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WARM WELCOME!

Hello all! Players, parents and guardians - both old and new! Welcome to part two of the 2013/14 season juniors newsletter! As always there is lots of exciting news and important information to share. If you have any questions or queries please feel free to email us or come and have a chat at training!

CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who bought tickets and attended the annual Christmas tournament in December. The evening was a great success and a chance for parents and siblings to get involved in playing! We thoroughly enjoyed the evening and hope you did as well. We will be looking to run it again next year so if you have any feedback or want to be involved in organising please let us know!



2013/14 Season

We have had some fantastic matches this season and after a solid start to the season the second half was bound to be an exciting one. With some fantastic wins and game play the performance only continued to improve for both teams in the second half of the season.

The U14s were the only team to beat the final league winners securing them a runners up place in the final tables - a fantastic result considering how newly formed the team is.

The U16's faced some tough opponents throughout the season with some teams having played together since they were U12's. Despite this, the squad held their own and finished in a highly respectable 4th place. We look to continue this success into next season and with your continued efforts and commitment we will continue to develop and progress as a club.



AVON COUNTY NETBALL AWARD

A huge congratulation to the clubs very own Georgia Hartry who won the Avon County U14s Division 3 player of the season. This is a fantastic achievement for Georgia in recognition of her consistent hard work and positive attitude over the course of the season in the Avon League matches.



SATELLITE AND COUNTY SELECTIONS

A massive well done to the junior players who have been selected into the Avon Satellite Academy. These are programmes run by England Netball for talented netball players who have been identified as having the potential to play netball at a higher level in the future. The aim of the academies is to give players the quality individual coaching support they need to help them achieve their full potential. After 4 weeks of tough trials, 3 of our juniors have been chosen. This is a fantastic achievement and what all our junior players should be aspiring to.



Satellite Academy – **Katrina Moreton, Catherine Hewitt and Annabelle Leach**

More information can be found about the talent pathway at:

http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/england/England_Performance_Pathway

U11's TASTER SESSIONS

Over the past 4 weeks the club has been running taster sessions for U11 primary school girls who haven't yet had the chance to play full 7 aside netball. The sessions gave the girls an opportunity to experience the club and develop their skills and understanding of the game. All the girls were really enthusiastic and willing to get stuck right in when playing against our current players. Well done, keep up the hard work and we hope to see you back at the start of next season!



ONE DOOR CLOSSES AND ANOTHER ONE OPENS...

This season has seen us welcome a lot of new players into the club, but what happens to the girls once they have played their final season in the U16 team? Five of this year's juniors are moving up and trialling for the senior teams and playing competitive ladies netball. It is sad to see them leave the juniors but we wish them all the best in the next step of their netball careers. Some of these players have been with the junior club since it first formed in 2011 so a big thank you for their contribution and commitment to the club:

Olivia Caple, Kelsey Smith, Amy Whitcher, Alex McCallum, India Hemmings

JUNIORS LEND A HELPING HAND

Another fantastic achievement by the girls this season is the number of players who have been called up to fill in for some of the senior teams. The girls who have played up (some on numerous occasions) did a fantastic job of holding their own against some very experienced teams and players. Well done to the following girls:

Kelsey Smith, Olivia Caple, Michaella Moreton, Claire Sirett, Amy Whitcher, Leah Dixon

GET INVOLVED – PASS ON YOUR PASSION

How many of you are involved in volunteering? How many of you love netball? How many of you want to get recognised? Pass on your passion is a scheme run by England Netball for young people ages 12-25. The programme aims to recognise the countless number of young volunteers in netball and aims to provide you with opportunities, ideas and rewards to help you on your leadership and volunteering journey.



“Pass on your passion can provide you with so many opportunities within netball - it ended up taking me to Uganda volunteering! It can provide you with fantastic opportunities and the chance to learn loads of new skills - and you get rewarded for it! Having just completed 550 voluntary hours through coaching, officiating and being a committee member, I have just received vouchers for discount off of a level 2 coaching course and get to go to the England Netball national awards ceremony! You get certificates each time you complete a certain number of hours and lots of netball freebies! Definitely worth being involved in.”

Rachel King

Come and have a chat with Rach at training if you would like to get involved! Or more information about the programme can be found at:

<http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/youth-zone/POYP>

THE WORLD OUTSIDE OF NETBALL...

So apparently there is a whole world outside of netball....who knew!

We'd like to recognise the achievements of the girls in areas other than netball, as they are all talented in numerous other ways!

Special mentions to... Michaella Moreton who has just passed her Duke Of Edingbourough Bronze Award; Claire Sirett who is currently fundraising for World Challenge to spend a month in Borneo next year. Claire has also recently finished her training and has become a regional qualified Boccia referee (paralympic sport); Gemma Newbold who has just achieved a Distinction in her Grade 4 Piano exam, Anabelle Leach and Kelsey Smith for representing their schools at County Athletics and Georgina Anstey for representing her school in rugby.

Special mentions also to all of the girls that volunteer their free time to help and run clubs and activities at school. These things can't go ahead without your help and commitment so keep up the good work... volunteers make the world go round!

