

LOCAL SCHOOL SET THEIR SIGHTS ON WEMBLEY



Thorpe Hesley Primary School took a step closer to realising one of their dreams by winning the Rotherham round of the Football League Kids Cup.

The competition which was organised by Rotherham United Community Sports Trust was held at the newly developed Thomas Rotherham College on Tuesday 1st December, the competition was open to 6 a-side teams made up of boys and girls U'11 from schools in the Rotherham borough.

In total 14 teams attended on the day from 12 of our local schools, this meant we were able to operate the tournament on a two mini league basis. There was some very hard fought games as all the teams had a good level of ability and at the conclusion of all the league games we were left with 4 teams who just managed to finish in the top 2 positions in their respective leagues and progress to the semifinal stage.

Group 1 saw Thornhill Primary and Blackburn Primary finish in the top 2 positions having only been separated by one point, group 2 saw Thorpe Hesley and Kilnhurst Primary proceed to the second round with only goals scored ensuring Thorpe Hesley went through as group winners after both teams finished level on points and goal difference.

After some hard fought semi-finals the finalists were decided as Thorpe Hesley proved too strong for Blackburn and Kilnhurst brushed Thornhill aside. This led to a clash of the top teams from group 2 who couldn't be separated when they met in the group stages earlier that day.

Once again the teams proved evenly matched and the final ended 0-0 but unlike the group stages we needed an outright winner so the game went into penalties but even 5 penalties each couldn't separate these 2 fantastic teams and with the score 5-5, the shoot-out moved into sudden death and it was here that Thorpe Hesley managed to hold their nerve a little better and win the game.

Thorpe Hesley will now go on to represent Rotherham United in the Championship North Finals which are to be held around March 2016. It is here that they will play against the teams who won local competitions at the other clubs in the north of the Championship. The team who triumphs at this event will go on to the grand final which is held at Wembley stadium prior to the Championship play off final in May.

NCS GRADUATE SUCCESS

Over the Christmas period, our NCS department have been hard at work putting careful consideration and preparation into ensuring that our graduates are provided with progressive opportunities that will benefit not only themselves but also the community.

We understand that employers increasingly demand more than just academic results, which has led to the development of our NCS Graduates programme. Efforts have been placed on the recruitment and development of a team of graduates in the areas of media & marketing, youth work, social action, youth board and recruitment. This has been done in an attempt to further expand the experiences and opportunities for our graduates, shifting emphasis on establishing them as young adults.

Subsequent to them demonstrating the relevant skills and knowledge to thrive in the roles that have been presented, 20 graduates have been deployed in the appropriate departments. Through the months of December 2015 and January 2016 workshops have been organised to

NCS has organised radio skills & DJ workshops for graduates who may be interested in improving their skills in music production, script writing, show planning and live FM broadcast's, creating their own jingles & adverts. This in turn will allow the graduates to potentially apply what they have learnt in a practical environment, when it comes to advertising social action projects on radio and media platforms during summer 2016 NCS.

The media and marketing teams have been prepped to join us on our upcoming spring NCS programme to take professional photos and videos whilst on residential. This will provide graduates with a practical insight into media and



prepare our graduates for any task they may face throughout their experience as an NCS Graduate.

marketing as well as providing RUCST NCS with quality photos and videos that will allow participants to recap on their time on NCS. This will also give our graduates knowledge of media and marketing in a practical working environment.

As well as this, efforts have been taken to boost market research to further develop the programme for future participants. By creating a graduate youth board, we aim to host focus groups where graduates can give us regular feedback which will help us make the programme the best it can be. Furthermore our very own graduates Lauren Robinson and Gabriella Glave recently assisted us in recruiting young people

from Wales High School, speaking in front of Year 11 about their fantastic experiences on NCS.

Moreover, we have directed graduates to volunteering positions where they can use their new found skills and experiences to benefit other organisations in Rotherham. This February will see Rebecca Cooper, Zarina Ali and Anita Rich volunteer for Bluebell Wood at Meadowhall Shopping Centre as they look to help promote the charity and the work it does. Not only will this help our graduates develop as young adults but it will also help boost their CV's and personal portfolios, making them more employable for the future.

