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RUGBY

The Rugby Season began with good weather and smiley faces as we 'christened' Cheatle Field. Lead by an outstanding Under 11 squad, under the captaincy of William

Baird, teamwork and co-operation were always in evidence. The



Under 11 A's finished with a magnificent record of 5 wins, 2 draws and 1 defeat. The Under 9's also fared very well, ending the season with a record of 8 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses. The end of season finale was the House Matches where every child in Years 3,4,5 and 6 participated.

Bedford Modern School U11 7
LJS U11 14

In the faraway fields of Bedford Modern it was obvious that LJS meant business from the first whistle. Efficiency in the scrum lead to high profit margins and there was entrepreneurial flair through the backs that Lord Sugar would have delighted at. Toby Flowers made the step up to the A team and enjoyed himself, putting in several key tackles and if the first line of defence was breached then William Parkinson mopped up confidently. As an attacking force, Dan Poulter made all the right decisions at scrum half and this inspired the backs. A lovely passing move between Alfie Peterson and Patrick Boyle lead to the first try and the ever dependable Freddie Stewart scored the other. Boyle converted both tries much to the joy of Mr Worthington.

Witham Hall U11 A 21
LJS U11 A 21

In a classic encounter, LJS opened up a fabulous early lead. The backs produced some lovely flowing moves and an early lead of 14 points was courtesy of Edmund Corker and Alfie Peterson. Witham's proud home record was on the line and a stirring comeback followed. Through the second half the titanic struggle continued and despite a Patrick Boyle try and three conversions Witham managed to snatch a late draw.

Witham Hall U11B 21
LJS U11 A 14

With a completely inexperienced team coming together for the very first time, LJS were given a tough baptism in contact rugby and found themselves 14-0 down inside 5 minutes. A combination of improved tackling and better support play led to a stirring fightback. Archie Thorpe scored two devastating tries and with two Rufus Sumner conversions, LJS were in with a shout. A late home score and some desperate defence kept out both Zac Atkinson and Sumner with late chances. Marcus Stewart was a tower of strength in the pack.

LJS U11 A 42
Wisbech Grammar 7

The perfect way to begin rugby life at Cheatle Field! A totally dominant team ran out confident winners. Tries from Patrick Boyle (2), Alfie Peterson (2), Edmund Corker and Harry Potter sealed the result. From pack to backs the team demonstrated confidence and a willingness to play open rugby.

LJS U11 B 28
Wisbech GrammarB 39

A high scoring and open game entertained the large home crowd but ultimately ended in disappointment. Backs Archie Thorpe and Rufus Sumner were both able to score two tries and, coupled with Sumners fine kicking, LJS were never out of the game. A strong Wisbech pack were able to control large parts of the second half and this eventually counted for the away win.

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Fairfield A 21

LJS A 21

In the most extreme conditions both teams contributed to an extraordinary game. On the first day of October, the boys played in temperatures reaching into the 90's on a full size adult pitch! The intensity never diminished for a moment and scores from Patrick Boyle and Freddie Stewart kept things close. A third try (shared between Freddie Reynolds and William Baird) ensured that LJS's unbeaten start to the season continued.

LJS A U11 19

King's School, Cambridge A 7

In a brutal encounter, LJS recorded an historic win to upset the home team on a fresh November afternoon. Both sides matched up evenly in both forwards and backs and it was a penetrating kick that led to a home try and conversion. LJS raised their game a notch and bounced back with a crashing try from Patrick Boyle. The disappointment of a missed conversion merely inspired Boyle to greater heights and the Irish centre led the backs with a second try, this time converted. Thus followed a 10 minute period of home pressure with LJS camped on their own try line. Towering performances from all three front row forwards, Reynolds, Thorpe and Baird ensured that King's did not pass. As the casualties increased so did the tension until Freddie Reynolds scored. Grinning from ear to ear, Freddie knew that he had secured a titanic victory.

LJS B U11 33

King's School, Cambridge B 14

From Zac Atkinson's first raid until Archie Thorpe's final run, the LJS B team achieved a fine victory as reward for a flowing performance full of positive rugby. The good early start enabled the away team to secure a 14 point lead, achieved through some magic from Henry Potter and a try from the ever improving Henry Hollund. Despite a home comeback, LJS raised their game another gear and marched down the field. Marcus Stewart thundered over the try line, soon followed by another Potter trick and a Thorpe try of stunning artistry. Rufus Sumner kicked four out of 5 conversions. Outstanding performances by Alex Harper and Henry Wilcox were worthy of mention.

