



Abbotsholme Intouch

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The Headmaster welcomed everyone to Chapel on this very cold but sunny morning.

There have been two trips this weekend. Mr Heppell and Mrs Knott took a group of Year 7 and 8 pupils to the Peak District on a Bunkbarn Weekend. The weekend proved to be fun and a good time was had by all.

Mrs Peters and Mrs Philpot took a group of pupils to Liverpool to take part in a Maths Challenge and would like to thank the boys for giving up their Saturday.

A Bronze Duke of Edinburgh was presented to Freddie Skitt and a Silver Duke of Edinburgh to Stefan Heymann.

Sports' Fixtures

Boys' Football – Wednesday 10 March 10

1st/U15 v Concorde College (A) – depart 12.45pm, return approx 6.00pm

U13 v Grace Dieu (A) – depart 1.15pm, return approx 5.00pm

Girls' Netball – Wednesday 10 March 10

1st & 2nd v Denstone (H) – 1.45pm

1st & 2nd v Thomas Alleyne's (A) – depart 2.30pm, return by 5.10pm

U15 v Chase Academy (A) – depart 3.00pm, return approx 5.45pm

U13 v Yarlet (H) – 2.30pm

Sports' Reports

Boys' Football

1st Team Football

On Wednesday 3 March the 1st Team made the trip to Stafford Grammar School. Although previous results against this side have not gone our way we were keen to change this. When we arrived we had a quick team talk and were quickly in the action.

Unfortunately Abbotsholme did not wake up from the coach journey, so through Stafford's speedy strikers and Abbotsholme's lack of talking we found ourselves 4-0 down by half time. At half time Mr Ritchie had a word with us all and changed the formation, this seemed to work very well.

We worked much harder in the second half and kept possession much better, this led to Fai being put through on goal and finishing nicely for his first goal of the season. Unfortunately after lots of appealing from players, the Stafford linesman raised his flag for a very late and close offside decision.

Abbotsholme continued to work hard but unfortunately Stafford scored a scrappy goal to make it 5-0. Super sub Tristan Wilson then came on and scored with a lovely drilled shot into the bottom corner, unfortunately this was in our own goal so took the score to 6-0.

Man of the Match was shared between Brandon Ip for good work in the centre of midfield and Sam Jackson for solid defensive work.

U15 Football

On Wednesday 3 March Abbotsholme U15 Football Team travelled to SIGS for our fifth match of the season. With four straight wins under our belt we were not going to be intimidated, even by a school like SIGS with a very strong track record at football.

Their new pitches looked good even if a bit narrow. This stopped us putting the ball wide and using Jack Sanderson and Keller McHenry and it took us time to realise this as we kept sending the ball either into touch or long to their keeper. In the first half we had more of the possession however SIGS looked more threatening when they did attack.

At half time we were level at 0-0, very pleasing when the day before they were 10-0 up against Wolves at the same point.

In the second half SIGS came at us like a different side, constantly bombarding our six yard box with telling crosses. Ollie Turbitt made some superb blocks at close range but it wasn't enough and SIGS went 1-0 up.

It looked as though heads were dropping so subs were made and Jon Wood and Josh Sulin came on and both made an impact. Josh tackled well down the left side and provided good passes into the midfield while Jon worked hard, always chasing back, and after he won the ball on one occasion and passed it to Jakob, Jakob took on two defenders which forced him wide but that didn't matter when he struck it with force and saw it go between the keepers legs and in, 1-1.

Two minutes later Jakob deftly lifted the ball over two defenders allowing James Prime to hit the ball first time leaving the keeper rooted to the spot, 2-1 Abbotsholme.

SIGS still had 15 minutes left, which proved too long for us to hold out and with 5 minutes left they equalised from the penalty spot.

The final score was 2-2, a fair result and a very good game.

The whole team played well, but especially the back four and Ollie Turbitt in goal.

Man of the Match goes to Jack Nunn who replaced the injured Matt Wilcox. His strong tackling made a real impression on SIGS and along with the other defenders kept us in the match.

Girls' Netball

Ist Team

Last Wednesday the Ist Netball team played Adams' Grammar School. The opposition are well known for being very experienced and the team were looking forward to the challenge of playing an accomplished team. We played six periods which encouraged us to put training into practice and push our fitness to the limit.

With accurate passing around the D and good marking, the score after the first sixth was 3-9, with shooting becoming more accurate with each shot made.

In the second sixth the team found a positive rhythm with mid-court players linking nicely and a positive attitude throughout. Catherine made every shot she took in this period of play which was reflected in the score line with Abbotsholme winning this sixth and closing the gap to 11-14

With players on the bench eager to play, some substitutions were made. However, communications began to break down and more penalties were given away. After 4 sixths the score was 13-30 to Adams.

The team maintained their composure throughout the game and we were constantly learning and improving from playing against an advanced opposition. We never lost possession from a centre pass and we completed all objectives given to us at the start of the match. After a long game, the final score was 13-41; however, the score line does not reflect the efforts made by all team players.

The player of the match selected by the opposition was Sophie McGregor.

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2nd Team

Last Wednesday the 2nd team played at home against Adams' Grammar School. The game lasted 50 minutes in total. During the first session we got off to a great start. Passing and moving was good and the shooters were on target. At the end of the first 10 minutes we were up 4-2.

During the second period Adams came fighting back and our performance went off the boil. We only scored one goal and Adams took a narrow lead 6-5.

After 30 minutes of play the score was level at 8 all. We had gathered ourselves together and both shooting and defensive play was equally as good. The game continued to be very closely contested. The score after 40 minutes of play was a narrow lead to Adams by 12-11.

