

PE Department News.

U16's Cricket vs Old Bowbrookians

The annual Old Bowbrookians 20/20 cricket match took place on a sunny 2nd July at Bowbrook, where 11 enthusiastic former students, comprising four old girls, gathered to relive their cricketing days and face the newer talents.

Bowbrook won the toss and elected to bowl first. The old boys team put forth a commendable performance, setting a challenging target of 145 runs at the end of their 20 overs. Oli R demonstrated excellent form and retired after scoring a vital 36 runs, setting a solid foundation for the team's total. Tom S had a tough session, including facing a barrage of aggressive deliveries from Ed C, Tom S displayed grit and resilience, ending as the second-highest scorer with 10 runs. A special mention goes to the participation of the old girls, who showcased commendable courage and skill facing the intense bowling attacks from the boys.

Mr. Mills faced a memorable confrontation with his son, Theo. After a bit of light-hearted sledging about Theo's wide ball, Mr. Mills' innings were cut short dramatically. Theo responded emphatically by clean bowling his father, sending the middle stump flying, and ending Mr. Mills' innings at a mere one run from three balls in 4 minutes.

Facing a target of 145, Bowbrook stepped onto the field with determination. Rory C opened the batting and exhibited great perseverance, remaining at the crease until the end and contributing 12 runs to the scoreboard. Guy V played a crucial innings, retiring after scoring an impressive 31 runs. Mr. Swain added valuable runs to the chase with a commendable 21 before retiring.



Theo M came into bat as 4th man and faced Eoin C bowling. Theo caught a ball sweet in the centre of his bat and sent it flying towards, yes you guessed it, Mr Mills who revelled in the glory of a revenge catch ending Theo's innings on 5 runs. By the 17th over, Bowbrook successfully chased down the target, scoring 146 runs and securing a win with three overs to spare.

The match was a splendid display of cricket, filled with nostalgic performances from the Old Bowbrookians and a fine display of emerging talent from the current students. The spirit, camaraderie, and competitive edge were evident throughout the game, making it a memorable event for all the participants and spectators. A huge round of applause goes to everyone involved, especially the girls who faced the boys' bowling with courage, and a special thanks to Theo for providing one of the highlights of the day. The match served as a perfect testament to the enduring love for the sport within the Bowbrook community, promising many more such engaging encounters in the future.

House Cricket & Rounders



The whole school has taken part in house cricket and rounders fixtures over the past week with many students demonstrating their skills that have been on display in inter-school matches, against each other whilst fighting for the coveted titles this year.

Cricket started early with Blenheim vs Hastings as the first match of the day. The game was closely contested as the Hastings team batted a total of 118 runs in their innings. Blenheim tried hard to reach the total but fell short at the end of their innings and Hastings progressed to the final. Trafalgar vs Waterloo was the next match underway, and both teams seemed very evenly matched and showed this in their match. Trafalgar played a very tactical game to dispatch the Waterloo "big hitters" early and coming in to bat, overtook the Waterloo total in the 14th over.

In a tightly contested final at Peopleton, Trafalgar won the toss electing to field first. Trafalgar kept the same tactic in play, rotating the bowlers well and creating a headache for the Hastings batters. Hastings put on a good show with the bat taking their total after 16 overs, up to 113 runs. Knowing they had to keep the run rate down, the Hastings bowlers took an aggressive style with their bowling. Accuracy paid off as the extras count was kept low



and the wickets fell quickly as Trafalgar pushed for all they could get. Even though Tom had called howzat on each ball bowled that hit pad, and Mr Swain's resounding response of not out continuously ringed out around the oval, Hastings did bowl out their opponents before the total could be caught and claimed the victory. Well done to all who played and congratulations to Hastings on their victory!

The rounders began at 1pm with all teams playing each other in a round robin styled tournament. All teams displayed skill and precision when hitting the rounders ball and were energetic in the field to try and limit the rounders scored against them. The most rounders scored across the tournament came from Hastings house however, this did not enable them to finish in 1st place. This went to Blenheim who won each of their fixtures throughout the afternoon and in turn, collected the trophy. Well done to all students and congratulations to Blenheim on their victory!



Sports Days



Last Friday we held the first of our annual sports days with the prep school all taking to the track to participate in their respective events. All students from Nursery & Reception, up to year 6, were all



encouraged to take part in all of the events that were on offer and win valuable points towards their houses, all in anticipation of being announced as sports day winners on the day.

Every single student is to be commended for their hard work, determination and resilience that was on display and applauded for the camaraderie on display. Thank you to all who came to support the event and to all of the parent “volunteers” who ran in the obstacle and 3 legged races...

Following on from this day we held the Middle and Senior school sports day on Wednesday, with students from years 7 to 11 all taking part in track and field events and hoping to be decide which house is to be crowned as the athletics champions. Starting at 09:00am, the Javelin throwers got off to a strong start and 2 school records were broken through this event.

With the rest of the events starting at 10am, the rest of the school joined the Javelin throwers to begin the rotation of: Long Jump, High Jump, Shotput, and track events. Further records were broken, with Felicity breaking the Y7&8 100m school record by a second and Harrison breaking the Y7&8 200m by 2 seconds, being fantastic times and very tough records to break in the future.

The relays followed all the track and field events and following in the style of the prep school all students displayed passion in representing their house, resilience to push themselves in their events, and camaraderie being a huge contributing factor to many successes.

The final scores were announced by Mr Allen in the speech day and our congratulations go to Blenheim who were crowned as the athletics champions.

4th Place – Hastings 300points
3rd Place – Trafalgar 314points
2nd Place – Waterloo 324points
1st Place – Blenheim 352 points

From all in the PE department, we would like to thank all of the students for putting in their time and efforts into school sport, contributing to our successes and representing the school with pride. We hope you all have an enjoyable summer and come back in September rejuvenated and ready for another action packed year!