LJS A 14

Copthill A 33

This was a bridge too far for LJS as they continued the search for an unbeaten season. Early tries from Freddie Reynolds and William Baird, with two conversions from the reliable Patrick Boyle gave LJS a 14-12 half time lead. The forwards were playing a really solid game but as the game moved into the second half Copthill moved up a gear. Resolute defending kept out Boyle and debutant Archie Thorpe and with the help of some good tactical kicking, turned good field position into points.

LJS B 0

Copthill B 24

The scoreline flattered the hosts as LJS spent long periods of this game in attack but just couldn't convert it into a score. Rufus Sumner worked tirelessly, aided in the backs by the promising Ben Sanderson. The scrum held firm with Alex Cunningham and Marcus Stewart battling hard but Copthill's quality finally won out.

LJS U11 A 28

Grantham U11 A 0

LJS bounced back from the bitter taste of defeat with an uncompromising victory over a gallant Grantham. Technicians of the dark arts, Baird and Reynolds slashed through the Grantham defences to give LJS a solid start. Henry Potter then produced two moments of magic to create an unassailable lead. The ever dependable Rufus Sumner converted all four tries.

LJS TAG U11 15

AHS TAG U11 25

Having dusted down the tags and locked away the tackles, LJS U11 rolled back the years to participate in a game of tag. The game was played at an extraordinarily fast and skilful pace. Archie Thorpe scored twice and Patrick Boyle once.

LJS U11 40

TPS U11 0

A brutal home team win with clinical try scoring and solid tackling throughout the team. Demonstrating the ability to pass the ball adventurously through the backs, William Parkinson (2) and Freddie Stewart (2) enjoyed the open spaces created. Aply supported by the rest of the backs; Corker, Reynolds, Boyle and Sumner, the result was never in doubt as LJS finished the season in style.

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Copthill U8 3

LJS U8 4

In an intriguing first tag match for the under eights, some early scores from Jasper Orlebar, Oliver Spencer and William de Capell Brooke offered LJS some breathing space. Copthill fought tirelessly and got back into the game after some 'youthful' mistakes and James Thompson produced some fine defensive work to secure a win.

Grantham Prep 6

LJS 8

Hot favourites Grantham started strongly and a tight first half ended 3-3. Once again, the LJS defense was tested to the limits but the half time whistle gave the boys a chance to regroup. The second half was 10 minutes of terrific attacking rugby with jinking runs and smart passing. Oliver Spencer ripped the opposition apart with 6 tries!

The Grantham Tag Tournament

With a strong field of ten teams and a blustery wind to compete with LJS U9 Tag team rose to the challenge with a set of 8 good performances.

LJS 5

TGPS 6

An early contest between two strongly favoured teams led to a storming match in which the lead regularly changed hands. Archie Thorpe led the way with a hat trick but Grantham stole victory with a late try.

LJS 6

St Hughs B 1

LJS bounced back strongly and unleashed a whirlwind of attacking football. With George Worthington battering the St Hughs defence, gaps opened up and Sean Buckley duly obliged with three scores.

LJS 5

Brooke Priory 3

In a tense encounter, LJS relied on youngster Oliver Spencer to come to the party with two flying tries. Buckley backed this up and the defence held up well.

LJS 6

St Hughs C 2

LJS cruised to victory with some style. This time, Archie Parkinson was the focal point with 4 tries and Harvey Ratcliffe making a debut score.

LJS 6

Copthill 6

With Carlos Trotter performing heroics in defence, Copthill's early lead was soon pegged back. The speed of the match was unrelenting as both teams battered each other. Thorpe once again, offered the attacking edge with his second hat trick.

LJS 6

St Hugh's A 1

A blistering assault on St Hugh's try line lead to a 6 try salvo and Thorpe claiming another hat trick. St Hugh's fought hard to keep the score respectable but Buckley nipped in with two more for another win.

LJS 4

Highfields 4

Another brutal encounter as tired legs started to take their toll. LJS had chances to secure the win and held the lead on four occasions through Parkinson, Thorpe, Parkinson and Spencer but were denied victory at the death.

LJS 9

Ascoughfee 1

Laxton saved the best until last as they ran riot. Buckley grabbed four, Worthington 2, Thorpe 2 and Spencer 1 as the blues queued up to score.

A final tally of 5 wins, 2 draws and a defeat were enough for LJS to secure third place.

