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House Rugby

25th November

In a festival of attacking rugby, red was most definitely the dominant colour on an afternoon when fingertips were turning blue with cold.

Under 9

Gloucester huffed and puffed gallantly with Oliver Bould and Freddie Stevenson offering a cutting edge. Sadly they suffered three defeats. **Burghley** also showed some potency in attack, mainly through Henry Hollund, Archie Thorpe and Rhett Bianchi. Despite six tries from Sean Buckley and five from Marcus Stewart, **Lilford** could only manage second place. **Whitmore** rampaged to three victories with strong running and safe handling, lead by Ben Sanderson and Rufus Sumner.

Under 11

Whitmore completed a magnificent double and ended undefeated. Whitmore boasted an array of talented backs in Edmund Corker, Chris Bird, James Foreman and Patrick Boyle. Yet it was Ed Painter and William Baird, after a late fitness test, who enabled the reds to become dominant. **Lilford** pushed hard all afternoon. Freddie Stewart was a real dangerman whilst Angus Raby and Freddie Reynolds bossed the midfield.

With a weakened team, **Gloucester** gave a good account of themselves. Cameron Bhamra and Austin Holmes battled bravely and supplied William Parkinson with some good possession. **Burghley** ended fourth. Despite having a team laden with forwards, Christian Ray and William Connellan added some sparkle to the frosty conditions.

U8 Tag Rugby

Wednesday 22nd September

A youthful and energetic U8 team played three games at Copthill School, on a lovely Autumn afternoon.

Copthill 15 LJS 30

LJS started the afternoon in great fashion. Centres Sean Buckley and George Worthington found plenty of gaps in the home defence, whilst Freddie Stevenson scored two tries marauding from the midfield. The defence was well organised and Rhett Bianchi 'tackled' well.

Grantham 25 LJS 20

A blistering start lead to LJS opening up a three try lead- Archie Parkinson scoring a hat trick. The boys started to wilt in the second half and a late Grantham try proved crucial.

Peterborough High 25 LJS 30

In a cracking game of tag, the two teams produced 11 tries. Full back Archie Thorpe finished off a couple of great attacks and Carlos Trotter scored a key late try to secure the win.



U9 Tag Rugby

Wednesday 6th October 2010

On a cracking afternoon of tag rugby the LJS U9 rugby team gelled together to produce a 3rd place finish in an eight team tournament.

Led by Ben Sanderson, the boys started well with an early victory against Highfields. Tough encounters against home team TGPS, Copthill and Brooke Priory tested all of the boys skills and the defence was often required to rescue the team.

3 further wins were just reward for the effort of the boys. Archie Thorpe and Sean Buckley were both in splendid form.

U9 Tag Rugby

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Highfields 5 LJS 20

Sanderson, Sanderson, Stevenson and Sumner

Brooke Priory A 25 LJS 25

Buckley, Sanderson, Sumner, Stevenson and Thorpe

TGPS 25 LJS 15

Sumner, Sanderson and Stevenson

Ayscoughfee 0 LJS 20

Sumner, Stevenson, Stevenson and Buckley

Copthill 25 LJS 5

Stevenson

Brooke Priory B 10 LJS 35

Buckley, Buckley, Thorpe, Thorpe, Thorpe, Hollund and Atkinson

Peterborough High 10 LJS 30

Sumner, Sumner, Hollund, Buckley, Buckley and Thorpe

1st COPHILL

2nd TGPS

3rd LAXTON JUNIOR

U11 Rugby

Fairfield Prep A 21 LJS A 12

In a high octane encounter, Fairfield clung on to a hard fought victory as LJS pressed their opponents until the final whistle. In a pack that dominated the match from start to finish, William Baird scored an early try to give the visitors the lead. Patrick Boyle threatened to

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extend the lead but gradually Fairfield found a footing in the game. Three converted tries before half time put LJS firmly on the defensive. After the break, the half back pairing of William Connellan and Ed Painter tested Fairfield's mettle. As LJS relentlessly attacked, a Christian Ray try, converted by Boyle threatened a fine comeback. As time ran out, Tubbs Learoyd put in some fabulous tackles when Fairfield countered.

