

Hello everybody and welcome to your weekly message from the MRFC U6 Age Group.

I would like to start by saying how wonderful it was to see so many old faces and even more new faces on Sunday, despite the rain, and it looks like everyone was have a great time getting wet and very muddy ☐

As we mentioned and you saw, we give out a weekly trophy to 2 children who the coaches believe have most improved, contributed the best, for listening and concentrating, catching, running the fastest, scoring the most tries or even all of the above. This week saw the trophy going to Jack Faulkner and Charlie Ball so a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to you both. Please remember to bring the trophy back though so we can give it to 2 new people this week.

A quick message this week covering: A Note from your Head Coach, Watching the World Cup, membership and sponsorship:

A Note from your Head Coach:

*Well, a wet but successful start to the season – calling an early finish was definitely the right thing as the serious rain started to fall about 20 minutes later.*

*Back to rugby ... I was very pleased to see so many familiar faces (plus a few new ones) on day one of training , and it even seemed that parents had been out in the garden over the summer practising. The running catching and passing was superb after so much time off. I am very inspired (I know it's early days yet) as I think we should be playing some great tag before too long.*

*Thanks to all the parents for bearing with the weather ( was a lot warmer running around so if you fancy coaching.....), but I do think the cheers at the end when I asked who was coming back again showed that the children had fun despite that.*

*I apologise for the lack of tags and belts but I think with your collective help we all managed to improvise well and we hope to have this sorted for next week. Can I reiterate Michelle's request that if you put a tag on your son or daughter could you please ensure that you help remove it at the end of session.*

*Thanks again and all fingers crossed for a drier Sunday next week – see you on 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Rich*

Watching the World Cup:

I am pleased to say that the world Cup is going to be screened in the MRFC clubhouse (surprise surprise). They have 4 flat screens with 2 projectors showing the games live. They will also be doing British and Irish breakfasts before and during the matches with other food and snacks available during the day and evening. This week is South Africa v Wales and the game starts at 8.30am. You are all welcome to come and join us at the club house before going down to the pitch for the start of the 10am training.

Membership:

I have been told that there were some problems with the MRFC web site when trying to apply and pay for membership. I am pleased to say that this has now been rectified (I know as I have paid my family membership this week) so you should have no further problems. Saying that, if you do have problems or do not trust the system any longer ☐, then I am able to help you make the application and payment manually. I will be bringing the application forms with me on Sunday so if you can bring your cheque book or cash, I can help you complete these forms and take your payment from you.

Sponsorship:

The Mini section of MRFC are run by volunteers with no funding from Maidenhead Rugby Club other than the basic kit we had with us last Sunday. All the volunteers give their time freely, this includes Richard and Myself, and we do this because we enjoy the game, enjoy working with young children to watch them grow in skill and confidence and our own children love to come down to training week after week. So, we need help from you lovely parents to keep running the sessions the way we do and keep the kit in top condition. This can be achieved in small or large ways. We have to pay for the chocolates that we give to the children every week, these are currently reduced in the supermarkets at the moment at £5 so maybe you could buy a tin and bring it with you one week? Or sponsorship in a larger way maybe: We have received a larger amount of sponsorship money at the end of last season, from one of the coaches company which is paying for a new marquee so we can have our own shelter on wet and windy days. Or is you have a smaller company then maybe you would like to sponsor a Coach and have your logo put onto a mesh bib for them to wear. The possibilities are endless and any sponsorship is greatly received so please talk to me if you have any ideas or questions.

Well that's it for this week and I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday

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