LJS U9 A 12

Copthill U9 A 9

A thrilling encounter saw LJS triumph. The fast pace was set from the outset as Copthill gained some success from some direct running. By half time the score was an even 6-6 thanks mainly to some outstanding handling moves from the home team and a hat trick for Sean Buckley. The second half was a tidal wave of blue. William de Capell Brooke(3) and Carlos Trotter(3) battered the Copthill defence into submission. Further gaps resulted in two tries for Archie Parkinson and one for the omnipresent Archie Thorpe.

LJS U9 15

TPS U9 11

Laxton finished the season in fine style with a face paced and stylish win over Peterborough. The continuity in play from start until finish was most pleasing on the eye, with incisive running and increasing confidence in passing.

Leading the attack were Sean Buckley (4), Archie Parkinson (3) and William de Capell Brooke (3).

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U11 HOUSE RUGBY

WHITMORE	9pts
LILFORD	6pts
BURGHLEY	3pts
GLOUCESTER	0pts

A true festival of rugby, enjoyed by special guest Mr Cheatle resulted in a red victory.

Convincing victories against Lilford (21-0), Burghley (28-0) and Gloucester (26-0) meant that the red tide swept all before them. Irresistible backs Sumner, Atkinson and Boyle created style whilst forwards Harper, Baird and captain Corker gave stability and solid field position.



An honourable second place finish was secured by Lilford, who recorded two fine wins. Good kicking from Freddie Stewart and William Efford gave the team confidence and Calum Fryatt scored a memorable try against Burghley.

Burghley and Gloucester battled bravely throughout the matches. In a very close first encounter, Gloucester had, in fact, stormed into an early 10-0 lead. Showing grit and determination, Burghley came back late on and a magical Potter try, plus conversion from Henry Hollund completed the turnaround.

U9 HOUSE RUGBY

BURGHLEY	5pts
LILFORD	5pts
GLOUCESTER	4pts
WHITMORE	1pt

The closest House Rugby tournament in years saw all four sides begin with high hopes. Whitmore started really well and could easily have won the first game before having to settle for a 4-4 draw. Skipper George Worthington scored two beauties. In the other tie, a second 4-4 draw between Burghley and Gloucester showed how close the tournament was going to be.



In round two, Burghley moved into top gear. Archie Thorpe devastated Whitmore with a hat trick that meant a 6-3 win to the Blues. Lilford also upped the scoring with a 4-2 win over Gloucester. Sean Buckley, scorer of 100 points during the school season, showed real class.



Tension was high going into the final matches and both Burghley and Lilford knew that the deciding match was still to be played. Early Lilford pressure led them opening a gap but Burghley never gave up. A late handling mistake allowed the Blues to equalise and the final whistle resulted in confusion as to who the winners were. Having checked the RFU handbook (!) it became clear that having scored more tries, Blue was the colour.

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CHESS

The Autumn Quarter always begins with fresh hope and enthusiasm, particularly amongst the younger children. 24 Year One pupils have spent the Quarter learning how to play, whilst another 24 joined in with Year Two Chess Club and the first experience of competitive Chess.

The junior Leagues, as always, were fiercely competitive. In Division One, the return of the prodigal Oliver Spencer, resulted in an unbeaten season. Jasper Orlebar played with his usual verve.

In the Championship, four players were in fine form and battled it out for top place. The Year Three trio of Marcus Raudnitz, Thomas Caskey and Christopher Trotter eventually succumbed to George Worthington's knowledge and wisdom.

The Premier League was won by 8 year old Joseph Meisner. Despite the best efforts of Mssrs Corker, Fryatt and Atlinson, Meisner's record of 8 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss was more than enough to secure the title of LJS Supremo.

Year 2 Club

Will Park	6 wins	3 draws	0 losses	24pts
Jamie Aubury	5	3	1	22pts
Thomas Allinson	5	2	2	21pts
William Caskey	5	2	2	21pts
Louisa Jinks	5	2	2	21pts

Division One

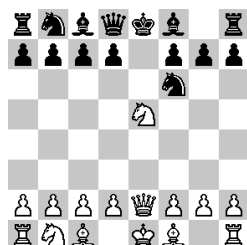
Oliver Spencer	9	1	0	29pts
Jasper Orlebar	7	1	2	25pts
Oscar Mulligan	6	0	4	22pts

Championship

George Worthington	7	2	1	26pts
Marcus Raudnitz	7	1	2	25pts
Thomas Caskey	6	2	2	24pts
Christopher Trotter	6	2	2	24pts

Premier League

Joseph Meisner	8	1	1	27pts
Edmund Corker	7	0	3	24pts
Calum Fryatt	7	0	3	24pts
Zac Atkinson	7	0	3	24pts



Joseph Meisner against Edmund Corker.