Fairfield Prep B 15 LJS B 10

Ed Jinks inspired his team from start until finish. With good possession and a strong front row, lead by pack leader Will Efford, LJS always promised to score. Fairfield relied upon breakaways and were able to snatch a couple of tries. A sensational Dan Poulter dummy fed Jinks for a storming score and the comeback was complete with a magic Harry Potter try. Although Alfie Peterson starred as centre Fairfield manage to gain good territory in driving rain and scored the winning try late in the second half.

Rugby

Oundle U13C 17 v 14 Laxton Junior U11 A

On Wednesday Laxton A Team played against Oundle School U13 C team at Oundle School's Two-Acre field. It was a great pitch with an electronic scoreboard, full size posts and well kept grass.

The first major contact was by Edward Jinks, which set the tone for the battle ahead. We kept them in their own 22 for the majority of the match, but their strong tackling just kept holding us back. In the forwards, there was some great support play, tackling, rucking and mauling by LJS. In the backs, there was some great passing, dodging and lots of gaining ground too especially by winger James Foreman who made some excellent jinking runs. The best tackle was jointly by Peter Langsdale and Edward Jinks. The scrum half, William Connellan, was a great passer to connect the backs and the forwards. Oundle scored first and put over the conversion, however, after endless pressure on the home team's line, Patrick Boyle scored a try under the posts after good work by skipper Angus Raby and new fly-half Toby Learoyd. Patrick then converted to make it 7 points each at half-time.

Oundle started the second half strongly and scored 2 break away tries, both of which were unconverted. This seemed to invigorate the LJS team and after a good period of pressure a second try was scored by William Baird after another one of his strong breaks. Again Patrick Boyle converted successfully. Freddie Stewart, the full back, did some great tackling and attacking. Also, the two second rows Austin Holmes

and Christian Ray, made some fabulous surging runs. Despite the rest of the match being played on the Oundle try line, their last ditch defence was just too good. Peter Langsdale's last minute dive for the corner was just thwarted by a superb covering tackle and so the final score remained 17-14 to Oundle School.

It was great to see many ex-LJS pupils playing so well with the power of Kieran Marray and William Stewart matched nicely with the pace and trickery of Findlay Taylor and Jeremy Manger. It was a fantastic game with a great crowd supporting and despite the result we were all very proud of ourselves. William Baird

Netball by Phoebe Ashby

On Wednesday 22nd September the Under 10s Netball A Team played Wellingborough School. In the first quarter we were all a bit nervous but we soon got over it after scoring a goal. Then to our disappointment the other team scored a goal.

In the second quarter we knew their strengths so we worked harder to try and win. Phoebe scored a second goal. Stella and Ella Waterhouse did an excellent job of defending. We were all smiling until our opponents scored to make it even all round.

In the third quarter when everyone was gritting their teeth, Jessica got a lot of free passes and she made use of them really well. Ella Bennett did an amazing centre pass to Lily B on the wing. She passed it to Phoebe who threw it to Rose and Rose scored. Then comes the bad bit: Wellingborough score.

The last quarter had arrived and we were determined to win. Wellingborough chucked the ball down to their end and Izzy brought it back up again to Rose in shooting position. Rose did a lovely shot and scored. Then Phoebe scored to make it a grand total 5-3 to Laxton.

Hockey

Thursday 25th Nov U11A squad v Kimbolton

This was an amazing game of hockey and both teams played so well considering that they are only Year 6 girls and that it was a bitterly cold evening! Again, as against Witham Hall the day before, we had most of the possession but just could not get the ball in the back of the net despite coming so close on many occasions. However, although we lost 3-0 in the end the girls should feel very proud of how they played and Mrs Gent was delighted that what turned out to be their final match highlighted their fantastic stick skills and competent team work (even Mr Potter was impressed as he watched shivering from the sidelines!)

