



The cricket season finally got underway despite the best attempts of the weather to ruin it. The Year 7 team travelled to a very damp Woodhouse Grove school, Bradford to play their first round U12 cup match. Heckmondwike won the toss and elected to bat. In the second over of the innings, the weather conditions changed with persistent drizzle and periods of heavy rain. This made both batting and fielding very difficult. Openers Shivam Desai and Hriman Surani made good starts but could not build a significant total with wickets falling at regular intervals. Despite this, Heckmondwike

posted an impressive score of 111 from their 20 overs with all the batters contributing.

Woodhouse's openers did not hang about and soon exceeded the required run rate. Jijesh Jegadesh was the pick of the Heckmondwike bowlers with impressive pace and an accurate line and length from his four overs but unfortunately, wickets were hard to come by. Woodhouse chased down the total with plenty of overs to spare. Despite the result, there were some impressive performances and the future looks bright for the team.

Year 8 Cricket v Kirk Balk Academy

The Year 8 Team travelled to South Yorkshire to play Kirkbalk Academy in the first round of the Under 13 competition. Heckmondwike won the toss and opted to bat first. Openers Nelansh Gudla and Jishnu Jegaprakash made a slow start and struggled to find runs. The loss of Jishnu's wicket brought Kushaagra Chaturvedi to the crease and he set about accelerating the run rate hitting multiple boundaries with an impressive range of shots. His innings included nine fours and four sixes to eventually retire unbeaten on 75. Nelansh also played an excellent innings and retired on 56.

This posted an impressive total of 162 from 20 overs.

Heckmondwike bowlers were very disciplined with excellent line and length and took wickets at regular intervals, Gorav, Kushaagra, Shaurya and Hassan all bowled excellent spells and ensured the Kirkbalks batters never got close to the required run rate. The last wicket fell with 75 runs still required, giving Heckmondwike a comfortable win and set up a second round match against Salendine Nook.

Year 9 Cricket v Crossley Heath GS

Year 9 played Crossley Heath GS in the first round of the U14 cup at the picturesque Lighcliffe cricket club on a pristine wicket with glorious sun shine. Crossleys won the toss and decided to bat first. The second ball of the first over saw Kushaagra put down a very difficult chance and this proved to be crucial as the batter went on to score an unbeaten 90 runs.

of 158 from their 20 overs.

The loss of two early wickets was not the start Heckmondwike were looking for and this was compounded when key batter Safi edged a sharp delivery to the keeper without troubling the scorers. What was always going to prove to be a difficult run chase now looked almost impossible. Ashish Bhupathiraju batting at number 4, was Heckmondwikes top scorer with an unbeaten 34 but the required boundaries were not forth coming. Heckmondwike eventually fell short of the required total finishing on 109 from 20 overs.

Captain Safi Abrar was the pick of the bowlers, taking one wicket for only 7 runs from 4 overs. Some expensive overs followed and Heckmondwikes bowlers struggled to cope with the sloping wicket. This allowed Crossleys to post a total

Year 10 Cricket v Crossley Heath

The Year 10 team were forced to play their first round match on The MUGA due to the early departure of summer. Heckmondwikes Captain, Sahil Mukadam won the toss and elected to make use of the bowler friendly conditions. Opening bowlers Vamsi Vakamullu and Ben Walshaw produced consistent line, pace and swing. Vamsi was rewarded with the key wicket of Crossleys opening Yorkshire batter, who lost his wicket without scoring.

chase was going to be a challenge, as conditions continued to favour the bowlers. This point was proven when opener Abrar lost his wicket to a delivery that swung and took his off stump. Ahmed and Sahil steadied the ship and kept the run rate ticking over. Ahmed finished unbeaten on 19. Sahil look composted and played some textbook shots to reach 14 before unfortunately hitting his own wicket after an extravagant pull shot.

High quality bowling and excellent fielding saw the wickets tumble at regular intervals. Safi Abrar produced a superb spell of spin bowling taking 4 wickets from his 4 overs conceding only 11 runs with some unplayable deliveries. Vamsi and Ben finished with 3 wickets a piece. There were some excellent catches from Keeper Siddhant Mukherjee and fielders Vamsi, Sahil, Safi and Sid.

Vamsi wrapped up the innings with 13 to ensure Heckmondwike reached their target with 9.3 overs to spare.

Heckmondwikes outstanding performance in the field saw Crossleys post a below par total of 69 runs from their 16 overs.

The team will now face King Egberts School, Sheffield in the next round.

Heckmondwike knew that despite the modest total, the run





More Olympiad Success in Mathematics



Following on from the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge in February, 6 of our students qualified for the Olympiad rounds. These being Yusuf Shah, Kaysan Abdullah, Arran Forbes, Hafsa Hussain, Shayaan Khan and Harshith Mavuri.

Only around 1800 students qualify for the Intermediate Olympiads each year and we are very impressed that so many students from our school qualified. The Olympiad consist of a 2-hour challenge where students work through six problems which require full written solutions.

Many congratulations to Yusuf Shah in year 7 and Arran Forbes in year 9 who achieved a merit award in the Cayley Olympiad and Harshith Mavuri in year 10 who achieved a merit award in the Hamilton Olympiad.



Eco Warrior Isaac Wong

Upon discovering that having sufficient coverage of plants within a space can improve its air quality by 7%, the Eco Committee purchased a range of plants and distributed these to classrooms and offices across the school.



Members of the committee were tasked with checking on the plants weekly, watering where necessary and ensuring they were in an optimal position. Pictured below is Isaac Wong, Year 8, the committee's star plant caretaker, holding Miss Maguire's parlour palm, which is thriving! The Eco Committee plans to add further plants to school spaces next academic year.



It has been another busy year regarding the British Physics Olympiad. This year has been our best year yet in terms of the number of entries. There were 29 students who participated in the Intermediate Physics Challenge and 13 students who participated in the Senior Physics Challenge. In addition, 4 of the students who entered the Senior

Challenge also entered the British Physics Olympiad Round 1. This competition is intended for Year 13 students but 4 of our students entered it a year early.

Overall there were 4 gold awards, 7 silver awards and 33 bronze awards. Every award is an incredible achievement and everyone who entered should feel a sense of accomplishment. You are competing against the best in the country and have demonstrated your considerable ability.



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DIARY DATES

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Tuesday 4 June Year 8 HPV Vaccine

Wednesday 5 June Year 7 Magna Trip 8.30am-4.00pm