During the final 10 minutes the defence consisting of Sarah Glynn, Charlotte Tims and Nina Meier held strong and Adams were unable to score. In contrast our shooters, Sarah Davies and Chloe Cheshire were unstoppable and scored well against a strong defence.

The final score was an excellent 16-12 to Abbotsholme.

This was again a strong team performance. The player of the match was Nina Meier for her overall outstanding contribution to the game. Well done to all members of the team for such a great win against a strong side.

U14 Netball

The U14s played a home game against Lichfield Cathedral School. The match started with Abbotsholme having the first centre pass, which led to us scoring our first goal. By the end of the first quarter the score was 4-0 to Abbotsholme.

As the game went on more goals were scored and a few positions were changed, within the team. Defenders stayed tight to their players and the attackers worked hard to get the ball into the goal circle. Emily Weeland was intercepting well in defence and Charlotte Thornewill was

controlling the central play in court. For their excellent play they were both awarded 'Man of the Match'.

By the end of the game the score was 19-0 to Abbotsholme, everyone played really well and it was a very enjoyable game.

U13 Netball

Last Wednesday the U13 Netball team had a home game against Lichfield Cathedral School.

We won the toss and started very quickly with an early goal straight from the centre pass. Lichfield quickly gained a goal back and put us under a lot of pressure, scoring 4 goals in quick succession.

After a quick team talk and a few tactical changes by Mrs Bennett we went back on court ready to play hard. We dug deep and our defence stayed strong, with good interceptions we kept on getting the ball up to our forwards and scoring goals.

The game was end to end and closely contested by both teams. By the end of the second third we had brought the score back and were leading 9-8.

For the last third we kept up the pressure and began playing some lovely passes up the court, unfortunately the Lichfield Goalkeeper was very tall and made a couple of important interceptions right at the end of the game.

As the final whistle went the score was 11 all. Everyone played really well, but the player of the match was Georgina Collins.

U12 Netball

The U12 Netball team played against Lichfield Cathedral School last Wednesday. When we found out we were playing against their U13 B team we began to get nervous, but after some reassurance from Mrs Bennett and Mrs Sanderson we were ready for the challenge.

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Lichfield won the first centre pass, however we quickly intercepted the pass and took control of the game.

Within the first 10 minutes we had scored 16 goals. After a quick team talk and a few changes we went back on court ready to try and work through the tasks we had been set. Defenders had to keep tight and the attacks had to work on passing the ball up the court, using both sides. The whole team contributed well to the game and the whole squad managed to get on court at some stage throughout the match. We defended really well and made some lovely attacking passes up the court.

The final score was 31-3 to Abbotsholme. Congratulations to everyone who played. The players of the match were Tara and Jade Witcomb for excellent work in and around the goal and for the 31 goals scored between them.

Chapel Announcements

Miss Bebbington – Thank you all for bringing in your Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If you have any more could you please put them in the box in reception or pass on to me.

Ms Davies – Presented Jo Herbert and George Atherden with a published anthology that includes their poems.

Mr Sellar – There will be a meeting for the Gold DofE, canoe group this Wednesday at 6.00pm.

I am organising a Rock Climbing and Mountaineering trip the first week of the summer holidays. The plan is to follow the sun. If anyone is interested please let me know as soon as possible.

Miss Coonan – Could year 7/8 pupils who are going on the skiing trip please let me have their passports and health cards as soon as possible.

If anyone who took part in the Cheadle 5 Race yesterday, could they please let me know so that I can update our championship results. The next race is in April, either the Wirksworth Incline Race or the Derby Pride Park 10km race. Plenty of time to train for these events!

Year 8 – You are out all day on Thursday at the Big Bang Fair in Manchester. School uniform must be worn but bring a jacket. School packed lunch will be provided, you may wish to bring along some money in case you would like a snack. The coach will leave the car park at 8.30am, registration is as normal and you will be back for 5.00pm.

Mr Herbert – Could any Year 11's that wish to attend GCSE Revision sessions please let the teachers know ahead of time.

Mrs Kuster – Could pupils who wish to attend either the Year 9 Round Square Conference in Landheim, Schondorf, Germany or the Year 8 Windermere St Anne's Conference please return their letters by the end of the week.

Could students who are going on the Round Square trip to Costa Rica please bring their passports to me by the end of the week.

Mr Moon – There will be an Art Society Concert tomorrow evening at 8.00pm.

Mrs Wood – Would like to ask pupils to behave respectfully and responsibly whilst using the library.

Mrs Wainwright – Would like to remind pupils that their language and behaviour should be impeccable at all times.

Pupils are also reminded that British Bulldog is not allowed in school.

Team A, Clownholme and Year 11 are on duty this week.

Junior Department Assembly

Ms Ward said thank you for the Book Club orders which will be sent off today.

Congratulations to Robbie and Lorna Cooper on achieving their 1000m swimming award, to Edward Buck for his 400m swimming award and Elise Jones for her 50m swimming award.

Well done to everyone who took part in the Yarlet and Smallwood matches last week. Both schools commented on your good behaviour and said you would be welcome back at any time.

Could all girls with long hair make sure that it is tied back.

The Skipathon will finish this week.

Friday 12 March 10

U9 Football Tournament (A) at Smallwood – 2.00pm start

U10/U11 v Lichfield Netball (H) – 2.30pm

Saturday 13 March 2010

U11 Football/Netball Tournament (H) – 09.30am, finish 12.00pm