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Hockey

Weds 24th Nov U11A&B teams v Witham Hall B&C

The U11A team played really well and should have won this match but we just could not score more than one goal, despite numerous attempts, and unfortunately lost 2-1.

The U11B team squad also played well considering that for quite a few of them this was their first taste of match hockey. The score was 0-0 for most of the game until the second half when Witham scored 3 goals in quick succession but the score line again did not reflect the amount of possession we had. Well done to everyone who played as all the Year 6 girls played some part in the match.

Netball by Katherine Warwick (Captain)

Laxton Junior B v Wellingborough B

Wednesday 22nd September

Wellingborough caught Laxton with their socks down by getting off to an early lead and by the end of the first quarter they were 2-0 in front, but we had started to come into the game.

In the second quarter Laxton had pulled their socks up and with two quick goals from Katie Harris and Harriet Spencer, we were back on level pegging at 2-2.

In the third quarter there was a rush of excitement by the team and parents watching, as Laxton went 4-2 in front but just before the end Wellingborough pulled one back to make it 4-3.

In the final quarter many shots were attempted by both teams, giving Lily-Rose and myself in defence, plenty of work! Final score was an exciting 6-5 to Laxton.

Well done to everybody for a fantastic team effort!

Cross Country at Whitwell Hall

This was a very successful afternoon for the girls. The course was really long and challenging and all of the girls did brilliantly!

There were 8 schools participating and 48 runners in each of the girl's age groups.

Our results for the U9's (running approx. 2 km) -

Amy Ratcliffe – 2nd

Gemma Raby – 6th

Lois Dunning – 8th

Sophie Crowther – 9th

Isabella Baird – 15th

Alice Bennett – 16th

As a team they came 1st by a mile!

Our results for the U11's (running approx 2.4km) -

Katie Crowther - 4th

Phoebe Ashby - 5th

Nell Johnson - 18th

Charlotte Fray - 19th

Emily Tubbs - 24th

Hiromi Taylor - 25th

As a team they came 3rd.

A fabulous team effort from all of the girls - great support for each other. There was lots of support from parents and grandparents and it was greatly appreciated by all.

Conker Fever

Being located so close to the epicentre of the world that is 'Conkers', Laxton Junior School decided to hold their very own championship over 5 days.

Mr Graham Trotter, Head of Sport, after drilling and threading conkers all weekend to ensure no baked and vinegar soaked killer conkers found their way into the mix, said "The LJS Conker Championship was just good fun. There was no cheesing, pickling or baking required, just lots of smiles."

Starting with 64 contenders in the first round, skilfully selected by being the first to write their names on the board, saw them reduced to 32 and so on through the week, until the last two standing fought it out for the title on Friday 15th October.

The children took it very seriously, as all competitive sports persons should, but put their disappointment aside to cheer the victors on to the next round.

Mr Neil Fraser, World Conker Champion in 2001 and a local Oundle resident, was delighted to witness the final match between Freddie Stewart (10) and Patrick Boyle (10), with Freddie becoming the first LJS champion. After his victory Freddie said "I'm excited, happy and a little bit wobbly."

Neil Fraser commented "It was just a joy to see so many children so enthusiastic about Conkers and playing the game well."

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SPORTING PROFILE 1

Name:	Katherine Rachel Warwick
Age:	10
D.O.B:	27/9/00
Three favourite sport:	Swimming, rounders and skiing
Most memorable moment:	Becoming the best 9 year old at Sheffield
Favourite sportsman:	Michael Phelps
Favourite sportswoman:	Rebecca Adlington
Favourite pop group	The Kinks
Hobby	Swimming!
Favourite book	The Harry Potter series
Favourite food:	Roast dinner
Least favourite food:	Mashed potato
Ambition in Sport:	To win an Olympic medal
Ambition in life:	To become a marine biologist

On Saturday 4th September I travelled with my Dad to Sheffield to compete in a National Open Swimming Gala. There were thirty swimming clubs there and over three hundred children competing.

