



December 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to the MCFC Christmas newsletter! 2023 has been a great year for the club with lots of progress in various areas and even more children playing football than we've ever had before. On behalf of everyone at the Club, I'd like to thank all our amazing coaches who dedicate so much time to planning and preparing training sessions, match day and everything around this. Until you see what is involved in the weekly detail of a grassroots football coach, you don't realise how much time this can take, so well done to each and every one of our MCFC Coaching Team.

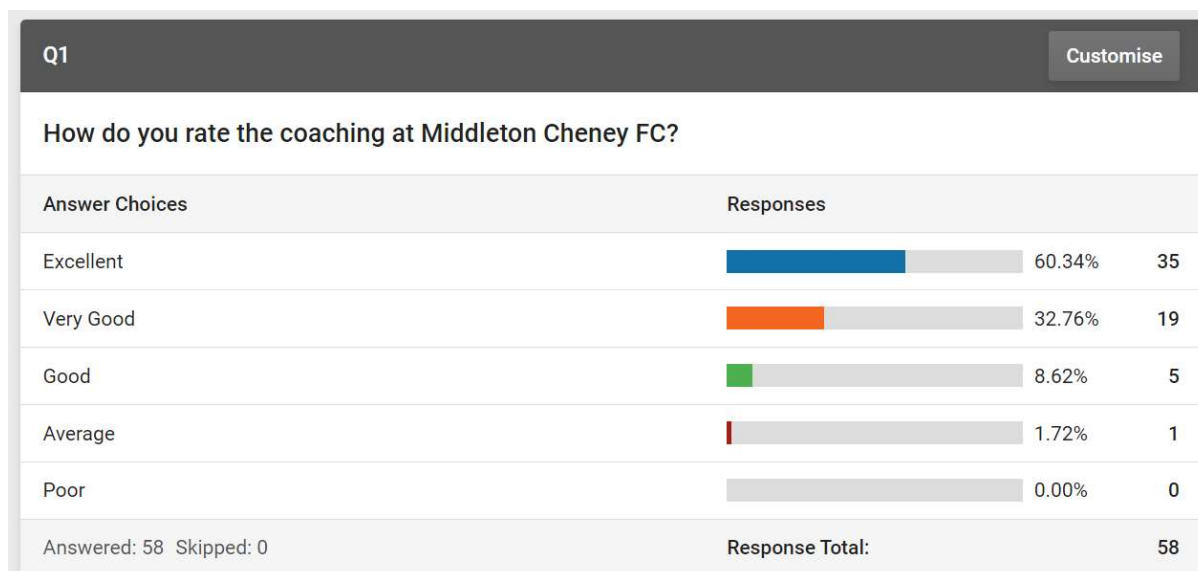
On a similar note, your MCFC Committee has grown since last year, with more helpers to support our growth. The work they do behind the scenes is incredible, making decisions on items that crop up across the year (sometimes unexpectedly), ensuring we are in a solid financial position to support our growth, checking all coaches have all training accreditations, sorting winter training (and cancellations at short notice), updating policies, not to forget regular meetings to ensure we are where we want to be. Collectively, we're very happy with how the Club is developing and are looking forward to 2024 and seeing the children continue to smile, being happy and having fun together.

On behalf of the whole MCFC Committee and Coaches, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and positive New Year.

