

Hockey Charity Officially Launched with 100 Children Competing in Primary Schools Tournament

The Suburban Hockey Primary Schools Tournament took place at Surbiton Hockey Club on Friday 6th January and officially launched Suburban Hockey as a newly registered charity. Head Coach Will Fulker was delighted with the turnout from the schools who participated and the enthusiasm of the children and the staff.

“All the schools have been taught by one of our coaches on our schools and community programme. Over 100 children braved a chilly January evening to take to the pitch at Surbiton HC. The schools represented were Malden Manor, King Athelstan, St Charles Borromeo, Hurst Park Juniors, East Sheen Primary, Latchmere Junior School and Surbiton High Juniors.

The children were divided into “10 world cup” teams and competed for their countries. The winners were the children playing for England, followed by Russia! Winners were given medals and a Suburban Hockey tee-shirt. Suburban Hockey identified two children with exceptional talent and awarded them bursaries to enable them to join Surbiton HC. Three others were awarded Living Hockey course vouchers and two awarded prizes of a hockey stick and sports bag.

“The children were treated to an expert coaching session from GB hockey star Matt Daly, assisted by Surbiton 1st XI player Ben Tibble, for a demonstration of goal scoring against Tommy Alexander, Surbiton’s 1st XI goalkeeper.

“Well done to all our players who took part and to their parents and teachers who came along to support. Thanks also to Surbiton Hockey Club, the Kingston School Sports Partnership, Elmbridge Council and Active Surrey for their assistance to allow us to deliver hockey in so many schools, ” said Will Fulker. “We are also indebted to our sponsors, Enterprise Rent-A-Car who have donated funds for our kit and to Proctor and Gamble for the Community Fund grant.”

Suburban Hockey will be working on behalf of Cheam HC in six schools in the Cheam area during this term and continuing to offer hockey coaching in schools in Kingston and Elmbridge on behalf of Surbiton HC. Funding and donations are actively sought to enable the continued work of the charity.

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