



End of Season Football Report 2019-2020

It has been another successful year of football at Valewood, as the continued enthusiasm and commitment from all of our children towards our School sport continues to shine through. We were down to the last remaining fixtures for our girls' and boys' football seasons, before the season unfortunately had to end early in March.

This year, our phenomenal girls' league team, kitted out in their brand-new, beautiful purple kit, provided by Mr. & Mrs. Lawes and sponsored by MBTech, were officially crowned CHAMPIONS of the first ever official Bootle & District Division 2, Girls' Football League – an outstanding achievement! They did this in style by remaining undefeated ALL season, scoring an astonishing 17 goals and only conceding 4. They were due to play a Champions League style play-off final against the winners of Divisions 1 and 3 later this month, but unfortunately this now won't be taking place, but nothing can take away their achievement this year.

A massive well done to all of the team: **Hollie Madden, Myla Opara, Millie Ward-Goody (Captain), Lucy Byrne, Isla Leeder, Alex Aldridge, Penny Biddlecombe, Miah Kendall, Ava Hughes, Eve Bolton, Chloe Lawes, Caitlin Roach, Lily Oldfield and Brooke Alliston.** You have been an inspirational team to coach this year and I thank you for all of your hard work and dedication towards our School football during your time at Valewood.

Individual Awards:

Manager's Player of the Year – Myla Opara

Top Goal Scorer – Chloe Lawes (10 goals)

Most Valuable Team Player – Millie Ward-Goody

Our three boys' football teams have also impressed me so much with their continued passion and commitment this season. They have also walked out onto the pitch this season in another stunning, brand-new blue and red kit, thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Parry at Purple Kitchens, and it has been such a joy to see how proud the children have been to wear the reputable Team Valewood kit!

Our previous league team last year consisted of just Y6 children, which meant that once they had left we were starting a new team from scratch. The number of boys from Years 4, 5 and 6 that attended the trials in September was overwhelming; all of them wanting the chance to represent Valewood in football. Unfortunately, because of the current circumstances, some of those children will not get that chance this year,



but they can be assured that the opportunity to play will be there, when we are all back next year. The children who have played this season have greatly improved, both individually and as a team and this bodes well for next season.

Both our Y5 and Y6 cup teams reached the quarter-finals in their respective competitions and our league team had just won their second game of the season just before the season abruptly ended in March, with two more games left to play. I'm really proud of all of the boys across the three teams, who have been such a pleasure to coach this year, and their helpfulness in setting up and tidying the pitch before and after games, as well as their kind appreciation after each match, has really been touching.

A huge well done to **Archie Hobbs, Jack Gotts, Jake Lawes, Sebastian McIlveen, James Williams, James Akins (Captain), Charlie McPhee, Jack Goodman, Kristian Allmark, Leon Loyden-Cavanagh, Finley Lindsay, Derry Mahoney, Charlie Morrison-Wynne, Harrison Long and Luca Johnson.**

Individual Awards:

Manager's Player of the Season – Charlie McPhee

Top Goal Scorer – James Akins (7 Goals)

Most Valuable Team Player – James Williams

An enormous thank you also needs to go to you, the parents and carers, for your role in our School football: without your continued support in transporting the children to and from games, making sure their letters, kits and boots are in on time - and always supporting the teams, both home and away, on the touchline in the sun, rain or even hail - none of the children's achievements would be possible without it, so I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Even though the season has had to end early, the Y6 children who are leaving us will have memories of playing football at Valewood for life, and the other children will have next season to look forward to.

The Valewood footballing legacy continues next year and I look forward to seeing even more children at the football trials next year.

Mr Burns