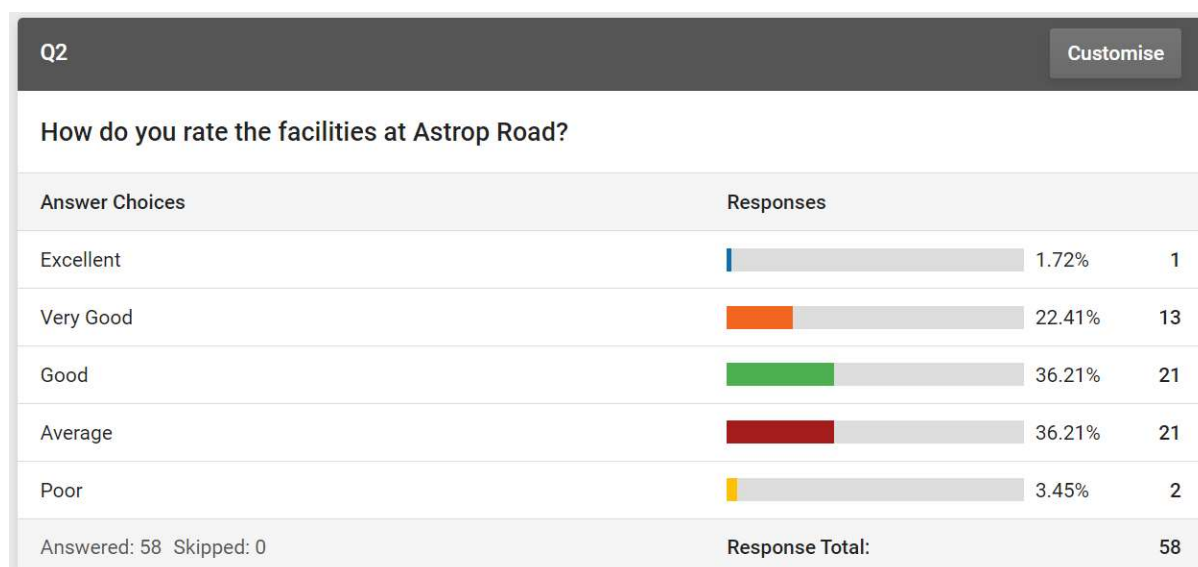
Wayne Campbell MCFC Chairman

MCFC Parent Survey Results

Thank you to all the 58 parents who completed the MCFC parent survey following our September Newsletter. We've summarised the results below along with our thoughts to each of the questions. This will be an annual survey that we carry out to monitor quality and parent satisfaction, but also opportunities to improve.



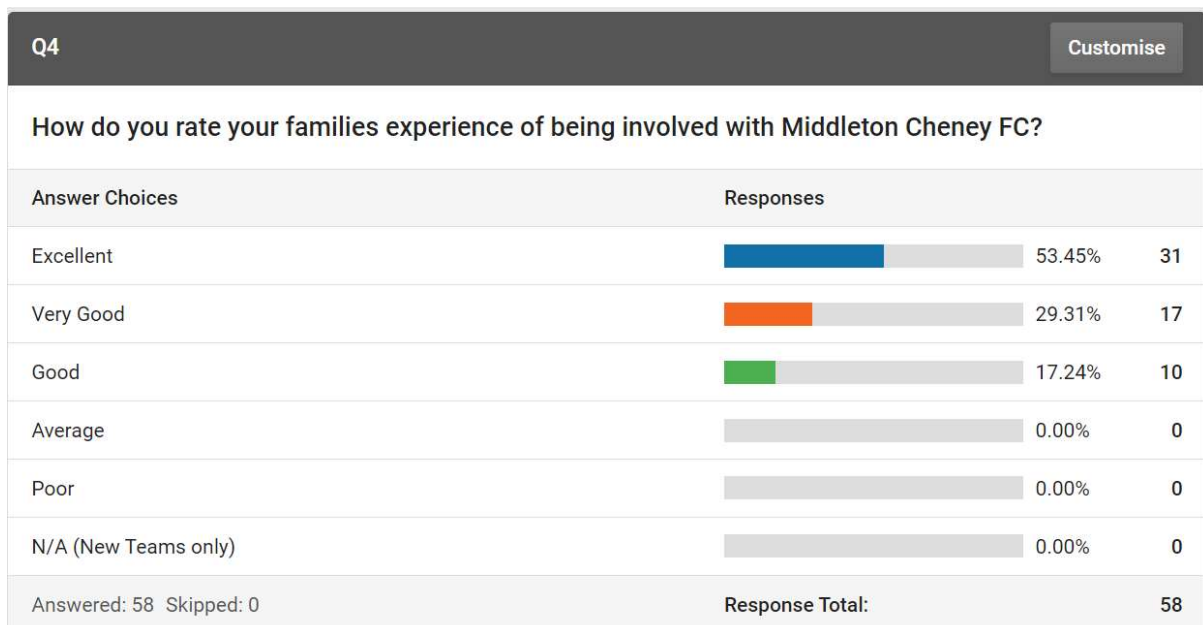
Q1: *We are really happy with this and it follows a similar trend to what we expected. We are pleased to see over 93% scoring Excellent/Very Good which is a slight improvement on 2022's survey. It does also potentially raise a question that if you have any feedback about your child's a word is missing here? then we would be more than happy to hear it.*



