

Dear All

Another week and another great training session with great weather, just after I warned you all about what to wear when it gets cold. Well I don't know about you but long may it continue to be sunny and warmish ☐ Apologies for the long newsletter this week but as always, valuable information.....

The Trophies this week have gone to George Watson and Ryan Sturgon so a BIG WELL DONE boys. As you are all aware, we have a lot of children come to training every week and receiving these trophies is so important to the youngsters. Please remember to bring these back with you this week for the next people to be awarded with them.

This week's Newsletter: A message from your Head Coach, Membership is Due, Cakes & Sponsorship, Ladies Night, Cash for Sports and This Weeks Manager.

A Message from your Head Coach:

Firstly I must say how fantastically well things are going this season... the weather has (so far) been very kind to us and through sponsorship, we have now purchased a new tent just in case things turn nasty so at least the parents will stay dry. The children have been improving rapidly and it is so wonderful to see youngsters who were a little unsure at the start of the season taking on proper games of tag with gusto. The warm ups have improved with two full laps of the pitches and even a few push ups on the way round (this does tend to get smiles from watching parents)

The Rugby World Cup final this Sunday gave me a chance to set up something a bit different and as players arrived there were sets of hoops suspended off the ground – this allowed us to have more sight of which of our youngsters can pass the ball at a distance and will form a regular part of training for the next few weeks. On this subject those who were at training on Sunday will be aware that we are trying to get photos of each of the Under 6 players. I am setting up a progress tracker for each player, where we can track their skills and progress through the season (I know this sounds a bit OTT for Under 6s but will help me and the coaching team get to know the children and their names). I see this going on to Under 7s where this will also assist us in selecting teams etc. If you want to know more please have a chat to me after training.

On a final note, the weather will sadly turn at some point. Please ensure that both you and your children have the appropriate warm clothing. Gloves (ideally sports gloves with grip on the palms) hats and leggings are all good. Might also be advisable to bring hot chocolate or other warming drinks if not for your children then for the coaches !

My thanks as always to Michelle (who does loads behind the scenes that none of you see) and also the other coaches. I feel that we are coming together as a coaching team which can only bode well for the players.

Richard

Membership is Due:

Anyone who was there on Sunday and hasn't paid for their children's membership will already have been asked, by myself, to take the time to go onto the MRFC web site to pay for their child's membership this week. Those that are away for half term and not at training last week or this week, don't worry I will be asking you next time I see you, if you have still not paid by that time. All children have 2 weeks to see if they enjoy coming to training each week but then membership is due and even though I hate asking for money, I will be asking you until membership is paid or your child has to be excluded from training sessions. I try to make paying membership as easy as possible, You can still pay me with cash or cheque as I have the application forms or go onto www.maidenheadrfc.com to pay. You just need to click on membership (on the left of the screen) then scroll down to the bottom of the page and pay by PayPal.

Cakes/fund raisings and Sponsorship:

A Big Thank you to Caroline from www.rolipolicakes.co.uk for making all those cakes and to you all for buying them. We sold 96 cakes and all profits have been divided between the U6 and U7 age groups to help towards equipment and other items that are needed to run the age groups successfully. If you have any sponsorship queries or fund raising idea's then Richard and I are always pleased to hear from you. As Richard said in his message, we are taking some photos of the children at the moment and we will be releasing these for you to purchase for possible Christmas presents so keep reading the newsletters ☐

Ladies Night:

All the age groups are self-funded and the U6's have organised a Ladies Night to help with their fund raising. The U7s ladies are organising a table so if any of you mums in the U6s would like to organise a table then I will be happy to help in any way I can. I am unable to go and am really gutted as this event was run last year and is back by popular demand. Apparently it is a really fun evening and a great way for us mum's to get together and get to know each other a little better ☐

Cash for Sports:

A Massive Thank you to everyone who has handed in their Cash for Sports vouchers from the Maidenhead Advertiser. I still need more so please continue to collect and hand them to me when you can.

Next Week's Manager:

Apologies as I will not be around this Sunday as I am away with the family for Half Term. Rosie Bleazard (Cullum's Mum) is standing in for me and is very capable of answering any or your questions, taking vouchers from you, helping with membership payments but she refuses to wear the Jesters Hat ☐ Rosie will be coming around to see you and will let me know if there is anything she is not able to answer so I can get back to you next week. Big Thank you Rosie ☐

So that is it for this week and I look forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks.

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