

### **LARSH v Sullivan Primary School Boys**

On Friday 27th September LARSH boys' football team played Sullivan Primary School in Mayor's Cup football group stages. We got off to a good start. Karlitto Charles Whitton scored two great goals and Jack Hart also scored just before half time.

Sullivan had many chances after half time. However, Larmenier managed to score three more goals taking the score to 6 - 0. Just when Larmenier thought we were going to get a clean sheet a boy from Sullivan scored a fantastic goal from the half-way line. All in all, even though Sullivan scored the goal of the match, everybody in the boys' football team went home happy and we all played at our best. **Louis Husselby (Class 6G)**

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### **LARSH v St. Thomas's Catholic Primary School**

On Friday 6th December, our boys' and girls' football teams were both in action St. Thomas'. Despite playing great football in the first half, the boys' team were only able to capitalise on one of their many scoring opportunities with Louis Husselby eventually making the breakthrough with a fantastic shot on target. Unfortunately, they then conceded a penalty in the second half and had to settle for 1-1 draw. The girls' team proved much too strong for their opposition and dominated the game from the start. With four goals from Johanna Verry-Justicia and one each from Holly Hudson and Lena Tesfay, the final score was 6-0.

**Tom Walsh, School Governor**

### **LARSH v St. Paul's Primary School**

Congratulations to both the girls' and the boys' football teams both of which secured sound 2-0 victories over St. Paul's Primary School on Friday 24th January. Goal scorers for the boys' team were Karlitto Charles Whitton and Gideon Hanibal. Oliivia Bloomfield and Johanna Verry- Justicia found the back of the net for the girls' team. Both teams are back in action on 7th March when they face All Saints.

### **LARSH v All Saints**

The Larmerier and Sacred Heart football teams are nearing the end of the regular season and both currently sit top of their leagues with one game to go.

On Friday 7th March both the boys and girls faced their toughest challenge yet in the form of All Saints. All Saints were second in both leagues and neither of their sides had lost a game. The boys performed very well and had several good chances in the first half to take the lead but they came up against an impressive goalkeeper. All Saints rarely threatened but they defended excellently and it was looking like the game would finish 0-0 as Larmerier could not find a way through. With two minutes left on the clock the boys got a bit of luck as a deflected shot fell into the path of Karlitto who poked home from close range. The game finished 1-0 but with Sir John Lillie (SJL) winning their games in hand there is still work to be done. A point against SJL on Friday will be enough to see the boys team qualify for the quarter finals.

The girls team continued their impressive season with a 2-0 win over second placed All Saints. The first half was controlled by All Saints who put pressure on the Larmerier defence but the girls limited their chances and weathered the storm. Against the run of play Larmerier took the lead as Camilla collected the ball on the left and rode two tackles before passing to Lina who finished calmly. The girls played much better in the second half and created some good chances but they were only able to take one, with Lina prodding home to make it 2-0. The girls place in the quarter finals is confirmed but their final league game with SJL on Friday will decide who finishes in first place.

### **LARSH v Sir John Lillie**

We travelled to our final league game of the season with all to play for.

The girls had already qualified for the knock out stage but could guarantee top spot by avoiding defeat against Sir John Lillie (SJL). After 2 minutes the Larmerier girls conceded their first goal of the season as a free kick into the box wasn't cleared and allowed the SJL striker to tap in from close range. Slowly the girls dragged themselves back into the game and just before half-time Johanna thought she had equalised, only for the goal to be ruled out. Larmerier pushed forward in the second half but found it difficult to create a clear chance against a very good SJL defence. Then, with a minute to go, Charlotte cleared the ball to Johanna who calmly controlled it and played into Lina who calmly slotted the ball past the on coming goalkeeper. The match ended 1-1 which meant that the girls finished unbeaten at the top of Group A.

