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NATIONAL SEMI-FINAL THRILLER: YEAR 8 BOYS MAKE HISTORY

The Lockyers Middle School community gathered in force this week to witness a landmark moment in our school's sporting history: the Semi-Final of the Year 8 Small Schools National Cup.

The match began with high intensity from both sides. Royal Russell proved to be a formidable opponent, utilizing clever positioning to exploit gaps and taking an early two-goal lead. However, the Lockyers boys refused to be intimidated. A strategic shift to a counter-attacking style paid dividends when Eddie broke through the defense, shaking off multiple challenges to clinical finish and put us on the board.

While Royal Russell's possession-based game extended their lead before the break, the second half belonged to Lockyers. Our boys "threw everything at it," dominating the ball and pressing high. Luke found the back of the net yet again, continuing his stellar goal-scoring form in this competition.



Despite a flurry of chances and a much stronger second-half performance that kept the crowd on the edge of their seats, we couldn't quite bridge the gap before the final whistle.

The Bigger Picture While the result didn't go our way, the pride felt by the staff, parents, and fellow students was immeasurable.

Entering this national competition for the first time and reaching the final four is an extraordinary feat. These players have set a new benchmark for Lockyers sport, proving that we can compete with the very best in the country.

Congratulations to the entire squad on a season we will never forget!

Final Score: Lockyer's Middle School 2 - 5 Royal Russel School

Year 8 Small School National Cup - Semi Finals



Lockyers Middle School 2 - 5
Royal Russel School



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A HISTORIC MILESTONE: KS2 GIRLS SECURE FIRST-EVER FOOTBALL FINAL SPOT

The atmosphere was electric leading up to the KS2 Girls' Semi-Final against Hamworthy. The team was clearly ready for the challenge, and their performance on the pitch mirrored their pre-game excitement.

From the start, Lockyers dominated, applying relentless pressure on the Hamworthy defense. The goals were a result of clinical team play, with Charlotte P netting twice, supported by fantastic goals from Cece E and Loella P.

However, the story of the match was the "Team First" attitude. With no dedicated keeper, Charlotte and Lorna both stepped up to play a half each between the posts. Both girls made vital, game-saving stops to ensure a clean sheet and keep the momentum firmly with Lockyers.

Making History This victory is more than just a win on the scoreboard. To our knowledge, this is the first time a girls' football team at Lockyers Middle School has ever reached a final. This is a monumental achievement for the girls and a testament to the growth of girls' football at our school.

Star of the Day: Our Star of the Day is Cece E, whose work rate and skill were instrumental in guiding the team to this historic result.

The girls never gave up, played with incredible spirit, and were a joy to watch. We couldn't be prouder of this squad as they prepare for the big day!



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YEAR 8 NATIONAL CUP SUCCESS – ROUND 4 VICTORY AT MILLFIELD PREP

On Tuesday 2nd February, our Year 8 football team travelled to Millfield Prep School, Glastonbury, for the fourth round of the National Small Schools Cup. After a long journey, the boys arrived focused, professional, and ready for the challenge ahead.

Millfield Prep were fantastic hosts, and our players prepared impeccably, delivering a high-quality warm-up focused on key skills, movement, and match readiness. From the opening whistle, Lockyer's took control of the game, dominating possession and creating numerous chances. Despite this strong start, we initially struggled to convert our opportunities in front of goal.

As confidence grew and the boys began to fully trust their ability, the breakthrough finally came. A committed 50/50 challenge from Enzo on the goalkeeper set the tone, lifting the tempo and belief across the team. From that moment on, the performance went up another level.



Luke produced two outstanding finishes, both strong contenders for goal of the season, showcasing composure, technique, and confidence under pressure. Harrison made a huge impact after moving into midfield, finding himself on the scoresheet twice with intelligent movement and clinical finishing.

Debutants Sonny and Mason also marked the occasion in the best possible way, each grabbing a well-deserved goal and demonstrating the depth and strength of this squad.

