



DLSP Mini-Youth & Eagles Newsletter

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(The aim of this newsletter is to keep you informed on what is going on in our club at Mini-Youth and Eagles levels. Hopefully you will find this informative. Thanks to all the contributors.)



One month into 2017 and Kirwan Park continues to be a hive of activity. The Metro youth leagues have reached their graded sessions. The under 7, 8 & 9 squads are well into their mini blitz season and the under 10, 11 & 12 squads are playing in their Metro leagues. The Girls squad continue to play in their blitzes and train with Seapoint. Out in the community there is great feedback from the tag rugby sessions delivered by Avon Lewis in the local primary schools. Support is also being provided to local secondary schools. Off the field of play the Child Welfare team have been very busy processing all volunteers through the new IRFU online vetting procedure. Background work on the player development programme and the youth academy is complete. Finally the resurfaced gravel car park has eased congestion on Sunday mornings.

Child Welfare

by Paddy Gleeson

The Child Welfare team – Paddy Gleeson, Shane Grant and Ciara Start have been very busy in processing all coaches and administrators through the new online IRFU welfare system – 'Clubhouse'. The details for 98% of volunteers are now in 'Clubhouse'. Remember, if you have any queries or concerns on

child welfare please contact us at dlspcwo@hotmail.com or follow up with us directly on Sunday mornings.

Under 8s

by Mark Fox

The guys are enjoying training and loving playing matches against other teams. We regularly get around 18-20 players up bright and early on Sunday mornings for training and have been able to field 2 teams (of 8/9 players) for all 3 away Metro and friendly matches so far this season. They are showing super skills in all areas of the game with a great appetite for the tackle and ruck and above all they love scoring tries (and they are good at it).



The under 8 DLSP teams played against Barnhall a metro matches on 11/12/16. In total the guys played 6 matches again emerging unbeaten from these (W5 D1).



The under 8 DLSP teams played against Greystone's and Lansdowne in friendly matches on 27/11/16. In total the guys played 8 matches emerging unbeaten from these.

Daisy Pickers

by Helen Olliffe

The U6 squad were involved in a film shoot of "The Snapper" for 'A Night at the OsKaRs 's' fundraiser in February. The shoot took place in the leafy surroundings of Wesley Lawns, outside the mansion of Mr. Dave Hicks (aka Mr. Burgess) and inside the mansion for the kitchen and bedroom scenes!



The squad arrived at the lush open space outside the mansion where they rehearsed their action scenes before the Lights, Action, Camera call from the director saw all the squad do "The Conga" outside Sharon's house when she has had the baby and they all sang "7lbs 12ozs".

Rumor has it that this performance will steal the show on OsKaR night!

Under 13s

by Gerry Grady

We were away to Balbriggan in the Metro Cup match in foul conditions, the lads ended up having a comprehensive victory despite the opposition having a few exceptionally strong players, but overall the DLSP lads played much better as a team, which has been a hallmark of recent victories. Also notable was the excellent performance of the DLSP scrum.

On the previous Sunday we also had a strong victory away to Blackrock RFC in the Metro competition, again, mostly due to solid teamwork, strong competition at the breakdown (much improved form earlier in the season) and huge commitment and work rate from all of the lads.

We have Wanderers at home next Sunday



Rugby in St. Benildus College

by Graham Smith

St. Benildus College had a tough encounter in Ashbourne in the semi-final of the Leinster Development Shield against Ballymakenny College, Drogheda on Jan 19th. They came through on a scoreline of 29-7. The final was played in OBRFC on Jan 26th against Colaiste Lorcaín, Castledermot. For the neutrals this was a great advertisement for development rugby. The game was played at a blistering pace throughout and St. Benildus were unlucky to come out the wrong side of a 17-10 score line. Great credit to Mr. Holland and our own Kevin Major for guiding the boys through the competition. It was great to see U14, 15 & 16 squad members on the school team. I am told that team spirits were lifted at the squad dinner after the final and focus has now turned to the South Dublin Development Cup.

Engagement with local schools

The second session has kicked off and Avon is involved with the following schools: Ballinteer ETNS, Rathfarnham ETNS, St. Patrick's NS, Glencullen, Our Lady's Grove National School, Goatstown & Our Lady's Boys National School, Ballinteer.

We are still waiting for confirmation of dates from St. Attracta's National School, Ballinteer, and St. Mary's & St Gerard's National School, Enniskerry. We are also waiting to hear back from the Educate Together Secondary School, Kiltarnan for tag rugby with the first year students.

A Night at the OsKaRs

by Dave Lillis



This year the big club fund raiser is a night at the OsKaRs. A number of the parents, coaches and administrators from the Mini Youth & Eagles are now rehearsing their movie roles. Filming is due to shoot on 29th Jan and the results will be seen on the big screen on Feb 18th. Come up and support your colleagues on the night. It promises to be a great night.

Date	Event	Comments
18 th Feb	"A night at the OsKaRs"	Club fundraiser in Powerscourt Hotel.
19 th Feb	Under 12 Girl's blitz	2 hours & on 2 pitches
26 th Feb	Kieran Burke Festival	Grounds handed over to Under 7 festival on this morning.
12 th Mar	Under 12/11 Boys Festival	Grounds handed over to festival on this morning.
14 th Apr	Eagles Quiz Night	Table Quiz fundraiser for Salmo Eagles.
28 th May	Eagles Festival	Grounds handed over to festival on this morning.

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Calendar of Events

The following events will take place in the coming weeks. Please keep note of the dates and support the events if possible.