The boys had to have a lot of results go against them for them not to qualify for the knock out stage but they also could guarantee top spot by avoiding defeat against SJL. The game started

at a frantic pace with SJL pressing very high up the pitch and winning the ball back quickly. On several occasions they threatened but were just missing that killer pass. Eventually they got the chance their play had deserved when yet again SJL won the ball back in the Larmenier half and raced onto the Larmenier defence. The ball was squared to the oncoming striker who, luckily for Larmenier, put his shot over. This was the wake up call the boys needed and they started to press forwards themselves. A couple of half chances led to a corner which was only half cleared by the SJL defence. The ball was played back into the box where Gideon took a very good touch before finishing into the bottom corner. The second half was very scrappy with neither side coming close. The game finished 1-0 to Larmenier boys who also finished unbeaten at the top of Group A.

### **Girl's Quarter Final**

#### **LARSH v St John's**

The girls faced St John's school in their quarter final and immediately it became clear that they were up against formidable opponents. St John's liked to pass the ball, move into space and were strong in the tackle. Larmenier stood strong to early pressure with Gemma, Sadelle and Olivia doing especially well at winning the ball back. When Larmenier did push forward Johanna and Lina were finding it very difficult to find any space against a solid St John's defence. The game continued in this vein until the final whistle. The first half of extra time remained goalless and penalties looked to be on the cards until Camilla broke free down the right and crossed for Lina, who let the ball bounce before half-volleying back across goal and into the top corner. Cue wild celebrations! The game finished 1-0 to Larmenier and credit must go to both sides who battled brilliantly throughout.

### **Girls Semi Final**

#### **LARSH v Sir John Lillie**

After a 10minute break the girls were in action again in the Semi Final where they faced last week's opponents SJL, the only side to score past them this season. The girls started very strongly and pushed forward in numbers. Midway through the first half it looked like they had taken the lead when Holly shot from distance. The ball bounced off the inside of the right post, rolled across the line and hit the left post, before coming back into play. As everyone stopped Johanna raced onto the loose ball and fired it goal wards only to see her pile driver impressively saved by the SJL keeper. The game rumbled on into the second half with Larmenier pressing and eventually Larmenier got their break through. A pass down the left put Lina through on goal and she fired the ball low and hard in at the near post. Larmenier had several chances to kill the game off but they could not find a way past a very good SJL goalkeeper. The final whistle blew and the celebrations began.

Larmenier girls are on their way to the final!!

### **Boys Quarter Final**

#### **LARSH v Fulham**

The boys faced a Fulham side who had reached this stage after only conceding 3 goals! The game started at good pace with both sides showing flashes of what they could produce. Larmenier managed to get a strong foothold in the game midway through the first half with

the front five linking up very well to create several chances which were either put wide or saved by a good Fulham keeper. In the second half Larmenier continued to press and got themselves ahead with two goals in quick succession through Jack and Gideon. Jack did well to react to a rebound off the keeper and place the ball into an empty net. Gideon doubled the lead when he tapped in a Devon cross. The boys had chances to add to their lead but were happy with a 2-0 win and a place in the Semi Finals.

### **Boy's Semi Final**

#### **LARSH v Sir John Lillie**

How this game stayed 0-0 I will never know as both teams threw caution to the wind and went for the win. Hugh, Jack and Devon did an excellent job in defence for Larmenier and it meant that Carlo remained fairly untroubled. The same can be said of the SJL goalkeeper who was well protected throughout. The closest Larmenier came was with a Devon strike which hit the inside of the post before bouncing away. Moments later SJL hit the post with a stunning strike from their defender. With the game heading for penalties, SJL created one final chance, the best of the match, but missed from close range. 0-0 and penalties. Great sporting spirit was shown as all the children shook hands prior to taking of the penalties. SJL took three fine penalties and scored them all, unfortunately Larmenier missed their first and the campaign was over, losing 3-1 on penalties.

The boys have done everyone proud and it was a cruel way for the season to end. We wish the SJL team all the best in the final.