



A new school year has started, and we are already almost half way to Christmas (sorry to mention the 'C' word in October!!) Our netball training is in full swing down at the Magnet, and Competition Squad matches are being played most weekends! We have new players in almost all the groups, as well as new sessions .. The club is growing all the time! We now have several new coaches and umpires who are working with your girls! 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@virginmedia.com

Half Term Newsletter

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Welcome Back to Netball!!!

As we approach the October Half Term, it is always a pleasure to see our girls grow in their netball skills. Some of them have been playing at the club since Year 2 or 3, and we love seeing how they have become confident, established players as they become young adults!

Some of these girls are now playing in the MDNL ladies leagues, and their skills are quickly snapped up by the experienced teams there, who know what super players they are!

We are delighted to see our Year 7 girls moving up to senior schools this year—and even more pleased to hear that every one of our competition squad girls have been signed up for their new school team!

We really believe that netball is a sport for life, and

regardless of what level our girls are playing at, we want to instill in them the same love of the game that we all have, so in twenty years time they are still playing and enjoying the sport!

We are trying to get as many girls as we can into the club, playing netball and developing them to their individual maximum potentials through our new Pay & Play sessions and then into Development groups – so if you know an interested friend, do share the details of our club!



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AGM & Prizegiving

We were delighted to see so many of our players and parents at our combined AGM and Prizegiving Evening at the Magnet on Friday 25th October.

This event will become a regular fixture in the club's calendar (look out for next year's date!), celebrating our fantastic girls and what they have achieved over the last year. We were thrilled to welcome England U21 Vice Captain Fran Williams to share her experiences and present the awards to the girls!

It also allows parents to see what the club has been up to and our plans for the coming year, as we go through our formal AGM procedure.

This year, we awarded one girl in each year group from Year 3-9 a 'Player of the Year' Award. This award was nominated by coaches from each session, and it was a pleasure to hear about the achievements leading to the individual nominations. There were also Coaches Recognition Awards in the Competition and Recreational groups, for girls who have gone above and beyond what might be expected to develop or push themselves, plus an Adult Volunteer and an Umpiring Award.

Our winners are as follows:

Prize Winners:

Player of the Year:

- Year 3 : Aaya Alhaq
- Year 4 : Maddie Tittley
- Year 5 : Heidi Golding
- Year 6/7 Rec : Ella Tinsley
- Year 8/9 Rec : Sophie Enderby
- Year 6 Comp : Zoe Allanson
- Year 7 Comp : Sophia Robinson
- Year 8 Comp : Georgia Charalambous

Coaches Recognition Award

- Recreational : Lizzie McIlhatten
- Competition : Abby Setterfield
- Adult Volunteer : Annette Allanson
- Umpiring : Mia Elton



Summer Training

This year, the club decided to run a regular Summer Training slot for all girls in our Competition Squads. We have noticed that the long break over the holidays means that netball skills and fitness do tend to slide somewhat ... and we want the girls back in September match fit and ready to play!!

We ran five sessions through the summer, which focussed on fitness, core skills and match play. The different dynamic of girls from across four year groups with some of our adult players thrown in, meant that these were not easy sessions for anyone!

The weather stayed kind to us, on most nights, and playing outside on lovely summer evenings was a real pleasure! Those girls who came really enjoyed the sessions, and we definitely noticed an improvement in their play come September!

We intend this to be a regular fixture in the Club's holiday calendar, and do expect to see any girls in the Competition Squads who are not away attending these sessions. Please see below for details on the October Half Term Training Session,

October Half Term Training Session Yr 6-9 Competition Squads

Wednesday 28th October 2015
4.45 (for 5pm start) - 7.00pm

The Pearce Suite
Magnet Leisure Centre

£4.00 (please pay to coaches on arrival)
Any sports kit, plus netball trainers

Remember ...

www.magnetnetballclub.co.uk

We have updated the web site to include upcoming fixtures, adding affiliation information, results, local training camps, changes to the committee ... In fact, for pretty much any query, try the web site as your first port of call before calling your coach, team manager or Sally!

Team Selection Lists for matches are now also published on the web site ahead of up-coming fixtures—please remember to check!

