

SUBURBAN HOCKEY.

Welcome to the fifth edition of our Suburban Hockey Newsletter. We have had a fantastic winter season for our hockey coaching and we hope that many of our young players will continue to play the sport in the future.

When we started our hockey coaching programme two years ago, we were offering after school and lunchtime clubs for our schools. At this point hockey was a relatively unknown sport for most of the children we were coaching, but it has proved to be very popular and, as demand for the clubs has grown, a number of schools have requested curriculum time coaching in addition to their clubs. This has proved to be a great success as we can coach larger numbers of children and start to build hockey into the culture of the school. We will continue to offer this service to schools during the coming terms and welcome more schools to take up this option. Please contact us if you would like to increase hockey in your school: info@suburbanhockey.co.uk

Who is coaching you? A quick look at some of our coaches this season.



Ben Rooney has been playing hockey for 14 years, was captain of hockey at St Georges College, he plays for Old Georgians 1st XI, is a county and regional player and has been a lead Surbiton Hockey Club coach for 3 years, with his squads winning national and regional titles.



Paddy Smith is the current GB goalkeeper and was a bronze medallist in the 2014 World League finals. He was also in the England U21 squad that took part the European Championships. He is a member of Cannock Hockey Club and coaches at Suburban Hockey when not on GB duty! He is also the specialist goalkeeping coach for Surbiton Hockey Club.



Latest News.....

We have exciting news about our new project running in the London Borough of Southwark this summer term. We have won funding from the Big Lottery Fund to run a hockey and fitness coaching programme in that area and we now have 30 schools interested in having our coaches deliver a programme for them! Surrey Hockey Association has provided funds for Quicksticks equipment for the schools.



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Hockey comes to Staines' schools!

Manorcroft, Buckland, Our Lady of the Rosary, St Cuthberts and Laleham Primary have all had our coaches visiting during the past two terms. Pictures below show some of the children in action at our recent Staines Hockey Club tournament. Staines HC are happy to welcome any new children who would like to join their Club. Details of contacts are on our Suburban Hockey website. We will add details of summer programmes to that website too—otherwise their hockey season starts again in September and there will be sessions every Sunday morning if you want to join in. www.suburbanhockey.co.uk



Sarah Haycoft, who joined the GB Senior Squad this year gave a talk to the children of Laleham school and spent some time coaching them.

Caroline Moore, from Lalahem said "The children were absolutely inspired by seeing and talking to Sarah".



This is what we at Suburban Hockey love to hear! Sarah has also just captained the Surbiton HC Ladies 1st XI who have just won a place to compete in Europe.

Tournaments so far this yearat Tiffin Girls School, Chessington Community College, Staines HC, Ashford HC and Surbiton HC.



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