The match finished with an emphatic 7-0 victory, a result that reflects not only the quality on display but also the teamwork, discipline, and resilience shown throughout the game.

This fantastic result sees Lockyer's Middle School progress into the Round of 16 (Round 5) of the National Cup, where we now move into the South West region, facing either Looe or St Ives in the next round.

A huge well done to all players involved for representing the school with pride, professionalism, and confidence – a performance to be extremely proud of.

Year 8 National Small School Cup Round 4



Millfield Prep 0 - 7 Lockyer's
Middle School



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LOCKYER'S MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDED THE EQUAL ACCESS TROPHY

We are incredibly proud to announce that Lockyer's Middle School has been awarded the Equal Access Trophy in recognition of our commitment to providing outstanding sporting opportunities for all members of our school community.

This award reflects the hard work, passion, and dedication that goes into ensuring every student – regardless of background, experience, or ability – has the opportunity to participate, develop, and succeed in sport and physical activity.

At Lockyer's, we firmly believe that sport is for everyone. Over the past year, we have continued to expand our provision across competitive teams, festivals, leadership pathways, clubs, and inclusive participation opportunities. From national competitions to beginner-friendly festivals, from sports leadership roles to new extracurricular clubs, our aim has always been to remove barriers and create opportunity.

Receiving the Equal Access Trophy is not just recognition of participation numbers – it represents our culture of inclusion, encouragement, and belonging. It highlights the commitment of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the continued support of our families and wider community.

We are extremely proud of this achievement and remain dedicated to ensuring that opportunity, inclusion, and access continue to sit at the heart of everything we do.

Well done to everyone involved in making this possible.



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U13 SMALL SCHOOLS NATIONAL CUP LOCKYER'S MIDDLE SCHOOL VS LOOE COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Our U13 boys travelled to a neutral venue at Hamworthy United ground – also known as the Dorset County Ground – for a huge National Cup fixture against Looe Community Academy.

From the very first moment, the boys were exceptional. They took full ownership of their preparation, leading and conducting a superb warm-up with maturity and professionalism. The standards were set early – and they carried directly into the match.

On the big stage, Lockyer's settled quickly. The team showed real composure in possession, demonstrating an excellent understanding of when to retain the ball and when to break defensive lines. Movement off the ball was intelligent, support play was constant, and the cohesion across the team was clear to see. As an attacking unit we were creative and composed; as a defensive unit we were organised, compact, and resilient.

Credit must go to Looe's goalkeeper, who produced two outstanding one-on-one saves to keep his side in the contest during the first half.



Towards the end of the first half and into the second, Looe built momentum and placed Lockyer's under sustained pressure. During this spell came one of the standout moments of the match – an incredible fingertip save from Harrison, tipping the ball over the bar in spectacular fashion. The save drew applause from both sets of players and spectators – a real mark of the quality and respect shown throughout the fixture.

As Looe pressed higher, Lockyer's demonstrated tactical intelligence, exploiting the right moments to transition quickly and effectively. This led to several outstanding link-up passages of play across the team – a true collective effort where every player contributed. Goal scorers on the day were:

- Luke
- Will
- Enzo

Connor also found the net with an expertly timed run and finish, though the goal was unfortunately ruled out for offside.

A special thank you to all spectators who came to support, and to Mr Ramburn & Mr Hensby for running the lines – Looe Community Academy have passed on their appreciation.

Star of the Day: Enzo

We are incredibly proud of every single player involved.

U13 Small School National Cup (Round of 16)



Lockyer's Middle School 3 - 0
Looe Community Academy



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YEAR 8 RUGBY 7'S FESTIVAL

After an incredibly challenging period of weather that has significantly impacted PE lessons, extracurricular clubs, and fixtures, it was fantastic to see the sun shining for our Year 8 Rugby 7's Festival.

The boys arrived full of energy and excitement, ready to compete and embrace the occasion.