I swam in four races and came first in the 50m butterfly, first in the 50m freestyle, second in the 50m backstroke and fourth in the 50m breaststroke.

My two wins were new club records for Kettering and the fastest time set this year in the County of Northamptonshire and in the East Midlands region.

At the end of the competition I was awarded a trophy for best nine year old girl swimmer overall. It was a fantastic weekend and a really good experience, swimming in a ten lane Olympic pool.



Katherine Warwick, Year 5

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INDIVIDUAL CHESS

By the close of play this December the new order within Chess Clubs had been well and truly established. Within the three leagues old faces have been supplemented by 'new blood' and this has been most noticeable in the Infant Dragons. Oliver Gibbard lead the way with a fine record of 5 wins and 3 losses in his debut season. Christopher Trotter showed some great attacking ideas but Infant champion and remaining unbeaten throughout was Thomas Caskey.

1	Thomas Caskey	u7	w19	3	b20	6	w8	9	b4	12	w6	15	w12	18	b7	21	w2	21
2	Christopher Trotter	u7	b18	0	w10	3	b13	6	w3	9	w4	11	b20	14	w12	17	b1	20
8	Oliver Gibbard	u6	w13	3	b7	6	b1	7	w17	10	b12	11	w18	14	b6	17	w3	18

In the Junior Championship, the Sears brothers were strong contenders throughout. Young guns Archie Thorpe and Georgia Poole were honourable challengers. Indeed, Georgia lead an increasingly strong challenge from the girls and Tara Boyle and Isabella Baird also achieved top ten finishes.

2	Ben Sears	u11	b17	3	w5	6	b3	8	w13	11	w4	13	b20	16	w7	17	b19	20	w20	23	w8	26
20	Georgia Poole	u8	b15	3	w7	6	b1	7	w20	10	b2	12	w5	15	b8	18	w3	21	b5	22	w19	25
4	Ethan Sears	u9	w12	3	b4	4	w11	7	b8	10	b20	11	w19	14	b2	17	b5	19	w21	22	w3	25

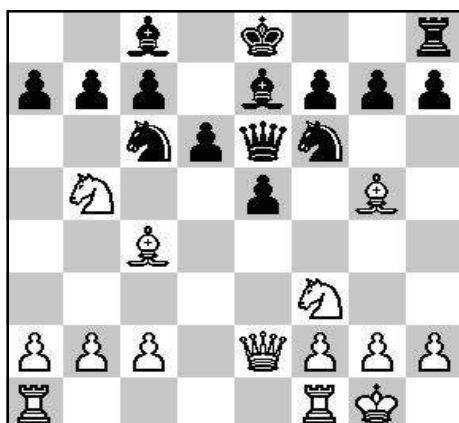
The Premier League was won by Edmund Corker, closely followed by Chess Captain Ben Pathak and William Connellan. Full results and scores can be obtained from the Chess Noticeboard in the Junior entrance.

Many LJS players are now competing online at 'Chesscube'. Any other players interesting in participating should speak to or mail Mr T in order to gain a user name and password.

Chess Matches v Stamford

On Monday 11th October, 12 intrepid chess players from LJS travelled to nearby Stamford Junior. Maintaining a recent history of good results, LJS won by 10 matches to 2. This was even more remarkable as numerous children were playing significantly older opponents, most notably Oliver Gibbard who became the youngest ever LJS player to win a competitive chess match (5 years and 5 months!). There were fine performances from Georgia Poole and Thomas Caskey whilst Archie Thorpe blew his opponent away with some super attacking play.

Two weeks later, the teams met for a rematch. This time LJS ran out even bigger winners (11-1!)



Puzzle

After a few training sessions, Forks have become a dominant theme in tactical play. The legendary 'scorpion' has been aspired to by many and achieved by just a few. It all goes wrong because Black has completely forgotten to castle! Can you spot the devastating move for White?