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# Coopers' Coborn PE Newsletter

Brought to you by the Games Captains: Nikki, Jordan, Emily, Jon, Nicole, Tom, Charlotte and Tom.

## National Finals Galore!

### Girls Hockey:

Without a doubt, girls hockey has been one of the strongest points of school sport in recent years and this trend has undoubtedly continued. This term has seen some exceptionally great results throughout all years with indoor hockey experiencing unprecedented success. There has been some brilliant hockey with the best results from the under 16s and under 18 Girls at their recent National Indoor finals. The U18s topped their group with a goal difference of +20! Both the U18 and U16 semi-finals showed high quality Indoor hockey, but both teams narrowly lost which resulted in a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish for both teams, a magnificent achievement.

Outdoor hockey is also progressing extremely well with the lower school teams excelling in recent matches. The under 16 girls showed great teamwork in finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the east round finals day. The U18 Girls Hockey team are East Outdoor Champions, a very close competition resulted in the team finishing ahead of Framlington, Queenswood and Chelmsford. Congratulations to all the girls, wishing them the best of luck at the National Finals.

Good luck to all the upcoming matches this season from local competitions to the National finals!



### Biathlon

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, students travelled to Crystal Palace for the semi finals of the schools Biathlon. Stand out results came from Jed Rimell (5<sup>th</sup>), Tom Toolis (1<sup>st</sup>), Tom Clarke (10<sup>th</sup>), Nikki Twine (5<sup>th</sup>) and Mr Duncan (1<sup>st</sup>). Congratulations to all competitors and in particular Nikki, Jed, Tom T and Mr Duncan for qualifying for the National Finals in March. We wish you the best of luck!.



We would like to remind pupils that rowing club continues to run on Monday and Tuesday Lunch and has been very successful to the present day. Running Club is still on every Friday after school with Mr Duncan. Students are still encouraged to attend hockey training and as many other clubs as possible, ask the P.E. staff for more information.



### Boys Hockey

The U18 boys experienced extremely tough competition in their indoor campaign, particularly when playing against a GB senior who had just come back from the Commonwealth games! However the boys battled on and finished a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> in the east region. The under 18 Boys hockey outdoor team showed some superb skill in their recent Essex Tournament where they now progress to the East Regional Finals in March. We wish all the boys every success in their National campaign.

### Rugby

The senior rugby squad have had a very promising campaign in their recent U18 Daily Mail Vase Competition where they successfully reached the 7<sup>th</sup> round of the competition with strong wins against The King's School Ely 32-22 and an impressive 55-0 win over Chatham House Grammar School for boys. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV then met a strong St Georges College Weybridge in the 7<sup>th</sup> round. The team battled valiantly in a tight, tense game with Coopers playing much of the better rugby throughout, however with the game finished the scores were equal at 8-8. Unfortunately due to the away advantage rule, St Georges College Weybridge went through meaning Coopers' were undeservedly knocked out of the competition.

The U16s and U13s have both been successful in their runs to the Essex Cup Competition with the U16s beating King John 12-6 and the U13s beating Robert Clack progressing into the Semi Finals in their competition. The U15s travelled down to Brighton for a 'mini-tour' playing Brighton College Hastings Bexhill Rugby Club and we all wish the new U12s team good luck with the rest of their season playing their first season for the school. The Coopers Coborn side were victorious.



### Tennis

This term the Schools Senior Students team consisting of Billy Elliott, Tom Wilson, Jon Foong and Adam Gray managed to reach the quarter finals of the competition. They came up against a strong KEGS team and after the first 6 rubbers scores were even at 3-3, Jon foong and Adam Gray then teamed up for the championship tiebreak, after a valiant effort they narrowly lost 10-7 thus knocking them out of the competition.



### Badminton

This term the badminton team has gone from strength to strength, both the under 16 girls and boys team reached the East Finals, with the boys team coming third and the girls team coming second. All age groups have reached the Havering finals and are expected to perform well in the competition. This recent success in badminton is due to the popularity of badminton club, with so many people playing, competition for the team is fierce! So everyone keep up the good work!

### Netball

This term has seen the under 14, 16 and 18 teams all start their Essex Cup campaign. The under 14s showed brilliant skill in their quarter final match but narrowly missed out on getting to the semis. Both under 16s and under 18s performed extremely well in their pool and are continuing onto the quarter finals where we wish them the best of luck!



### Sports Presentation Evening

We would just like to say thank you to all who participated and contributed towards a very successful evening and particularly to Denise Lewis and Michelle Robinson for their emotional, heart-felt speeches.



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