The festival saw us face some extremely strong opposition, including Bournemouth School for Boys, Highcliffe School, Lytchett Minster School, and Poole Grammar School — all schools with a proud rugby heritage and strong 7's experience.

Throughout the day, our players demonstrated excellent skill, determination, and resilience. In attack, we moved the ball with confidence and creativity, scoring some superbly worked tries through intelligent support play and quick decision-making. Defensively, the boys showed real courage and commitment, getting stuck in and working hard for one another as a cohesive unit.

Importantly, festivals like this are not just about results — they are about development. The team embraced the opportunity to learn from high-quality opposition, gaining valuable tactical knowledge and insight into the speed, structure, and intensity required at this level of rugby.

It was a fantastic day of competitive sport played in the right spirit, and we are extremely proud of how the boys represented the school both on and off the field.

We very much look forward to seeing this talented group continue to develop and compete in future rugby events.



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YEAR 8 REACH NATIONAL CUP SEMI-FINAL AFTER THRILLING QUARTER-FINAL VICTORY

Our Year 8 football team travelled to Oxford to face Europa School UK in the Small Schools National Cup Quarter-Final, producing a remarkable performance to secure a dramatic 2-1 victory and progress to the semi-finals.

From the moment the team arrived, their professionalism and preparation were clear to see. The players took full ownership of their warm-up, with excellent leadership from Luna, Harrison and Will, ensuring the squad were focused and ready for the challenge ahead.

The game began at a relentless pace, with both teams creating chances in a highly competitive and end-to-end contest. Europa struck first during the opening half to take a 1-0 lead, but Lockyer's responded with impressive determination and composure.

The equaliser arrived from a well-delivered corner which was expertly met by Will G, who powered a header into the net to level the game at 1-1.

Throughout the match, Lockyer's defensive unit produced an outstanding performance. Harrison R and Elwood set the tone at the back, remaining calm under pressure and organising the defensive line brilliantly. Freddie R also played a crucial role, delivering an excellent defensive display against a particularly dangerous winger.

In goal, Harrison N was simply outstanding. Time and time again he produced crucial saves, including several one-on-one situations that kept Lockyer's firmly in the contest.



One of the defining moments of the game came when Europa managed to break through the defence and beat the goalkeeper, leaving an open net. In an incredible act of determination, Will C sprinted back and produced a remarkable goal-line clearance – even colliding with the post in the process – to deny what looked like a certain goal.

The drama continued when Europa were awarded a penalty with around 10 minutes remaining. In a moment of real composure and bravery, Harrison N produced a superb save to keep the scores level and give the team renewed belief.

With the game finely balanced and both sides pushing for a winner, Lockyer's found their moment. With just three minutes remaining, Luke broke through the defensive line following some excellent attacking play from midfield. As he moved through on goal, the goalkeeper brought him down inside the penalty area. Luke stepped up himself and calmly converted the penalty to give Lockyer's a 2-1 lead with only minutes remaining.

The final moments required immense concentration and determination as the team defended bravely to hold onto their advantage. When the final whistle blew, it confirmed a fantastic victory and a place in the National Cup Semi-Final, where Lockyer's will face Enfield at home.

Star of the Day: Harrison N.



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SUN-DRENCHED SUCCESS AT CHAPEL GATE CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday afternoon saw our Cross Country squad travel to Chapel Gate for what turned out to be a spectacular day of racing. In stark contrast to the usual winter mud, the runners were treated to firm ground and beautiful sunshine—perfect conditions for some fast times and high-energy performances.

While the entire squad ran with great character, the afternoon was particularly special for three of our students who stepped up to represent the school. We were delighted to welcome Evie and Daniel, who wore the Lockyers colours for the very first time, and Maddie, who made an impressive debut in her first-ever cross country event.

Taking on a cross country course can be a daunting challenge, but all three showed fantastic resilience and joined a squad that continues to go from strength to strength.