Just a friendly game but a very cute trick from Joseph (white) that wins a Queen. Can you spot it?

NSCA Chess Tournament

On a crisp clear Saturday morning 11 intrepid LJS Chess players trekked across to Northampton to compete against the County's finest. The LJS pupils had a youthful feel about them with eight pupils under 8 and 5 of those under 7.

During the course of the day, the pupils acquitted themselves very well with every single one achieving half marks or better. Remarkably, 9 of them achieved the qualification standard for the London Junior Chess Championships in December, the nations elite individual tournament.

Special congratulations go to Joseph Meisner (5 out of 6), Christopher Trotter (5 out of 6) and to Georgia Poole, for showing that girls can be equally as good as the boys, with a little bit of determination.

LJS U9 **11.5**
Stamford Junior U9 **0.5**

Full of tricks and traps, LJS chess players unleashed a whirlwind of fabulous chess and with little answer to such a barrage, the admirable Stamford fought hard before surrendering.

With good concentration across the tops boards the most aggressive chess was played lower down the team. Toby Clark and Jamie Aubury used Scholar's Mate to good effect while there were 'lawnmowers' and 'bootmates' across many boards. The highlight of the entire match was Oliver Gibbard's lovely King and Queen fork to secure a win on Board 11.

Stamford Junior U11 **3**

LJS U11 **9**

A good performance by the LJS 'seniors' across all twelve boards. Joseph Meisner had a really tough time against the Stamford Board One, who had a grade of 130. The Buckley boys both won with mischief as did the Parkinsons. Rory Tyler made a successful debut on Board 2.

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HOCKEY

U11A Hockey v Copthill won 2-1 (16th November)

In past years Copthill have proved too strong for us but this season we were more evenly matched and a draw would have been a fair result! However, the girls were delighted to record their first 'proper' win of the season other than one game at the Rugby School Tournament.

U11B Hockey v Copthill lost 1-0

The U11 B team met Copthill for their hockey match up on the Oundle fields. The girls played well from the start moving the ball up the pitch and breaking the ball out into spaces. However the Copthill girls had a strong defence team which managed to regain possession and move the ball up the pitch to shoot. The girls had to work hard as a defence team to prevent Copthill from scoring. After a lot of close shots and misses the Copthill girls finally scored. Despite this the girls battled on defending hard to make sure they could clear the ball from the shooting circle. However with all their hard efforts Copthill still managed to score. Overall Copthill won the match but our girls spirit was not defeated as they had played constantly well throughout.

U11A Hockey v Witham Hall U10 A lost 3-1 (23rd Nov)

Despite playing girls from the year below the Witham team were very well drilled and made the most of their scoring opportunities. It was a little galling that one of the scorers against us was Hattie Grace, a former pupil at LJS! Our girls however, raised their game in this match and began to link passes together instead of just hitting upfield and hoping someone would get the ball! As a result we had some chances to score and some good pressure by Hiromi Taylor on the GK, allowed her to score after a rebounded shot from Phoebe Ashby. Although we lost this match, the signs of improvement were very encouraging indeed.....

U11 B vs Witham

The girls played Witham U11 B's hockey team who proved to be a challenging team. The girls worked hard to defend their goal, however with a strong, attacking, Witham chasing the ball down, this proved a little difficult. Despite a couple of good breaks and some lovely flowing moves up the pitch, Witham still managed to retain most of the possession and were worthy winners. The girls battled on throughout the match and came away having learnt lots of new things.

LJS 0 - W 7

U11A Hockey v Kimbolton lost 5-0 (1st Dec)

This was a rather disappointing result considering the improvement in recent weeks, although we were playing a much stronger and more experienced team. Mrs Henderson reported that the score was only 2-0 until the last 10 minutes when Kimbolton scored 3 very quick goals. Up until then our girls had defended very well and Amy Ratcliffe our Y5 Goal Keeper had been outstanding.

U11B Hockey v Kimbolton Lost 1-0

This match was much more even and really a draw would have been a fairer reflection of the game. Although the Kimbolton girls had slightly better stick skills, our girls showed more determination when tackling in defence! We probably lacked a little confidence when trying to score in their Circle and did not show enough support play in attack, but overall this was a pleasing performance. Special praise should go to our two Y5 players Gemma Raby (who was a terrier in defence!) and to Iris Powell who was playing her first match. Rose Powell also needs to be congratulated for defending valiantly despite her badly injured finger from a previous match!

