



Happy Valentines Day!

Another half term has flown by—with a two week break for many of our netballers due to the hall at the Magnet being booked for the Newlands Dance show!

We have seen some fantastic results in the leagues with girls really playing their socks off—not that many games to go until we get to the end of the winter season! Keep up the good work girls, and we hope to win some club medals!!

We would love to hear all about what you are getting up to over the holidays, particularly if it is netball related—please email us at [magnet.netball@gmail.com](mailto:magnet.netball@gmail.com)

## Half Term Newsletter

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### Thames Valley Tournament

We are delighted to confirm that Magnet Netball Club will be running our first tournament, as a Bronze Capped Netball Club this Spring.

We will be hosting our Thames Valley Tournament on Sunday 24th April at the lovely new outdoor courts at Furze Platt Senior School. Other clubs from the local area have been invited to enter teams in the U11, U12, U13 & U14 age groups, and all our girls in these Competition Squads should pop this date into their diaries!

While this will not be on the vast scale that some of the other events we enter are, we hope that this will be a huge success, and become a regular fixture in the other local club's calendars.

Timings are still to be formally confirmed, and will be dependent on the final number of teams who enter, but we anticipate the day running from approx. 10.30am to 3pm.

If any parents feel that they would like to offer their help on the day, we would be incredibly grateful. We will need help to run a refreshment stall, ideally on a rota through the day, but also with directing parking and teams on arrival, and with court side marshalling and scoring. If you would like to volunteer, please email Annette Allanson at [nettinoo@hotmail.com](mailto:nettinoo@hotmail.com)

This will be a brilliant event to raise our club's profile in the netball and our local community—and hopefully for the girls to win some medals on their home ground!

Please do come down and support as much as you can on the day!



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#### Half Term Break...

There is no netball at the Magnet Sports Centre for w/c 8th Feb due to the Newlands Dance Show.

Netball resumes after half term with normal sessions w/c 22nd Feb.

#### Brean Sands Tour 2016 is Booked!

Some advance warning for parents of those girls joining us on the Brean Sands Tours this year at the end of June & beginning of July—the balance will be payable immediately after the Easter holidays.

We will be sending out consent forms which you will need to sign and return to us with the remaining payment due for the weekend. These should be with you in the first couple of weeks of March.

If you have any questions, please email Annette at : [nettinoo@hotmail.com](mailto:nettinoo@hotmail.com)

#### Sponsorship....

Would you, or your company be interested in a sponsorship opportunity within the club?

We are a growing club, with a constantly increasing profile both in our local community and on a wider stage as girls head out to tournaments and regional events.

We wonder whether someone, per-

haps one of our parents or a friend, would be interested in a sponsorship partnership with their logo on our club sweatshirts to promote their brand?

We would love to update the club sweatshirts, and this could be a cost effective way of reducing the burden on parents while keeping our girls looking fantastic on the courts!

#### New Email Address for the Club ...

Please use [magnetnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:magnetnetballclub@gmail.com) for all correspondence with the club, effective immediately.

# Match Results Jan / Feb 2016

	U11 Squad			U12 Squad			U13 Squad			U14 Squad		
	Played	Score	Gog	Played	Score	Gog	Played	Score	Gog	Played	Score	Gog
3/1/16							W'ham	M46-2	Christa	W'ham	post-poned	
11/1/16				Finch	M25-4	Zoe						
17/1/16	Finch	M20-4	Jess	Finch	M34-11	Daisy				Woodley	W60-11	Georgia
25/1/16				Charters Diamonds	M18-6	Kate						
31/1/16	W'ham	M30-9	Jess	W'ham	M34-6	Maddie				Rushmoor	R49-14	Georgia
7/2/16	Laurel Park	M20-0	CANX	Laurel Park	M40-2	Poppy						
8/2/16				Windsor	CANX							

Matches in RED are Charters League matches.

Matches in BLACK are Berkshire League Matches

## Upcoming Events & Fixtures for Your Diary

3/1/16	U14 v W'ham Blue @ Luckley, 10.30am—to reschedule
8/2/16	U12 v Windsor @ Charters, 6.15pm—to reschedule
23/2/16	U12 v Fleet @ Charters, 6.15pm note : TUES match
28/2/16	U12 v Woodley @ Luckley, 4.30pm
29/2/16	U12 v Royals @ Charters, 6.15pm
6/3/16	U13 v Rushmoor @ WGS, 10.00am U14 v Windsor @ WGS, 9am
13/3/16	U11 v Royals Navy @ WGS, 9.00am U12 v Rushmoor @ WGS, 11.15am U13 v B's Navy @ Luckley, 11.15am U14 v Thunderbirds 7 @ WGS, 10.00am
14/3/16	U12 v SH Wasps @ Charters, 6.15pm
20/3/16	U11 v Woodley @ Loddon, 9.00am U12 v Windsor @ Loddon, 10.30am U13 v Woodley @ Loddon, 12.00pm
11/4/16	U12 v Fleet @ Charters, 6.15pm
24/4/16	U11, U12, U13 & U14's, 10.30-3.30 (time tbc) MAGNET CLUB TOURNAMENT, Furze Platt School
25/4/16	U12 v Oaks @ Charters, 6.15pm
9/5/16	U12 : Charters End of Season Rally, Charters 6-9pm

Please let your Team Manager know ASAP if you cannot make any of these dates

Please also see the web site for information on other local holiday training camps including Surrey Storm, England Netball & School of Sport.

## On Court Behaviour

One of our joys within the club is that we have total confidence in the behaviour and standards set by our girls when we are out at matches. Sadly, the same can't be said for all players and teams we encounter, and as coaches, we are often asked about this by parents.

We firmly believe that we do not do the girls any favours if we teach them to cheat, bend rules, backchat, play dirty, walk off in a huff, argue with umpires ... any of the many things we see happening regularly on court at junior matches.

The umpire's decision is final. It may well not be what the player thinks happened, but it is what the umpire saw and decided upon, and arguing will not change their mind! On court, what the umpire says, goes.

We don't teach our girls to hold bibs, play higher level players down to throw a match, kick the post, distract shooters, deliberately contact, bounce balls off other players—all of which are dirty tactics we have seen used! Our girls don't cry or sulk when the game is lost, or doesn't go their way, they keep trying.

We would like to think that we teach them how to celebrate their wins and deal with the losses. That it is hard work that sees results, and not bending the rules. That a team is never about one person, and you all support each other, through good days and the bad ones- everyone has them!

We really appreciate your support on this. It may mean marginally less wins, but our club plays honestly, fairly and always in the spirit of the game!

## Summer Tournaments...

Your team manager or coach should have been in touch with potential dates for the tournaments we are considering entering this summer. We will be meeting to confirm which we will do over half term, so if we don't have your availability, can you make sure to let us know asap? Once confirmed, we consider you committed!