

PE Department News.

ISA Midlands U11's Kwik Cricket @ Duffield CC

An early start after half term for the U11's cricket team who boarded the minibus enroute to Duffield CC, just north of Derby, to take part in the ISA Midlands Kwik Cricket tournament. The tournament consisted of a Cup, Trophy, Plate and Shield competition and the group stage results dictated which stage of the competition the top 16 teams in attendance progress to.



First up in our group was St Wystan's prep school. We won the toss and elected to field first and got to work with putting the team under pressure. Bowling, we took three wickets throughout the first innings leaving a respectable score of 246 for St Wystan's to chase.

The Bowbrook team pushed hard with the bat to overtake the St Wystan's score but unfortunately fell short of the score by 3 wickets.

Attempting to learn from the wickets lost against St Wystan's we faced Crackley Hall prep school next and again fielded first. A lapse of concentration in a couple of overs gifted Crackley some extra runs and the Bowbrook team found the score line run away from them. Coming in to bat, the boys took the lessons on board from their first game, conceding fewer wickets, but couldn't quite find the boundaries needed to catch the Crackley score.

Going into our last group game, the Bowbrook team knew they had to play to their best to progress into one of the knockout rounds and not go home early. Losing the toss, the Bowbrook team batted first and put on a good score of 259 runs for Arnold Lodge to chase. The team went on to win this game with their bowling and fielding capabilities. A mention in this game has to go to George who scored a hat trick of wickets in his over, two hitting the wickets and 1 caught by Sam at Wicket Keeper. Bowbrook secured their first victory of the day and were then placed into the plate competition.

In a strange exact repeat of last years tournament, Bowbrook faced Heathfield in the semi-final, on pitch 7 however this year had a different result. Batting first the Bowbrook team conceded few wickets and worked hard to defend their score throughout the overs. A shout out to joint captains for the day Sam

and Luke who took it upon themselves to be brave in the final over taking multiple boundaries as a pair and putting a score of 259 runs for Heathfield to chase down. In the field the Bowbrook team worked hard to stop Heathfield from getting boundaries, almost fielding from the boundary and keeping their batters to single runs. Moments of brilliance in the field from our year 4 students bowling accurately and Rory fielding acrobatically helped the Bowbrook team to keep the Heathfield score down. Precise bowling in the final over from Luke, enabled the Bowbrook team to take the victory in the semi final and progress to the plate final against Dixie Grammar.

The final match of the day started with Bowbrook taking to the field and fielding furiously to keep the Dixie score low. Acrobatic fielding again from Rory denied Dixie boundaries and Bowbrook had their best bowling display only conceding 4 extra runs in the entire innings. A shoutout in this game has to go to Ben in year 4 who took two vital wickets that proved to be pivotal when the outcome was announced. Batting nervously, the Bowbrook team slowly caught up to the Dixie run rate and in the penultimate over, thanks again to Sam hitting some good boundary shots, the score was Bowbrook on 235 runs to Dixies 232. Not knowing the score, Luke defended his wickets against one of the toughest bowlers of the day, not gaining any runs but not allowing the ball to be caught and runs to be given away. The last over saw the score stay the same and Bowbrook crowned as the plate competition champions! Well done to all who came and took part in the competition and congratulations to the team, fully deserving of the trophy they brought back to school.



U13's Girls Cricket vs Kingham Hill (H)

In a thrilling encounter on a rainy and damp afternoon, the Bowbrook U13 girls faced off against the Kingham Hill U13 girls in a closely contested cricket match. The game was a display of skill, determination, and sportsmanship from both teams, with Kingham emerging victorious by a margin of 20 runs.

The standout performer with the ball for Bowbrook was Evie, who was named Bowler of the Match. She bowled two maiden overs, keeping the pressure on Kingham and showcasing her talent with precise line and length.

In the field, Bowbrook displayed excellent teamwork and sharp fielding. Poppy was outstanding, taking two crucial catches that kept Bowbrook in the game. Eleanor was equally impressive, saving multiple boundaries along the barrier with her quick reflexes and strong arm.

Chasing 104 to win, Bowbrook started confidently, with Felicity leading the charge. Her batting earned her the Batter of the Match, as she hit multiple boundaries, including several fours, and kept the scoreboard ticking.

The match was a great display of cricketing skills from both sides, and though Bowbrook fell short by 20 runs, they showed immense potential and promise for future games. Congratulations to Kingham for their win, and well done to all the girls for their fantastic performances.

U13's Cricket vs Kingham Hill (H)

On a sunny Tuesday afternoon at Peopleton Cricket Club, the Bowbrook U13's cricket team faced off against Kingham Hill U13's in what turned out to be a challenging match for the home side.

Bowbrook's fielding performance was commendable, as they managed to restrict Kingham Hill to 121/7. Leading the charge was Lucca, who showcased his bowling prowess by taking 3 vital wickets, putting significant pressure on the opposition. Alfie contributed significantly as well, claiming 2 wickets with his consistent line and length. Tom chipped in with a crucial wicket, adding to the team's strong bowling display.

