B vs Brockhurst—won 11 -1

(Dellafera 5, Chen 2, Blaxland, Malli, Sharpe, 1 OG)



A one sided match where the opponents never really gave up, but never learned either. Pilgrims' kept their shape throughout the game and far from allowing the game become a shooting match played good football in all positions

on the pitch. Well done boys. SL

Foals A (Twyford Tournament)

v Chandlings Drew 0 - 0

v Stroud Lost 0 - 1

v Twyford As Lost 1 - 2 (Sebastian Byers)

v Cothill Lost 0 - 3

We came up against some very strong competition and raised our game against the best of our opponents. Keeping Chandlings (the eventual runners up of the competition) to a draw was impressive and Toby Calder should get a mention for coming in as goalkeeper and producing some excellent saves. The best football of the term so far came against Twyford and shows just how good we can be. Sadly in a tournament the winner takes it all and we were not able to get the result against Cothill that would give us a chance of retaining the plate. There is plenty to work on but also an increasing amount of potential. MRP

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Winners

Stroud Tournament!

A squad of 8 boys travelled confidently to this tournament knowing that their good start to the season would be tested by some



strong opposition. Two victories in the group stages against Castle Court and a good Stroud side meant they reached the semi finals but not before they had just lost out to local rivals Twyford. A tense semi final against PGS went to extra time before being won by a great golden goal from William Briggs. There was no time to relax though as Twyford were waiting in the final. Pilgrims dominated from the start and from a sublime Angus Colquhoun pass, Charlie Witter secured an early lead with a lovely finish. Brave goalkeeping from Elliot Martin and a brilliant last ditch tackle from captain Freddie Egleston meant Pilgrims emerged as deserved winners. Luke Whittome, Alex Mitchell and Freddie Hazlitt all added major contributions too. The victory was given added gloss by the compliments paid to the Pilgrims boys by other coaches who were impressed by both their play and their behaviour. All the boys deserve great credit for a huge effort and congratulations on a fine achievement!

2nd XI vs Stroud—lost 1-0

The 2nd XI are playing some lovely football at the moment – the main reason why this defeat was bitter. The boys worked hard to thread well worked passes together and, for great periods, the 2nds piled the pressure on Stroud's accomplished goalkeeper. Whether it was a cracking save, woodwork, or perhaps a less effective strike, wild horses could not entice the team to neutralise Stroud's first half winner. Nevertheless, the match itself was a great spectacle. To see them play such football and lose was preferable to winning easy.



Colts A vs Thorngrove—drew 3 – 3 (Tellett 2, Jewell)

A thoroughly enthralling match played in miserable conditions. Thorngrove were more skilled, but Pilgrims' led,

thanks to a fine Jewell strike, until just before half time. In the second half play veered from end to end as defenders tired and the ball skidded. Twice Thorngrove took the lead, but Pilgrims' would not fade away. In the dying minutes, Alec Younger saved a penalty and Rafferty Tellett took advantage of a fine clearance to score from long range. The was a particularly fine match for the defensive pair of Chittick and Ryall and for the tireless Tom Jewell.

Colts B vs Stroud—lost 2-1 (Butterfield)

This was a closely contested match played in pouring rain. The first half found Pilgrims' trailing by 2 goals one a cracker, the other a wet pitch and a goalkeepers nightmare. Lots of shots off target was the tale of the half for pilgrims. The second half started briskly and putting lots of pressure on the opposition goal. A goal came eventually, too late to allow the extra pressure to equalise, but you can't always get what you want.

Colts C v Thorngrove—lost 0-8

The Colts C team started their football season against Thorngrove. The first few minutes of the match were evenly contested as both teams came out firing. The boys played with great determination and never gave up despite the final score favouring Thorngrove. Special mention to Oliver Armitage who kept Pilgrims' in the game with some classy and committed goal keeping. There were positives to be drawn despite the final score and I can honestly say that the times they are a changing.

Foals A vs Stroud—won 3-0

(Oscar Shaheen, Ben Boissier, Sebastian Byers)

After an uncharacteristically strong first 10 minutes we managed to put the ball in the opposition net thanks to a strong shot from Oscar Shaheen. The next 10 minutes were all Stroud's as we defended with a mixture of competence and desperation. It was more of the same in the second half but we held our nerve and fought our way back into an attacking position. It was a long time coming, but eventually Ben Boissier got our second and the game was over. Although it wasn't quite. With the last kick of the match Sebastian Byers took a hopeful shot at goal which the keeper fumbled (not surprising in the pouring rain) and the ball rolled in to give us a slightly flattering final score line.

Foals B v Stroud Draw **0 – 0**

Despite buckets of rain, wild horses wouldn't have dragged the many supporters from this exciting goal-less game. Pilgrims' and Stroud



had opportunities to score, but stout defending from both sides resulted in the game remaining scoreless. The conditions were atrocious and it was testimony to the teams that they produced such good football.

Junior Swim Squad v Twyford—lost 56-53

Max Griffiths, Will Turner, Jeffrey Chen, Jamie Mitchell and Max Stoner all won their individual events in Tuesday evening's gala with the Year 6 team also winning their relays. There were some very exciting races with all boys contributing to the total score. Years 5 & 6 next swim against Prince's Mead on Tuesday 20th October and the Years 7 & 8 are next in action on Thursday 15th October. Both events are at the College pool.