2016 looks to be a very promising year for our NCS department and if you are reading this and thinking you want to be a part of it then what are you waiting for? For more information or to sign-up to NCS and all its rewards please contact Ruth on 07867389990 or email her at rdobson@rotherhamunited.net NCS...it all starts at yes!

ASPIRE EDUCATION

Due to the strong demand for alternative education provision across Rotherham, Rotherham United Community Sports Trust has been developing a pupil referral unit in partnership with Rotherham Aspire. From September the Education Academy have been having a small group of young people on a Friday for some alternative learning.

This includes a mix of classroom learning and physical exercise across a number of facilities and activities. The learners have been excluded from mainstream education so it is vital to engage them in some form of learning that fits in with their likes and hobbies, mostly based around Football or sport. The learners complete a mix of group and individual tasks to enhance their learning and experience to help support their transition from education to employment or further education by inspiring and mentoring the young people positively who are trying to overcome a number of social and personal issues.

EDUCATION OPEN EVENING

This year's recruitment cycle is well under way for the Education Academy with a number of open evenings arranged at the Asseal New York stadium all the way up to August 2016 along with successfully been invited to represent the community sports trust at the schools careers and parent evenings.



Some of the courses we will be delivering are, Futsal BTEC Sport Level 2 & 3, Foundation Degree, Apprenticeships and many more! open to both Female and Male students who are interested in a career in sport.

All times are 5pm – 6pm

Wednesday 28th October 2015
Wednesday 18th November 2015
Wednesday 17th February 2016
Wednesday 23rd March 2016
Wednesday 27th April 2016
Wednesday 25th May 2016
Wednesday 29th June 2016
Wednesday 27th July 2016
Wednesday 24th August 2016

You can also meet the education team at your school careers fair!

FORMATION 4 HEALTH

Our pilot study formation 4 health has launched at St Joseph's Primary school.

This programme focuses on health and nutrition education as well as the importance of fitness as part of a healthy lifestyle. We have delivered two weeks' worth of the programme so far and the pupils are thoroughly enjoying the programme and thriving from learning about topics in relation to the human body, the eat well plate and the importance of keeping our immune system strong to fight of illness and disease. Lauren commented that by working with St Joseph's we hope to obtain information about how we can improve the programme to improve it and progress it into other primary schools across Rotherham in the future.

MOVE & LEARN PROGRAMME

We have successfully delivered 6 weeks' worth of our Move and Learn project at Swallownest which has been a massive success and over 90% of the children feel that they now know more about nutrition and health and the importance of both physical activity and nutrition as part of a healthy life style. As a reward for the pupils hard work Lewis Buxton and Joe Mattock visited the pupils during their celebration event to hand out certificates, and deliver a question and answer session which was absolutely fantastic, Lauren explained that the pupils asked lots of questions and the players gave some really good advice in terms of nutrition and becoming a professional footballer, the pupils were delighted to be able to talk to the players and get autographs.

We look forward to working with Swallownest in the future!



FORMATION 4 HEALTH
"every formation needs fitness"

FITNESS THROUGH TEAMWORK!

FORMATION 4 HEALTH IS A HEALTH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE YOUNG ADULTS AND CHILDREN'S KNOWLEDGE IN HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

The Formation 4 Health programme is fitness and football specific, this allows the participant to relate to sport and something that they enjoy and find interesting. Formation for health can be implemented to both secondary and primary schools and can also be made specific for the social demographic of the specific area. The programme can be tailored to your schools specific needs and to raise awareness within your school around specific health issues you deem fit. The programme is taught in an exciting way that has a key emphasis on physical activity. Every formation no matter what the sport, needs health and fitness.

GENERAL COST:
12 week programme - £1500 9 week programme - £1100
6 week programme - £900

We can accommodate for 70 pupils at any one time.

