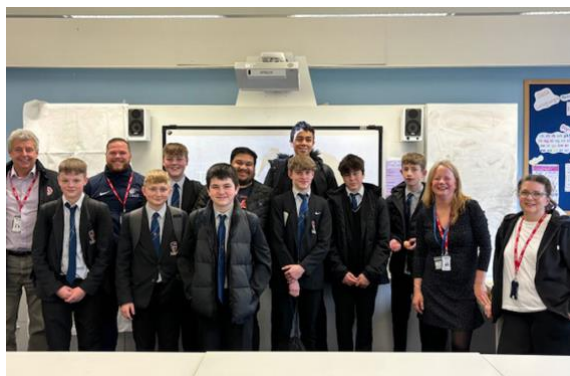




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### The Kids Initiative are continuing to support the Shine Project

Shine Project is a Dorset charity committed to supporting young people, aged 11 – 15, improve their physical and mental health. The Shine Project partners with schools, youth clubs and other charities to offer a choice of well-being courses.



#### The main courses for schools are split into 2.

The Shine Course has been developed for those that identify as female/non-binary whilst the Thrive Course is for those identifying as male/non-binary.

These early interventions, 7-8 week, courses consist of small groups exploring subjects closely related to their physical and mental health.

In addition to participating in the delivery of the course, the KI has agreed to contribute £1,000 sponsorship per term for a course hosted in a Poole school.

[Read the full article HERE...](#)

### KI SUPPLIES BOOTS FOR NEW 3G PITCH

Working in conjunction with BCP council, the KI have donated 27 new pairs of football boots to the Rossmore Leisure Centre for use on their recently completed 3G pitch.



The make up of the artificial surface means only a specific type of boot is allowed to be used on this 3G pitch.

Due to the prohibitive cost facing parents of having to fork out for this compliant footwear, the KI stepped in and provided these boots to the Centre.

[Read the full article HERE...](#)

### NEW KI CABIN AT THE BLACK GOLD

The KI is very grateful to the club for providing it with a hub at the ground, sharing part of the new club shop.



Club and KI director, Richard Gale, commented 'Having a base at the ground will enable us to sell Kids Initiative merchandise on match

days as well as giving us the ability to entertain and meet sponsors and beneficiaries of the KI alike.

Thanks to the Poole Branch of Selco builder's merchants, who donated all the materials, the Kids Cabin will benefit from a timber decked area which will offer a lovely space to enjoy when the weather improves.'





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### WEDNESDAY FREE GIRL'S FOOTBALL PROVISION EXPANDS

Thanks to funding secured last autumn from Pitching In, we are delighted to announce that Lauren Kelly, a current Poole Town Ladies player, is joining the coaching staff of our free Wednesday night girls football sessions.

With the addition of Lauren, who is also a coach of our U11s girls' team, means that we have been able to open up more spaces in the session, for girls in Year 5 to Year 8, and clear the waiting list that had built up.



Lauren's enthusiasm and experience will be of great benefit to the girls attending.

### FREE SCHOOL VOUCHER DAY

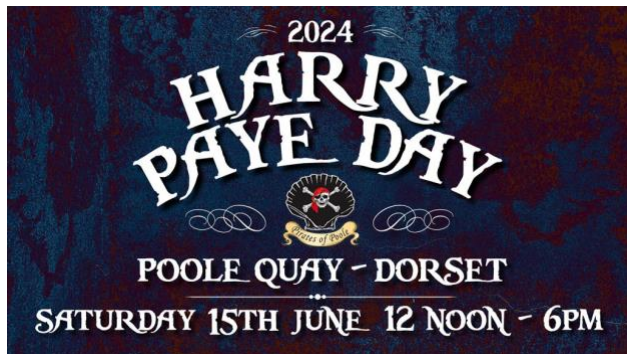


As in previous years, we are giving local children, and their families, a chance to come to a match for free this season. This year the chosen game is home to Merthyr on Saturday 6 April 2024.

The vouchers will be distributed by local schools, who will forward them to their children's parents or guardians for them to print out and bring along for entry.

### PIRATES OF POOLE TO SPONSOR THE KI

The KI are very grateful to have been chosen as a beneficiary this year from the fund-raising efforts of the Pirates of Poole.



Their big annual event, Harry Paye Day, which celebrates the famous pirate Harry Paye, is being held on Poole Quay on Saturday 15th June 2024 so please come along and join in the swashbuckling fun.

### NHS DAY



The club are looking to show appreciation to the dedicated staff of Dorset NHS by offering them free entry and refreshments to our home game against Sholing on Saturday 23 March 2024.

Ticketing details will be announced in due course and information forwarded to NHS staff.

All these stories and more can be found in the [Latest News Section of the KI Website](#)

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