U11A v Stamford Junior Drew 0-0 (7th Dec)

This was a very entertaining game despite the lack of goals. Both teams were quite evenly matched, although Ella Waterhouse in goal did not touch the ball at all! We had more scoring opportunities than they did and it was only due to their GK, who was outstanding that we failed to win. What a pity that this was our last match because the girls began to play some lovely hockey and our spectators enjoyed some really super attacking passing moves! Well done to all the girls but especially to Stella Simpson who was so reliable in defence and Lily Borley who linked up so well with Phoebe Ashby in attack. On this occasion our 'Man of the Match' just had to be Phoebe and she was singled out for praise by Stamford's umpire.

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U11 B vs Stamford

The U11 B hockey team played Stamford on the most bitterly cold day of the Quarter! However with slightly numb fingers the girls battled on in a tight match. Both teams defended and attacked well and the girls worked hard to break the ball into a space. The team had some lovely passes and movement up the pitch getting close to scoring a goal. However with Stamford chasing us down they managed to just slip the ball past our defence scoring 2 goals. Despite this LJS were so close but did not quite manage to score. Overall a great match for all to watch and play!

LJS 0 - Stamford 2

House Hockey matches 2011

Round 1 - Burghley 1-3 Gloucester
Lilford 0-3 Whitmore

Round 2 - Burghley 2-0 Lilford
Gloucester 0-4 Whitmore

Round 3 - Burghley 0-1 Whitmore
Gloucester 2-1 Lilford

Whitmore were the winners with 9 points

Gloucester were 2nd with 6 points

Burghley were 3rd with 3 points and last but by no means last were Lilford with no points! (but they only had **one** Y6 player in their team!!!)

Well done to all the girls and especially to the Year 5s who have only started playing hockey this term.

U11 Hockey Tournament at Rugby School (28th September)

This was our second invitation to take part in a whole day of hockey which consists of coaching sessions in the morning and a tournament in the afternoon. This year the weather was so hot and Miss Pateman, although suffering in the heat, looked very cool in her shades!

Our squad of 11 girls benefitted so much from the sessions in the morning and were lucky enough to be taught by International standard coaches from all over the world! In the afternoon the tournament was a steep learning curve as these were our first ever matches but the girls did not give up and recorded a win to send us home happy and full of hot dogs!

NETBALL

LJS Netball Tournament Sat November 5th

The weather forecast looked bad and we were ready to cancel but amazingly we were very lucky and the rain held off!

This year 8 teams entered our Tournament- Bedford Girls, Brooke Priory, Copthill, Grantham Prep, Kimbolton, LJS, Stamford Junior and The Peterborough School. After a long morning and some disappointing results we came 3rd overall with 19 points narrowly overtaken by Bedford with 20 and Kimbolton with 21. So near yet so far.....

U11A Netball v The Peterborough School Won 11-5 (30th Nov)

The scoreline above does not give a true indication of how evenly matched these teams were but thankfully our shooters were more accurate. We played TPS at our tournament at the beginning of November but on that occasion they only had 5 players so not surprisingly we won easily. However, they showed enough ability that day to indicate that a 7 a-side match would be more challenging, as it proved to be!

U11B Netball v TPS won 10-0

Unlike the U11A match, our B team was too strong for our opponents! Our shooters in particular were on good form and were supplied with plenty of scoring opportunities by a solid performance from the rest of the team working the ball from defence to attack.

U10 vs TPS Netball

The girls played TPS for their final netball match of the Quarter. After demonstrating great attacking skills the girls got the ball to the shooting circle. Despite a couple of missed opportunities the girls finally scored! From then on the girls worked beautifully as a team to zigzag the ball up the court and into the goal. Although they were a little tired by the end all the girls continued to defend and attack as a team to refrain TPS from scoring.

LJS 8 - TPS 0

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U9 Netball

Wed 2nd November 2011

LJS v Bilton Grange

By Olivia Mardon

LJS made a nervous start to their first match with poor marking, footwork and passing and were very lucky therefore to score 3 goals in the first quarter.

LJS improved in the 2nd quarter with superb defending from Izzy, fabulous retrieval from Alice and amazing shooting from Tara and Eve.

In the 3rd quarter LJS continued to dominate the opposition although Bilton Grange managed to score a well taken goal and were definitely on the attack.

There was some great passing from Molly, Aiofe and Tash.

LJS however had been saving their best until last.

Their passing flowed well and the team took every opportunity to escape their markers. With Kira's help Izzy's defending continued to stop Bilton Grange from getting near their goal. Accurate passing from Olivia and great teamwork saw LJS score another 7 goals in this final quarter.

The LJS team was ecstatic and surprised with their win and look forward to their next match! Thanks to Everyone who came to cheer us on.