For more information regarding this project or to enquire about making your own bespoke formation for health package, please contact Lauren Kerry, Health Officer on lkerry@rotherhamunited.net or 01709 827667.

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BY THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS 2012 COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR

LEAGUE TRUST BROADSWORD

PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS TOURNAMENT

During October 2015, Rotherham United Community Sports Trust signed a contract with Premier League to run the Premier League Kicks campaign to increase football participation and lower crime around the country.

Rotherham United Community Sports Trust decided to link the campaign to promote community cohesion and bring young people



from diverse communities together in the spirit of sportsmanship.

The tournament was held on the 22nd of December). The tournament was delivered by RUCST sport coaches; with Cllr Tabia Yaseen, (Cabinet Member) and the Deputy Mayor Cllr Christopher Middleton attending and presenting trophies to winning teams!

For more information, please contact

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FUTURE STARS RETURNS IN FEB HALF TERM

Future Stars Holiday Camps return in February half term for another action packed week!

Venue: **Wickersley School & Sports College**
Monday 8th – Friday 12th February 2016
10am – 3pm
£10 per day or £40 for the week!

Future Stars Soccer Camps give children the chance to interact with each other, enhance their footballing skills through training and matches, all this can be done whilst having fun and keeping active.



All of our Future Stars Soccer Camps are available for children aged 5 – 14 and are run in a way that caters for all experience and ability levels, each camp is run by FA qualified coaches from Rotherham United Community Sports Trust

For more information please contact James Rawlinson on 07538549061 or email jrawlinson@rotherhamunited.net.

G4S MATCH REPORTS

MATCH REPORT – Thorpe Hesley 1 Vs 0 Anston Brook

Half time at the Rotherham United Vs Brighton and Hove Albion game saw the first quarter final of the G4S trophy take place under the floodlights at the AESSEAL New York Stadium. Thorpe Hesley had made it to this stage of the tournament with a fantastic 5–0 victory over Woodsetts Primary School and although



Anston Brook progressed with a narrow 1–0 victory their performance had been equally brilliant as they were up against the 2012/13 winners Kilnhurst Primary School.

This meant it was difficult to judge which way the match would go and it led to a scrappy opening few minutes with neither team able to gain any meaningful possession. As the game progressed

Thorpe Hesley started to slightly edge the game and

began to ask some questions of the Anston Brook defence but they were resilient and kept the strikers at bay. It was clear to see that it would take something special to break the deadlock and Thorpe Hesley provided this moment on the 5 minute mark when Finlay Barker raced to the dead ball line to keep a stray pass alive, he stayed tight to the touch line and beat his man with some fancy footwork, he then cut inside the last defender and fired in a low shot from a very tight angle to put his side 1 up.

This did seem to shake Anston into life and they pushed to find an equaliser but found it difficult to create any clear cut chances and on the rare occasion that they did some fine goal keeping kept the score at 1–0, as the match drew to a close the Thorpe Hesley defence began to take one or two chances and a casual ball across their own box almost led to disaster when it was pounced on by an Anston striker but his shot went agonisingly wide and the final whistle blew to send Thorpe Hesley through to the semi-finals for the second year running.

We would like to say well done to both teams for the way they conducted themselves at the match and whilst on the pitch playing.

MATCH REPORT – St Bedes 0 Vs 3 Maltby Lilly Hall

The second quarter final of this seasons G4S trophy took place at half time during the Rotherham United Vs QPR match at the AESSEAL New York Stadium. Maltby Lilly Hall had made it to this stage with a comfortable 2–0 win over Dalton Foljambe whilst St Bedes had a tougher time in the first round where they narrowly beat local rivals Kimberworth Community School by 2 goals to nil.