A Delight to Watch It wasn't just about the finish times; the sportsmanship and encouragement shown by the veteran runners toward our debutants made it a truly proud afternoon for the PE department. Congratulations to all who took part!

WEATHERING THE STORM

First and foremost, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all parents, carers, and students for your immense patience and understanding during what has been, quite frankly, the wettest Spring 1 term in recent memory.

Managing a sports schedule is always a challenge, but the persistent rainfall this term has made outdoor fixtures particularly difficult. We know how much the students look forward to representing Lockyers, and we share their frustration when the elements go against us.

Moving Forward The good news is that we are making significant headway! We have already managed to "catch up" on several key fixtures, and we are working hard behind the scenes to rearrange the remaining postponed events.

Our priority remains ensuring that every team gets their opportunity to compete. We endeavor to get these dates in the diary as soon as possible and appreciate your continued flexibility as we navigate the remainder of the season.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Lockyers Middle School Sport.



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A SPECIAL NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM MR. JOYCE

As we look back on a particularly challenging term of weather, I wanted to take a moment to share how incredibly proud I am of our students' conduct in P.E.

It is easy to stay motivated when the sun is shining, but this Spring 1 term has tested us all with relentless rain and flooded fields. Despite these obstacles, the students have shown remarkable resilience and a fantastic work ethic.

Whether we were adapting sessions indoors or braving the elements on the playground, the level of engagement and the positive "can-do" attitude from all year groups has been exemplary. Seeing students work so well together and remain focused on their physical development—even when the ground was underwater—is a testament to their character.

A huge well done to every student for their efforts this term. You have made the P.E. department very proud!

— Mr. Joyce



KS2 GIRLS BENCHBALL TOURNAMENT: A SMASHING SUCCESS

Lockyers Middle School was proud to host its first-ever KS2 Girls Benchball Tournament this term. Benchball has long been a favorite in PE lessons for its fast pace and emphasis on team strategy, and it was wonderful to see that energy translated into a competitive tournament format.

The event focused on participation, sportsmanship, and—most importantly—fun. For many of our students, this was a fantastic opportunity to represent their year groups in a supportive and high-energy environment. The level of communication on the court was outstanding, with students working together to ensure their teammates reached the bench safely!

We are thrilled with the turnout and the spirit shown by all the girls who took part. This marks the beginning of a new sporting tradition here at Lockyers.

Looking Ahead: KS2 House Benchball The excitement continues after the Easter break with our next big House event.

Please note the rearranged date for your diaries:

- Event: KS2 House Benchball (Boys)
- Date: Wednesday, 15th April
- Time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm

We look forward to seeing which House will display the best tactical skill and teamwork to claim the victory!

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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION! KS2 NETBALL FRIENDLY TRIANGULAR

Our Year 8 Netball team took center stage this week –not just as players, but as leaders!

We were delighted to host our friends from Allenbourne and St Michael's Middle School for a fantastic KS2 Netball Friendly Triangular. What made this event truly special was that it was organized and led entirely by our brilliant Year 8 Netball squad.

From umpiring the matches to coaching the younger players on their footwork and court positioning, our Year 8s showed incredible maturity and school spirit. The Highlights:

- Fantastic sportsmanship from all three schools
- High-energy matches with some brilliant shooting!
- KS2 players gaining confidence with every quarter.

A huge thank you to our visiting schools and a massive well done to our Year 8 leaders for being such inspiring role models!

KS2 BASKETBALL: A STELLAR PERFORMANCE AGAINST BADEN POWELL

We are thrilled to share some fantastic Team Lockyers news from the court! Friday 20th March, our Key Stage 2 Basketball Team hosted Baden Powell School for a highly anticipated matchup.

In a display of great teamwork and defensive discipline, Lockyers secured a 9-4 victory!

It was a brilliant and solid win against a very strong opposition. The boys showed fantastic composure under the hoop and worked tirelessly until the final whistle.

Huge congratulations to the whole squad for a well-deserved win!

