



# IES Juniors

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**Training resumes on Sun 6 Jan 2019. Happy Christmas!**



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## Party time!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas training and party on Sunday 16 December. There was a wonderful table full of food provided by parents for the U8s and U10s to enjoy after their training session in the winter sun. They were joined by our special hockey-playing guest Santa, who also gave out gifts to the younger players at the end of their party.

The older age groups enjoyed some competitive games on the pitch, including highly fought boys v girls contest for the U14s – won in style by the girls. They all enjoyed festive treats afterwards before the club finished for the Christmas break.



## Lost hat

One of our junior members lost a hat at a training session before Christmas. If you've found an extra Oakley bobble hat, with blue and black stripes, in your child's kit, please do return it to the club and we can reunite it with its owner - thanks!

## Training Update

After Christmas we start our training for the In2 Hockey tournaments for the U10 and U12 age groups. We are limited in the number of players we can take to these tournaments, unlike the SYL series, so there is likely to be more team selection where we will be considering the '3 As' - ability, attendance and attitude - of our players. Please help your children to understand about this; our coaches will be talking to them about this in the new year as well.

## TEAM NEWS

### U8s

Unfortunately the U8 tournament had to be cancelled due to a lack of pitch availability. However, the coaches John and Justin have introduced some new awards each week to encourage the youngest players. So well done to: Primrose and Nathan for their best listener awards, Teal and Joe for their most improved awards and Harry and Ralph for their player of the day awards.

### U10s

The U10 players have taken part in three SYL tournaments this year, playing in mixed ability teams with players moving between teams over the course of the tournaments. The aim has been to ensure that all players have had the chance to take part in competitive games, gaining valuable tournament experience. The children have all played really well and have been so incredibly supportive of one another, it's been lovely to see. After Christmas the U10s will split into a girls' team and a boys' team for the In2 hockey tournaments.



U12 boys

around. When they linked up their play together and made good use of the space, they were able to win two matches, which gave them and their parent supporters a much needed boost on a cold afternoon. They all showed excellent team spirit during the afternoon.

### U12 girls

The U12A girls' team successfully retained the SYL title that had been held by IES for the past few years. The girls played as a team, showing the hunger to win every ball and dominate possession, and they ended their second tournament unbeaten, having conceded no goals and scored 13. It was a great team effort and there were some super individual performances when it mattered. The girls now move on to the regional tournament in the New Year.

The IES B Team battled against Ipswich A, narrowly losing, before beating Bury C and drawing an exciting game with Bury B. Once again, all players worked hard and scored two lovely goals. All the girls were a pleasure to manage and are great representatives for the club.

### U14 boys

The U14 Boys played their second England Hockey Tier 1 game at home against Cambridge City in November and won 7-3. It was a hard fought match but determination and inspirational team play saw them through. The boys need to keep this focus for the next two games due in February 2019 against Saffron Waldron and Harleston Magpies, as the top two teams in the Tier progress to the regionals.

### U12 boys

The boys battled through some tough matches in their second SYL tournament. Unfortunately they lost their first three matches at Sudbury HC, but some warming hot chocolates and muffins, plus a bit of extra practice together in a break between matches, saw them turn things

## IES U18 boys are regional champions!

The U18 boys saw off the challenge of the Ipswich 7 team to win the county round of the England Hockey U18 indoor competition, with goals from Dillon and Angus. This took them through to the regional final and what an exciting tournament that was!

An excellent team performance saw the boys win their first match against Saffron Walden 5-3, their second against Norwich City 6-2 and their third against Old Loughtonians 3-1. Not only does that mean they are through to the national indoor finals in January, they go there as regional champions. Well done, boys!



U18 boys with manager Tracey and coach Shenarda