

GUILDFORD SAINTS FC

FA Charter Standard Development Club Surrey FA's: Grass Roots Club of the Year 2022



Can we have our ball back please... April 2024

Dear Members,

U13 Junior Cup Final: Guildford City 5 – Guildford Saints Tigers 3: Sunday 14th May 2024.

I had the pleasure of watching this game last Sunday. The saying 'a game of 2 halves' certainly applied to this game. City were very quick to start, made a lot of chances keeping our defence and GK busy who pulled off some fantastic saves. Saints were slow to start, made a few chances but not really testing the City GK (MOM) but kept in the game. An unfortunate slip at the back allowed City to score their 1st goal with 2 more following in quick succession. Our Tigers heads dipped a little at this point, then came a penalty decision that required VAR intervention! 4-0 down at half time.

Half time break and team talk did wonders for the Tigers who came out roaring in the 2nd half, the team all over the pitch worked hard, closed down, made their passes, and found the through ball to our very quick, efficient forwards Luke, Ewan & Lauren. The parents support was amazing, upping the anti to galvanise the team. The Tigers scored their 1st goal, crowd went wild! Which was followed by 2 more goals in quick succession (déjà vu). City managed a break away goal leaving them eventual winners 5-3. Our Tigers should be proud of their achievements this season, and congratulations also to the Team management. Below, our Tigers proudly displaying medals:



(U13 Tigers Sponsored by Rajdoot, Burpham & LD Brickworks LTD)







This season we saw the opening of the Café @ Kings – who is behind this new venture?

Café at Kings, located in the Kings College Community Sports Hub, is an independently owned and operated coffee shop. My name is Lenne, and I (like you), use to be one of those parents shivering in the cold with nowhere to get a warm drink or shelter from the cold.

While attending the GS AGM, it was mentioned that there was an opportunity for someone to open a café on site at Kings College and I jumped at the chance to give it a go. I wanted to create a place to sit, eat and just have a break from the elements for those who needed it.

Our aim is to serve the best drinks with the warmest of welcomes to all our lovely customers. We have a variety of drinks, snacks, and food. We also have entertainment like Lego, colouring books, word searches and books to read for those who are just hanging around waiting for their siblings to finish their games/training.

We can cater for children's parties happening within the school grounds.

A fellow parent is also selling her artwork and cards in the café if you are ever in need of a lastminute card and present.

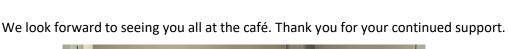
We value all feedback and welcome yours, so if you have any suggestions for anything you would like to see available in the café, then please reach out to me.

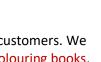
In order for us to keep serving all our lovely customers, we do implore you to **support our little café**, it would mean so much to us. So, to show our appreciation, we would like to offer 10% off your next hot drink purchase if you show us this message.





(Lenne pictured to the left above with one of her staff)





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Futsal Sessions:

Wednesday's 17th April 2024 – 22nd May 2024 Thursday's 18th April 2024 – 23rd May 2024

Girls U10 – U13 – Wednesdays @ Kings College 6-7pm

Mixed U8 – U13 – Thursdays @ County School /Kings School 6.15 – 7.30pm

There are spaces available in both sessions, if anyone is interested in joining the sessions, learning a new skill please contact: <u>dawn.davies11@btinternet.com</u>

1st Touch Sessions: 6 weeks from Saturday 1st June 2024, 9-10am @ Kings College School, Guildford

These sessions are designed for 5 & 6 year olds (not already members of GSFC) as an introduction to football and Guildford Saints FC.

Dynamic movement games, promoting agility, balance and speed – 1 ball per player in a positive learning environment.

Cost: FOC Maximum of 12 places: to book - email: <u>dawn.davies11@btinternet.com</u>

Please promote the above session, we are hoping to generate a new U6 intake next season.



Reminder on footwear @ Kings - flat soled shoes & metal studs are not permitted on the 3G – this is a venue/Sport England rule designed to keep the 3G surface in good condition. Please wear the correct boots when on the 3G



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Safeguarding / Welfare awareness: Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we take this very seriously at GSFC. We want all our players to enjoy their sport in a friendly, positive environment. Any concerns, please report them to:

GSFC Welfare Officer: Kelly Mahdavieh 07510 886485 <u>Kelly23uk @hotmail.com</u> GSFC Deputy Welfare Officer: Dawn Davies 07970009197 <u>dawn.davies11@btinternet.com</u>

Surrey FA have devised an online safeguarding awareness course for Parents & Carers which is free to access and only takes 25-30 minutes to complete.

https://learn.englandfootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-awareness-for-parents-and-carers

Introducing Kooth – mental heath wellbeing support for young people who would like to speak to someone anonymously about any concerns/worries they have.









That's all for nownext Newsletter will contain End of Season Team reports – a round up of how our teams have fared this season.

Before signing off – a reminder that: -

Training sessions: Saturdays will continue until the last Saturday in May

Mondays sessions will continue until the last Monday in June – no training on Bank Holiday Mondays

Mid-week Training – please confirm with Team Managers

Pan Team Training will continue until the end of June.

Until next time.....

