

OPM Junior Newsletter

“Only where there are children
is there any real chance of fun.”



OPM RUGRATS HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

What A Super Day.

February 24th, under a clear blue, Elburton sky, in bright sunshine, saw the Grand Launch of the new OPM Rugrats. Rugrats is for foundation year and pre-school nursery children and now makes up our ‘under 4’ and ‘under 5’ teams.

The session was attended by 17 enthusiastic and excited future rugby players. Eight more are expected to attend on their return from half term break, which will increase the numbers further. Fun and laughter were the order of the day with lots of games to keep everyone amused.

The coaching was led by Matt Glastonbury, the OPM Chairman, together with an equally excited group of assistant coaches. A huge thank you to all those who helped on the day and hopefully will help in the future.

The session ended with a visit to the clubhouse where all the players had a ‘get to know you’ banquet of snacks and soft drinks. A great way to finish a first session and the first of many. With such enthusiasm and commitment like this, the long-term future of OPM Junior Rugby is assured.



TON-UP FOR THE JUNIORS.

OPM Juniors have recognized its 100th player, Isaac Pickersgill.

Recruitment in OPM Junior Rugby has now reached the three figure mark. Isaac was presented with a world cup 2015 ball and a club shirt by team coach John Halton. Isaac has joined the Under 9's team.

Isaac's father said that he was delighted that Isaac had taken up rugby, and even more delighted that he had become part of OPM history.



JUNIOR PLAYER'S RISE UP THE RANKS

JOSH- THE FIRST OF MANY

When the juniors were formed in 2008, they were a small but intrepid band of brave pioneers. One of those pioneers, Josh Stephenson, has now risen to the heights of playing in the 1st XV. Josh made his debut in the recent match away to Totnes and is seen receiving the congratulations of Howard Turner, the head coach and Billy Garret, the 1st XV Captain.

WELL DONE JOSH!



'What we instil in our children will be the foundation upon which they build their future.'

ON TO WEST DEVON TOURNAMENT

OPM Under 14 players; Matt Smale, Aaron Trinder and Ethan Millard were selected after training at the Devon Development Programme in Keyham, to play for West Devon, at Bodmin in the half term. They are great ambassadors for OPMs.

It is a true testament to the boy's hard work, commitment and love for the game. They also would not be where they are today without the great coaching they have received during their years with OPMs, and the commitment that has been shown towards all of the juniors development.



March fixtures

10th - Saltash Away

17th - Dev Services- home – under 8's

Under 12, 13,14 – Away

31st Albion Oaks- home. U7,9,13 -Away

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