Once again this made it very difficult to choose a winner before the game, but from the 1st whistle it was clear to see that Lilly Hall wanted to stamp their authority on this match and they had the majority of the early possession and kept the ball up field and in the St Bedes half. St Bedes found it very difficult to get possession of the ball in these early exchanges and on the rare occasion that they did Lilly Hall were quick to close the ball down and deny any clear chances on goal. It was following a rare St Bedes foray into the

Lilly Hall half that a long clearance from a Lilly Hall defender led to a sprint race between Lilly Hall's Cass



Walker-Smith and the last St Bedes defender who was outpaced before Walker-Smith calmly slotted the ball into the bottom corner to put his side 1-0 up.

Maltby continued to apply pressure following this goal and managed to add a second goal minutes later when Ethan Hickling reacted the quickest to a goal mouth scramble and poked the ball home from close range. The game began to open up following this goal and St Bedes created some good chances to get back in the game but unfortunately couldn't take these and as they pushed to create chances they left themselves vulnerable at the back and when Lilly Hall broke down the right the ball was pulled back to an unmarked Makenzie Ashton who slotted the ball home to round off a 3-0 win and send Lilly Hall into the semi-finals.

We would like to say well done to both teams for the way they conducted themselves at the match and whilst on the pitch playing.

NEW HATE CRIME REPORTING CENTRES

Rotherham United Community Sports Trust is a new Community Hate Crime Reporting Centres

Community hate crime reporting centres provide a valuable service to help people report their concerns about hate crime and harassment, particularly where they may not feel confident to approach the Police or Council directly. There are currently sixteen voluntary and community sector organisations in Rotherham who are hate crime reporting centres. Together, they support a wide and diverse range of community members.

What is a hate crime?

The Police and Crown Prosecution Service have agreed a common definition of hate incidents – this is any incident that the victim or anyone else thinks was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on one of the following personal characteristics:

- Disability (including physical disability, sensory impairments, learning disabilities, mental ill-health, long term illness or health conditions)
- Race or ethnicity
- Religion or belief
- Sexual orientation (for example lesbian, gay or bisexual people)
- Transgender identity (for example trans women or men or gender reassignment)

Hate incidents can be verbal abuse, like name-calling or offensive jokes; bullying or intimidation; physical attacks; threats; online abuse for example on social media; displaying or circulating discriminatory literature; damage to your home or possessions; or abuse of friendships – this is sometimes called “mate crime”.

When hate incidents become criminal offences they are known as hate crimes. Hate incidents often escalate to crimes or tension in a community. For this reason the Police are concerned about hate incidents

as well as hate crimes. The Police can only prosecute when the law is broken but they can work with the Council and other partners to try and prevent any escalation in seriousness.

If you would like support in reporting an incident, please contact RUCST

If you attend any of our provision and have had an incident or have witnessed an incident, please talk to member of our staff delivering the session.

You can also email us at community@rotherhamunited.net or on 01709 827767

RUFC INCLUSION VS DERBY COUNTY INCLUSION

Rotherham United Community Sports Trust would like to formally thank Maltby Main FC for enabling our Inclusion team to use their facilities and providing the opportunity for the players to have a quality match day experience.



Our inclusion team is currently progressing and developing into an 11 a side team and on Friday 11th December we played a Christmas friendly against Derby County Inclusion.

The visitor's players were recruited from two of Derby's community programmes 'Active choices' and 'Active supporters'.

Active Choices is a healthy lifestyle and behavioural change programme which helps people in drug treatment services stay drug free and Active supporters is a free healthy living programme for men



in the city with a BMI of 30+.

Our inclusion team recruits players from mental health services, homeless services/support and Drugs and alcohol services in Rotherham. The game was a battle from the onset with Derby scoring the first goal not long in to the first half. Rotherham soon equalised after midfielder Danny Hazelhurst made sure he found the back of the net, soon after a penalty was awarded and beautifully executed by Right winger Jordan Heald putting Rotherham 2-1 ahead at half time.

The second half had us all on our toes and with 5 minutes to go Derby managed to equalise ending the game 2-2. A tremendous effort from both teams throughout and a great day had by all.

Our inclusion team are currently looking for sponsorship, please get in touch with Trudi Race if this is something you would be interested in supporting us: trace@rotherhamunited.net