



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:



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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 **last-minute 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**.

We look forward to seeing you all at the café. Thank you for your continued support.



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



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: dawn.davies11@btinternet.com

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: dawn.davies11@btinternet.com

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





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 Mahdavih 07510 886485 Kelly23uk@hotmail.com

GSFC Deputy Welfare Officer: Dawn Davies 07970009197 dawn.davies11@btinternet.com

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 health 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.....