Pay & Play Sessions



Due to the ever increasing numbers of girls on our waiting lists wanting to join the club, we have decided to begin a number of new 'Pay & Play' Sessions for Years 2-5.

These extra sessions offer girls the opportunity to come along and play netball without the commitment of joining the club. This gives them the chance to see whether they like playing, and us the chance to spot potential in young players and filter more able girls through to Development and Competition Squads.

We have also introduced a selection procedure at Year 2 entrance level, so girls are split into Development and Pay & Play Sessions.

We would love to see more girls at these sessions, so if your daughter has friends who might like to play, please do encourage them to come along!

Year 2/3 Pay & Play Session : Tuesdays, 5-6pm

Year 4/5 Pay & Play Session ; Wednesdays 4-5pm

Both sessions are priced at £4.50

Brean Sands Tour 2016

U11/U12/u13's : 24th—26th June
U14's : 1st-3rd July

All girls in the Competition Squad should have received an email from Annette Allanson or your coach with details for the Brean tour next summer.



We will be booking the chalets in the next couple of weeks, so if your daughter would like to come on this fun packed netball tour, please make sure you get the deposit of £30 in ASAP.

Kit

Just a reminder that after half term, we expect all players to be wearing the Magnet Netball Training Kit and appropriate netball trainers at all sessions. The blue training shirts are available from Thames Valley Sports.

Thank you parents, for your support on this!



Match Results Sept / Oct 2015

	U11 Squad			U12 Squad			U13 Squad			U14 Squad		
	Played	Score	GoG	Played	Score	GoG	Played	Score	GoG	Played	Score	GoG
14/9/15				Finch	M 18-10 F	Frankie						
20/9/15				W'ham	M 35-7 W	Zoe				Woodley	M 6-46 W	Mia
27/9/15	Laurel Park	M 16-2 L	Paris	Laurel Park	M 45-4 L	Olivia						
28/9/15				Diamonds	M 12-4 D	Kate						
4/10/15										W'ham	M 50-6 W	Milly
11/10/15										Thunder-birds	M 29-22 T	Anjali
12/10/15				Windsor	M 51-2 W	Olivia						
18/10/15	Woodley	M 18-7 W	Claudia	Woodley	M 3-23 W	Kate	W'ham	M 62-1 W	Katie	Rushmoor	M 21-40 R	Lucie

Matches in RED are Charters League matches.

Matches in BLACK are Berkshire League Matches

Upcoming Events & Fixtures for Your Diaries

28/10/15	Half Term Training, Magnet, 5-7pm
2/11/15	U12 v Royals @ Charters, 6.15pm
8/11/15	U11 v Wokingham @ Bracknell, 9am
	U12 v Rushmoor @ Bracknell, 11.15am
	U13 v Rushmoor @ Bracknell, 12.45pm
16/11/15	U12 v Surrey Heath @ Charters, 6.15pm
22/11/15	U13 v B's Navy @ Luckley, 12.15pm
29/11/15	U11 v Royals Navy @ Windsor, 9am
	U12 v Windsor @ Windsor, 10am
	U14 v Windsor @ Windsor, 11.15am
	U13 v Woodley White @ Windsor, 12.45pm
30/11/15	U12 v Cardinal Fleet @ Charters, 6.15pm
6/12/15	U11 v Finch White @ Loddon, 9am
	U12 v Finch White @ Loddon, 10am
14/12/15	U12 v Cardinal Oaks @ Charters, 6.15pm

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

Berkshire League & Charters Spring Term fixtures will be issued shortly.

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

Poole Tournament, Saturday 10th October

Our U12 squad travelled down to Poole, in Dorset for the Poole Netball Club tournament. Fortunately, the October weather was kind to us, and it was a great day for netball!



Sadly, the same could not be said for the group we found ourselves in ... there was one group of some of the toughest teams in the region—and another of teams we had played and beaten—and guess which group we found ourselves in!!

The girls gave it their all, but losses against Poole and Woodley, a couple of wins and a draw meant they finished in third place, and sadly only the top two teams progressed to the play-offs!

