



FOOTBALL FOCUS

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF ABBOTS GREEN'S VERY OWN FOOTBALL NEWSPAPER

Coach Q & A

BY MAX, YR 2

Here we get the chance to find out more from one of our coaches. We sent Max along to interview one of the Year 2 coaches, Klint.

So Klint, how long have you been coaching for and what made you want to become a coach at Abbots Green?

I've been a coach for 3 years and initially started coaching as a way to spend more time with my son and get involved in the team. Also, because we have such a great bunch of kids who put in so much effort into training and matches each week.

Who do you support? Chelsea of course!

Who is your favourite player of all time? Frank Lampard.

What's been your best moment as a coach? Seeing Max score his first goal and the Raptors team getting their first win!

What's your best footballing tip? Work hard and practise!

Frank Lampard in his playing days



The Premiership trophy

Football is back!

BY AVA, YR 5

Great news for all you football fans! After the last Premier League match was played on 7th March before lockdown began, lots of footballers are at home with no football to play and no football to watch! Premier League football will resume again on 17th June 2020!

So how has Premiership football been able to return after all this time? Covid19 testing for every player, manager and staff member happens weekly to ensure the safety of everyone returning to football again. This process seemed to be working as there hadn't been a positive Covid19 result in the past 2 weeks, surely a sign that football is ready to return? However, at the time of publishing it has now been reported that a Norwich player has tested positive and so will miss the much-anticipated restart to the season.

To further reduce the chances of the virus spreading, matches will be played behind closed doors which means that fans cannot go and watch their teams live, however the good news is that matches will be televised.

This is great news for football fans who are stuck at home with no football to watch or play! But what does this mean for Liverpool? Back in March 2020 they were sure to be crowned the Premier League winners with only 6 more points needed to gain the title after 29 years. The reds last won the league in 1989/1990 where they finished 9 points clear of Aston Villa at the top of the first division, losing just one match all season. Can they win this season after such a long break? Or could Coronavirus have stopped their long-awaited chances of being champions again?

How about last year's Premiership winners Manchester City who are in 2nd place on the league table 25 points behind Liverpool? They have won the premier league 6 times including last year's victory but need to win all of their remaining matches to have a fighting chance. I don't think they were expecting the amazing performances that Liverpool have given us this year!!!

So, who will win? We will have to find out when it all kicks off again.....

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LATEST MATCH REPORT

St Edmundsbury Hawks Vs Abbots Green Year 3 *Saturday March 14th*

BY ETHAN, YR 3

It was a cloudy, grey and miserable day but excitement was in the air as Abbots Green prepared to play against St Edmundsbury. We have had some close matches in the past against them but who would be victorious today?

We were lucky that Abbots Green almost had their full squad and our coaches Mike and Lee had given us a motivating team talk. The whistle was blown, and the match kicked off. St Edmundsbury were the first to score with an impressive smash in the top left-hand corner. St Edmundsbury had a few more chances before they got a lucky tap in from close range. At half time we were still 2 nil down. We were playing well but just didn't have many chances.

In the second half we started our comeback. Within minutes we had got our first goal, the crowd cheered in delight! Our second goal was an awesome shot from one of our strikers, Finley. The clock was ticking and with minutes to go St Edmundsbury took the lead again.

We never gave up and were determined to get another goal. The referee was getting ready to blow the final whistle when we equalized with just seconds to spare. Our parents all cheered and I felt so happy that we had got a draw. Both teams played really well!



Some of our Year 3 players



How are you staying match fit?

Is it important to maintain match fitness during lockdown?

BY SAMUEL, YR 5

I believe it is especially important to maintain match fitness during Lockdown. During Lockdown I have really missed training and playing matches with our Year 5 school football team. We all are used to training lots and playing football whenever we get a chance. Lockdown has changed the way we lead our lives and it is so important that we keep our fitness levels up. Our team were all very fit and healthy, our weekly training sessions built up our strength, muscles, and our fitness levels. This means we were always match fit, able to give 100% effort and have the stamina to keep running the whole time. Because of this, our skills, and our dedication we had become a hard team to beat.

When we return to playing football as a team we want to do as well as we did before so it is particularly important that we maintain our fitness levels and can be a strong fit side. We can all do this in many ways. Playing football with your family and setting up your own drills and training sessions and just by getting as much exercise as possible. Running, walking, and cycling are good fun and you can set yourself targets. Eat healthily, drink lots of water and keep positive! If we all do this, we can make sure we have a great start to the football season when we get to play again.



Can YOU find the following teams?

- Arsenal
- Brighton
- Bournemouth
- Chelsea
- Liverpool
- Norwich
- Southampton
- Tottenham

WORDSEARCH

Can you find the names of these Premiership teams?

BY TEMI, YR 6

Who doesn't love a wordsearch?! Temi in Year 6 devised this wordsearch to help keep the most avid football fans busy and their minds occupied during the pandemic.

Could you do something similar? You could always try creating a football quiz for friends and family to answer or what about football-based anagrams? Now there's a challenge! Why not give something like this a go to stay busy. Who knows, you might get it published in the next edition...

COMPETITION TIME!

Write the ultimate football story & get published in our next edition!

BEN & SAMUEL

YR 5 AND YR 3.

Do you miss Saturday football? My brother Samuel misses football very much. "I miss football and playing with my friends against other schools," explained Samuel. To bring football closer to you, we would like you to write about it. Here is the competition for this issue...

Have you ever wanted to have YOUR writing in a newspaper? Well if you have, this is the place to be! Put your thinking cap on and write the ultimate football-based short story. Make sure it is interesting and be creative with the whole story! Don't forget to give your short story a title, e.g. The comeback, The trial, The dream debut! It's up to you to decide...

You could write about a setback your character faces such as an injury, how they feel, describe the match winning goal or describe the cup win! It's up to you. We look forward to reading your exciting stories. Please email them to irisclass@abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk and we'll publish the winning story for all to read!

MY FAVOURITE PLAYER

Cristiano Ronaldo

DADE, YR 2

We all have our heroes, so let's find out about Dade's favourite player and football hero!

Facts about Ronaldo

- Ronaldo was born February 5th 1985 in Funchal, Portugal.
- He has 3 children called Cristiano Jr and his twins Eva and Mateo.
- He scored 535 goals in his club career, 118 goals when he went to Manchester United and 412 goals in Real Madrid.
- In Manchester United, he scored 84 goals over 6 years.
- He then moved to Real Madrid where he scored 311 goals in 9 years.
- Later, he went to Juventus where he has been playing since 2018 and has scored 42 goals.
- He has also played for the Portugal national team.



Juventus forward Cristiano Ronaldo

FINAL FAREWELL

End of Season Sadness...

BY JACK, YR 4

As the pandemic put an early end to our season Jack reflects on his year with his team.

We had such a great year with our coaches Ben and Lee. We had only lost 1 game out of 12 and were sitting in second place in the league with a great chance of winning if games went our way! We were looking forward to the Cup Final and feeling hopeful!

With the eagerly anticipated Cup Final cancelled (where we were strong favourites!) I felt gutted. I was so sad we wouldn't be celebrating at the end of Year BBQ too. An event we all look forward to attending each year with our families, teammates, and coaches.

I can't wait to be back playing again with my team. Until then Stay Safe everyone!



