



GUILDFORD SAINTS FC

FA Charter Standard Development Club
Surrey FA's: Grass Roots Club of the Year 2020



Can we have our ball back please...

March 2023

Dear Members,

We are approaching our **Easter break**. There will be **no training** sessions held **between 1st – 10th April 2023** for all age groups. **Walking Football** session **will** be held on **3rd April** 7-8pm as usual.



Futsal sessions also finish this week.

Training sessions resume 11th April 2023 as per our training schedule for all age groups.

Happy Easter everyone – enjoy the break.



A reminder that British Summer Time starts this weekend – don't forget to adjust your clocks or set your alarms, especially if you have early KO's on Sunday.

Easter Football Camp: Street Football @ Kings College Schools, 3G:-

Monday 3rd April U8 – U13 boys 9am – 3pm

Tuesday 4th April U9 – U15 girls 9am – 3pm

Cost: £30/day

To book a place please contact: Kevin: Freestylefutsal10@yahoo.co.uk





U10G Pumas – Cup Final Winners – March 2023



GSFC U10G Pumas faced Met Police in a **thrilling** cup final last Sunday @ Chilworth. The first quarter our **Pumas had momentum** with Met Police hardly straying out of their own half. Second quarter started the same way, but **Met Police found their stride** and the momentum swung temporarily but a Met Police own goal just before the end of the 2nd quarter saw the Pumas in front. Still a long way to go until the finish, chances were created at both ends, there were some very **anxious moments** in the 3rd quarter, especially after a **penalty was conceded** by our Pumas. GK Eleanor Mansell made a superb save (crowd cheering loudly), the ball spilled out to one of the opposition faced with an open goal only to put the ball wide (collective sigh of relief from crowd). The girls managed to re-focus on the game, playing **great football**, gaining momentum, **creating lots of chances**, when finally, **goal No 2** (Lila Smith) hit the back of the net. Game over.

Congratulations to the whole team including Managers, Mike Stables & Ian Copp. The team as a whole were **lovely to watch**, great passing skills, movement on and off the ball, with great sweeping abilities at the back cutting out a lot of chances made by the opposition. Players tracking back to help out with defensive duties and then pushing forward when creating chances. **100% team effort, 100% effort from all the players**, a well deserved win.



Thank you to all the **supporters** attending the game and for the **great reception** to the runners up when collecting their medals. Thank you also to **match official Max Kent**.



Our long awaited custom kit has arrived: -

U10 Lions – Sponsored by Embankment Group



New kits have also been issued to: - (more pictures to follow)

U12 Jaguars – Sponsored by NCC Group.

U12 Cougars – Sponsored by Guildford Estate Agents

U15 Girls – Sponsored by Fine Moments

U17 Jaguars – Sponsored by Manya Building



Good luck to our U11 Tigers (mixed) who travel to Eversley & California Youth FC this Sunday 26th March, to play Woking Town Spartans in the **U11 Intermediate Cup Final**. 12.15pm KO. Have a great game.

Good Luck to our U10 Lions (mixed) who travel to Stoughton Rec on 21st May to play Guildford City in a Cup Final

Good Luck to our U17 Jaguars who travel to Walton & Hersham's ground on 30th April to face Yateley in a Cup Final





Safeguarding: Whilst all our volunteers/coaches are required to hold Safeguarding certification, it is the responsibility of everyone within the Club to ensure we are vigilant with regards safeguarding our young people and vulnerable adults. The FA are promoting Safeguarding online courses for parents - FOC and take between 25-30 minutes to complete. A great, informative resource for all.

Having received 2 reports recently on homophobic language being directed towards our players in an aggressive manner, (both reported to Safeguarding officers at the league) could parents please discuss unacceptable/acceptable language with their children relating to the LGBT social movement.



Safeguarding Awareness online course for Parents & Carers:

<https://learn.englishfootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-awareness-for-parents-and-carers>

Any Safeguarding concerns can be reported to our Welfare Officer:

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Alternative contacts: NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 Childline: 0800 1111 CEOP: ww.ceop.police.uk

That's all for now, until next time.....Come on you Saints