The clubs very own coach, Freya Hellin, has been selected to go and work in an all girls camp in America. She was told the news in mid June and flew out a few days after. This is a fantastic opportunity to expand her knowledge of a variety of sports and develop her coaching skills and knowledge. She is due to return at the start of September in time for the start of next season.



SPORT RELIEF MILE

For the third year in a row the girls have run a mile as a warm up at training in order to raise money for Sport Relief. Well done to all of those who completed the mile and helped to raise over £145! Thanks to Ellie Makeman and Freya Hellin for helping to organise the event.



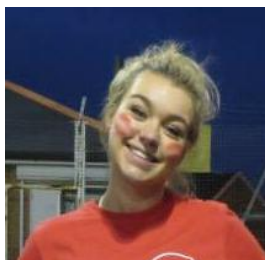
COACHES' CORNER



Helen Newman – Head Coach “The juniors have gone from strength to strength this past season. Considering they are still a 'young club' they are now making their mark on the netball scene! This is only their second season of being in the Avon League and they are improving week by week. With players trialling for, and being accepted into the Academies, this alone is evidence of the depth of skill within the club. The players know that I expect only the best of them and this they continue to deliver. Well done everyone”



Leela Hill – Assistant Coach “The teams have had a great season and it's been a privilege to be a part of Helen's coaching team. Seeing so much potential on court week after week just shows what talent and commitment all the juniors have”



Rachel King – Assistant Coach “To have been a part of Bradley Stoke Juniors since day one has been an absolute privilege. After an awful day at college or work I can always rely on the girls to make me smile! Since the start of the season alone their progress has been incredible and I have no doubt that if they continue to listen and learn they will thrive. I really hope the girls have enjoyed the season and just want to thank you all for your help and giving me the privilege of coaching you over the past two years.”



Freya Hellin – Assistant Coach “I've had an amazing year being involved with the junior. I have learnt a lot and hopefully passed on some of these skills to the juniors. See you in September!!”



Karen Leach – Parent Volunteer Coach “When I was asked if I'd like to help at the club I was somewhat reluctant and apprehensive as I had no experience in coaching at all, but I do love the game! Thanks to the other coaches, my confidence has gradually grown and in January I will be going on the level 1 coaching course!! I have really enjoyed being part of the club and watching the girls learning new skills and improving as the season progressed. It has also come as a huge surprise to me just how much work the coaches and committee members put in behind the scenes to make the club work and ensure the girls enjoy it. I would just like to say what a great club Bradley Stoke Juniors is and thank you for being so welcoming and such a friendly club!”

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

It is easy to forget about the juniors who have moved up into the senior section of the club in previous years. Since the club started in 2011 the juniors have now fed up a total of 13 juniors into the senior section. We caught up with a couple of last year's juniors to find out how they're getting on.



Ellie Makeman – Due to work commitments Ellie was unable to play for the seniors, however she opted for the coaching route as she couldn't let go of netball that easily! She is now a part of the junior committee and helps with the coaching at training. "I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching the juniors; it's been amazing to see the improvement of the girls over the season and seeing more girls getting involved in the sport. I have definitely missed playing since leaving juniors but it is great to be involved with the coaching"



Katy Gill – After leaving the juniors Katy was selected to play netball for the Bristol Academy of Sport whilst carrying on further education. She continued to play for the seniors until suffering from injury mid season, but is now back fit and preparing for trials for next season. "I've enjoyed seniors because you get a chance to play with people who have a lot more experience than you whilst developing a variety of skills and technique, Combined with college netball, I get a lot of match play which has helped me improve my performance considerably and gain a lot more experience"



Megan Ball – Trialled for the seniors and had a great season she is now preparing for her second season with them. "I was a bit unsure about moving up to the seniors but I've now been there a year and it feels like I've been there for ages! I've been playing for the 5th team so it wasn't too much of a shock from juniors but still challenged me. Everyone was so kind and I've made lots of new friends. I enjoy the fact that training is more intense, especially the fitness but I still have just as much fun as I used to when I was at juniors"



Danie Cooper – Trialled for the seniors and made it into the 4th team in her first season - a great achievement! "Even though at first it seemed that going to seniors would be very scary everyone is very welcoming and lovely, it's definitely a step up from juniors but you are made to play netball to the best of your possible potential and ability. Going into my second season I'm going to work extremely hard to try and get promoted into the 3rd team"



Millie Parker – Started her season in the seniors 5th team before suffering a severe ankle injury. "I was out for over 2 months with ankle injuries but I was welcomed back to seniors and got back into it with a lot of support from my team mates. I then managed to get promoted to the 4th team over Christmas! You improve a lot from being at seniors because of how experienced people are and it's definitely a jump from juniors. You have to be prepared to put a lot of work in, but the more you do the more you enjoy it!"

BSNC JUNIORS ONLINE

As some of you may already know, Bradley Stoke juniors are now online! Please show your support and 'like' our facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BSNCJuniors>

...and follow us on twitter @BSNCJuniors

The pages will regularly be updated with news, events, match reports, results and fixtures!



MANY THANKS

From the junior committee... we'd like to thank you all for your continued support of the club, and the girls for all the effort put in! If you have any questions, queries or feedback please contact us! All the best for the summer and see you in September for the start of the season.

Best wishes

The Junior Committee x