

NEWSLETTER

XMAS 2009

Well the season has started brightly for Wildcats; numbers of children are up on last year with over 100 children attending on Sunday mornings and 60 older children attending the Academy on Wednesday evenings. Why not encourage a friend to come along also and enjoy the fun?



Registration

By now hopefully all children have been registered but if not please register as soon as you can. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Wildcats website. Please include a parent email address on the registration form so that we are able to send you information about fixtures and events etc.

Festive Fun for U6,U8, U10 and U12

The last training session of 2009 is on the 13th December. We will have fun activities on the pitch for the children with mince pies and special festive treats. Also there will be a prize for the child who dresses in the best festive costume! Normal session times apply across all age groups.



North winds are starting to blow

Hats, gloves and layers of clothing will help keep your child warm now that temperatures are dropping. Also remember that shinpads are a must and a mouth guard is highly recommended. Also bring along a non-fizzy drink for refreshment.

No Hockey to be played in the Warm Up area

For all our safety the committee has decided that during Wildcats sessions on Sunday morning, Hockey should not be played in the Warm Up area next to the pitch. This is not only for the safety of the players but for the spectators (young and old) who congregate in this area.

Under 8's in a scoring mood

There might have been blustery showers at the Oxford City hockey festival held at Headington Girls School, but Wallingford Wildcats U8's were roaring at the City of Oxford Hockey Festival. Split into two teams, the Pumas and the Panthers, they played brilliantly finding the back of the net 20 times, including scoring within 5 seconds of the start of the festival. With wins over City (5-0), Hawks (2-0) and a draw against Rover (1-1) the Panthers were purring all over the pitch. Goals coming from Annabel Roe, Edward Gilbert-Blay, Jayden Zamler and Oli Shaw. There was some great movement and passing from the midfield especially Isabella Worthington, Eva Potts and Connor Morrison. Stout defending and strong tackling from Ieuan Darkes, Edward Jenkins and Tyl Meyer saw only one goal conceded in three games

Not to be outdone the Pumas achieved great things against City, Hawks and Banbury. A very strong all round team performance leading to 12 goals scored and 3 wins. With crafty goals from Nathan Hamer, well supported from midfield by Tom Ferris, Lucas Helmschott Bowdon and Katie Shannon we were always going to be hard to beat. Hayo Van Der Tang added speed and width with powerful runs down the right side and some lovely crossing, well hit corners and low shooting on goal. Cordelia Mahony, Alex Ostridge, Tegan Farquaharson and Francis Wahlen provided our resilient back-line only conceding 1 goal in the entire festival. Finally a special mention to Edward Carter Keall who played a key role as sweeper, clearing and distributing the ball through to our midfield and wings.

Under 10's – Season Update

All matches this season so far have been very positive. As well as the children clearly enjoying visiting other clubs they have all put in very good performances. At the recent Hawks Festival one team finished top of their group while the other came second in their group. However we must not get carried away regarding results but keep our focus on having fun and learning the basics properly. Recently the children have been learning the "Jab" tackle as well as "Clip" Hitting and "Slap" hitting which are essential building blocks to developing a good all round game.

Under 16 Girls - Season Update

The U16 Girls have had a tough start to their Oxon League campaign this season, losing their first three matches against the top 3 teams in the league. This is a season of consolidation, as many of the girls would still have been playing for the U14s if it wasn't for the change in eligibility criteria. Despite the results so far, the girls have shown that they are capable of good individual performances and developing teamwork – and the match against Witney was only narrowly lost by a goal conceded in the dying minutes of the game.

Volunteers Required!

The Wildcats tournament takes place on Jan 23rd and volunteers are needed. Please help us by giving your support to the club and pass your details to the coaches to make this a real success!

Dates for your Diary

Wildcats Last Training 2009:	13 th Dec	Wildcats New Year Start:	10 th Jan 2010
Academy Last Training 2009:	10 th Dec	Academy New Year Start:	7 th Jan, 2010

Fixtures

Details can change so please check with your coach or the Wildcats website on a regular basis. Times of fixtures normally follow with the age group training session times but again please check with your coach.

6th Dec	U14 Boys	Rover Oxford	Home (1:15)
6th Dec	U16 Girls	Oxford Hawks	Away (11:45)
6th Dec	U16 Boys	Rover Oxford	Home (2:45)
13th Dec	U6,U8,U10,U12	Festive Fun	Home
13-Dec	U14 Girls	Yateley Friendly	Home (1:15)
31-Jan		Wildcats Tournament	
7-Feb	U14 Girls	Banbury (Triangular Hawks/Banbury)	Away
7-Feb	U14 Boys	Newbury & Thatcham Friendly	Home (1:15)
28-Feb	U8,U10,U12	Hawks	Away
28-Feb	U14 Girls	Triangular vs City & West Witney	Home (1:15)
28-Feb	U14 Boys	Witney Warriors	Away

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