Despite the efforts from the bowlers, Kingham Hill managed to post a competitive total of 121 runs for the loss of 7 wickets, giving themselves a solid platform to defend.

In response, Bowbrook's batting lineup faced an unusually difficult challenge. The team, known for its strong batting performances, saw wickets tumbling quickly. Normally reliable and high-scoring batsmen were dismissed early in the innings, struggling to cope with the lower bounce of the ball on a grass wicket.

The quick succession of wickets meant Bowbrook could not build any substantial partnerships, and they struggled to keep up with the required run rate. Ultimately, Bowbrook was bowled out for 67, falling short of the target by 54 runs.

While it was a tough day for the Bowbrook batsmen, the team's fielding efforts were a silver lining, showcasing their potential and resilience on the field. The match provided valuable lessons and experiences that will undoubtedly help the young cricketers in their future games.

U15's Cricket vs Bredon (H)

On a bright Wednesday afternoon at Peopleton Cricket Club, the Bowbrook U15's faced off against Bredon U15's in what promised to be an exciting match. Bowbrook won the toss and opted to field first, a decision that paid off thanks to a stellar performance by their bowlers and fielders.

Bredon U15's struggled to gain momentum against a disciplined Bowbrook bowling attack. Charlie was the star of the innings, delivering a masterclass in fast bowling to take 4 wickets. His devastating spell kept the Bredon batsmen on the back foot, and they found it difficult to build any significant partnerships. Mathilda supported brilliantly with her controlled bowling, claiming 2 wickets, while Dan chipped in with a crucial wicket to maintain the pressure. The Bowbrook fielders were sharp and energetic, pulling off some impressive stops and catches, which helped restrict Bredon to a modest total of 89 runs for 8 wickets in 16 overs.



With a target of 90 runs to chase, the Bowbrook batters took to the crease with confidence. However, the Bredon bowlers had other plans. From the onset, Bredon's bowlers exploited the conditions and bowled accurately to Bowbrook batters who were the definition of "big swing but no ding". Wickets began to tumble at an alarming rate for Bowbrook, with none of the batters able to establish themselves at the crease.



Despite the best efforts of the Bowbrook batters, the team was bowled out for a disappointing 37 runs in just 10 overs. Bredon's bowling attack proved too formidable on the day, securing a comfortable victory for their side. A tough result to take in with the batting display, especially considering the fielding performance but important lessons learnt. A big thank you also to Theo and Ed who came up to Peopleton to umpire as well.

U14's Cricket vs Kingham Hill (A)

On a glorious Thursday afternoon the U14 boys team journeyed into the Cotswold to face the Kingham team U14/15's they narrowly lost to at the start of the season. In a similar fashion to the previous game, captain Tom won the toss and elected to field.

Coming of a very good spell of cricket lately, Lucca stepped up to open the bowling with his spin bowling and got Bowbrook off to a flying start keeping the run rates low from the beginning. This was followed by the quick pace of Cameron who then forced the Kingham batsmen to defend against his pace. The first wicket of the game went to Lucca in the 3rd over and from this moment the Bowbrook fielding team went from strength to strength. As the innings went on, Kingham continued to be challenged by the accuracy of the Bowbrook bowlers Tom and Archie who only bowled 3 wides between them in 8 overs. Tom took another wicket and Lucca a further two to see the Kingham team finish on a score of 78/4 of 16 overs.

Coming into bat the Bowbrook team were determined to set the record straight from the previous encounter. Charlie B and Charlie R took to the wicket in an attempt to get Bowbrook some quick runs and both did their best to give us a good head start. Wickets fell quickly for Bowbrook until Lucca and Tom paired up as 4th and 5th batsmen and started to build a score to challenge the Kingham innings. Lucca started his innings with a mighty shot for 4 and from there placed the ball nicely around the pitch, with Tom playing delicate shots into the Kingham fields. As the run rate increased the Bowbrook pairing began to push their luck at the wicket and Lucca narrowly missed his crease to be ran out. Unfortunately, Cameron and Archie both came in and nervously got caught early on and the pressure mounted as Harry R approached the wicket with Tom.



Tom finished his innings being bowled late into the game with a respectable 26 runs from 28 balls making him the highest run scorer of the day for Bowbrook. Well done Tom. Cameron replaced him and in the 14th over was caught as he attempted to finish the game with a big shot for 4.

Final batsman Olly came to the crease, in a partnership with Harry, with 1 run needed for the win... 2 balls left of the 14th over, the first one, he watched onto his bat, the second he sent a shot deep into the field and scored 3 runs to ensure a Bowbrook victory with a score of 81/9. A great result from the Bowbrook U14's, well worked and deserved. Congratulations to the boys on their achievement.

Students should check the PE notice board to see if they are involved in fixtures.

Wednesday 12th June
Thursday 13th June

U15's Cricket vs TDMS (H)
U12's Rounders vs Heathfield (H)
U13's Rounders vs Heathfield (H)

