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Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire County Lacrosse Tournaments

U13 Tournaments

On Wednesday 9th March, the U13 A, B and C teams travelled to Cople for their county tournament. The students were full of excitement to compete and put all their hard work into action on the lacrosse pitch! The C team went undefeated all afternoon and were crowned champions of the 'C' team tournament. The Most Valuable Player was awarded to Zuzanna Wylezek for her outstanding contribution in midfield.

In the 'B' team tournament, BGS secured a place in the final after placing 2nd in their group. They scored a total of 10 goals in the group matches, which was the highest amongst all the teams. After a nail-biting final against Berkhamsted, the team narrowly lost but should be so proud of their achievements and took home a well-deserved silver medal. The Most Valuable Player for the B team was awarded to Hatty Parry.

In the 'A' team tournament, there were seven teams competing to place either 1st or 2nd in their group to qualify them for the final. With wins against St Albans, Haberdashers, Berkhamsted, Haileybury and Abbots Hill, the team were through to the final. They faced 2nd placed Berkhamsted who had only lost one game all day and we knew that the game ahead was going to be a very tough game. BGS found their form and gave it everything they had left, winning 50/50 balls and attacking and defending with sheer determination and drive to win the match 2-1. The Most Valuable Player for the 'A' team was awarded to midfielder Charlotte Proctor but if it were possible all members of the team could have been given this accolade!

U12 Tournaments

We were delighted to see a fantastic turnout for the U12 tournament, which took place on Saturday 12th March 2022. Again, an exceptional morning of lacrosse, which saw the U12B team beating Haberdashers' Girls' School, St Albans and Berkhamsted to secure second place in their group. This meant that the team would play Berkhamsted who were the overall winners of the group and who we only narrowly beat 2-1 in the group stages.

In the final, Berkhamsted scored two goals in the very early stages of the game, which meant BGS had their backs against the wall quite quickly. However, BGS found this inner drive which was just the most impressive thing to watch and managed to up the tempo and score two goals bringing the full-time score to 2-2. Extra time was played and still the score line was 2-2. This meant that the game would now go to 'Golden Goal' and would continue to be played in 3-minute matches until there was a winner. The buzz and atmosphere at Cople for this match was simply awesome and this

really helped to boost the confidence of the team and saw Jhanvi Manjunath pick up a ground ball with perfection and drive into the opposing 11m fan and unleash an absolute rocket of a shot into the top corner of the goal. BGS were crowned U12B champions and the Most Valuable Player award went to goalkeeper Scarlett John who was outstanding across the whole tournament.

The U12A team took a little time to get going and the first game was lost by just a goal. They headed straight into the next game winning 6-0. The next was a 5-0 win, then the games got tougher. BGS drew the next 1-1 and just didn't manage to get the ball past the goalies in the final two games. It wasn't the finish to the season they wanted, but the whole team learnt a lot and will be fitter and ready and raring to go as Year 8s. Congratulations to Brooke Bendall and Sienna Berge, who were the players of the tournament.

The U12C team were in strong force from the very start of the competition, beating Berkhamsted D team and St George's C in their pool. They lost to Berkhamsted C team but then met them again in the final where they played with confidence and perseverance winning the game in the second half and leading by two goals on the final whistle! There were some phenomenal team goals throughout the tournament coupled with amazing determination in defence. The support from our BGS parents and community really made the day exciting and fun for all involved. The Most Valuable Player award went to Claudia Jewers for her commitment in defence, drive to intercept and pick up ground balls, which led the team out of danger and resulted in attacking plays and even a goal! It was a fantastic success for the U12C team to win their tournament, it showcased their hard work at training throughout the year, but what made it stand out even more was the support and encouragement given by every member of the team that was led by captains Manpriya and Claudia.