



MELLING PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL SPORT UPDATE JULY 2021

FOOTBALL

We were delighted to get back to playing some competitive school sport following the unwelcome break caused by the Covid pandemic. The boys football team were fantastic, dropping only 2 points on their way to winning the league for the first time in many years. (Even Mr. Millington can't recall the previous time !)

They also reached the Cup final and a report on the final follows.....

On Monday 12th July, the day after the disappointment of England losing to Italy in Euro 2020, our school team played in the final of the MADCOS Cup at Summerhill Primary School. Melling had already secured the league, but we knew that wouldn't feel as good if we hadn't won the cup also.

The build-up to the match was very nervous, with Y6 having to stay at home for a few days due to Covid rules but they returned just in time for the match. Then there was the rain.... Lots of excited but wet supporters congregated on both sides of the pitch and Ms Ainsworth-Brown's Melling umbrella came in very useful !

It was clear from the kick-off that it was going to be a tough, competitive match between the two best school teams in the league this season. Melling took the lead after 8 minutes when Kole got free of his marker and fired home from a tight angle. A second goal followed shortly afterwards again from Kole, but this was quickly followed by a Summerhill goal which left the half-time score at 2-1 to Melling.

Into the second half and Melling pushed for an all important third goal. James, Ivan and Joseph all went close but it wasn't all one way traffic as Summerhill also created chances. Mellings defence was strong with important saves from Lewis and strong defence from Max, Stephen and Billy to keep them out. With 10 minutes to go, an excellent finish from Kole after a corner completed his excellent hat-trick and the celebrations by the corner flag suggested Melling thought they had the game won.

Summerhill had other ideas though and scored to bring the score back to 3-2. At this point, they were looking like the strongest team. Reinforcements were needed and the fresh legs of Isaac and Joshua (shinnies) helped, with Isaac coming close to a fourth Melling goal. Into the last minute and a final Summerhill chance to equalise was denied by an outstanding sliding tackle from Max.

The final whistle went with Melling winning 3-2. The celebrations that followed were epic with subs John-James and Bobby who had been important members of the squad joining in enthusiastically. For the boys who had played for the team since Y4, we had hoped this moment would come, but they had to make it happen and they did.

We send our thanks to Summerhill for providing the opposition and being such generous hosts. Well done to everyone who took part. Your coaches at the teams you play for have done a fantastic job and I know I am speaking for Mr. Cleaver and Mr. Fawcett also when I say how pleased and proud of you we all were.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our school girls football team enjoyed the opportunity to play 2 matches this year. With most of the team being from Y4, they will have many more opportunities to play matches in the next couple of years.

NETBALL

We entered two teams into the Maghull and District Netball tournament at Maricourt school, with one team winning the competition. Congratulations to team members James, Isla, Lyla, Joseph and Millie. They played as a real team with lots of encouragement and fair play.

CRICKET

The school cricket team played in the final of the Maghull and District tournament at Maghull Cricket Club. They were narrowly beaten, but enjoyed playing cricket, with some of the team now attending training and playing for Maghull CC.