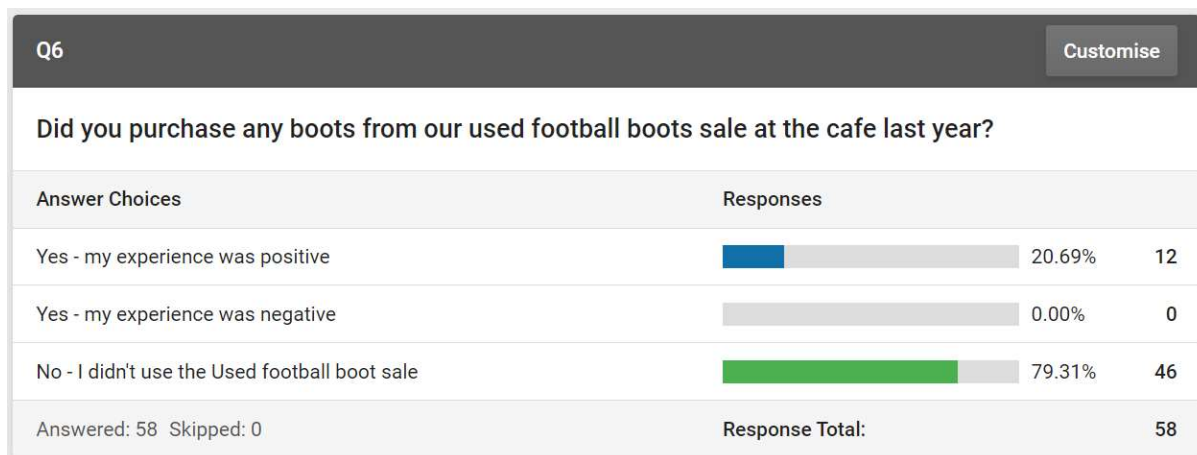
Q2: *We are very aware that our Club facilities aren't where we want them to be, and in an ideal world we'd have a purpose built facility with all-weather surfaces for both training and matches. We are also aware the time of year we sent the survey, in that the pitches at Astrop Road were in excellent condition, so if we asked the same question today, we may not see as positive a result as the above.*



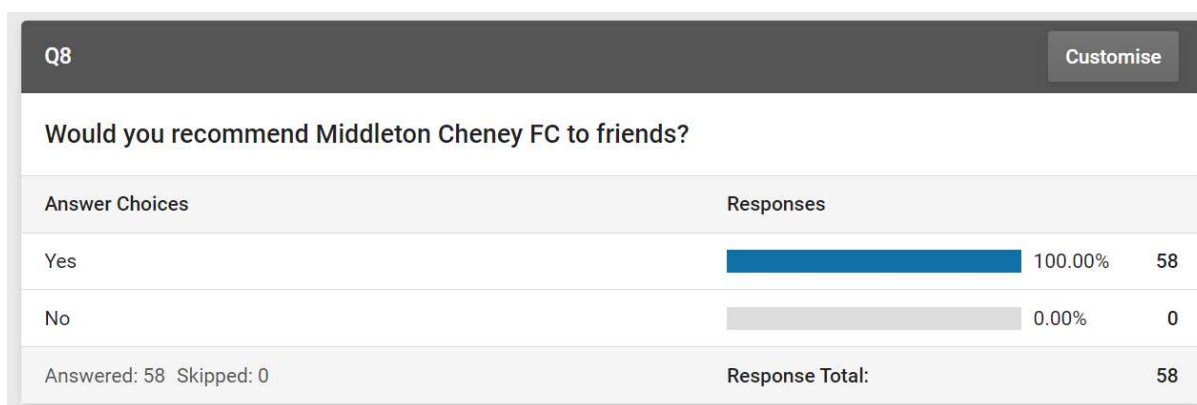
Q3: *We understand that the range of local facilities available to us is very (very) limited. Some teams have good training facilities but at inconvenient times of the day, others have good time slots but not on great surfaces. Linked to Q2 a little, if we had a magic wand, this would be something we'd improve instantly and whilst the Club spends around £12,000 a year on winter training, we have very little choice where we go. This is also a challenge for us as we grow the Club with more teams, as there are no other venues available to us.*



Q4: *We love this! One of the areas we have tried to build on in the last couple of years in particular, is our Club culture. We've had lots of experiences of very happy parents/children at games, our tournaments, FIFA nights and also presentation days too and this was brilliant to read. We've also had similar feedback from opposing teams which is fantastic to hear.*



Q6: *One of our objectives is to give back to the football community wherever possible and it seems that our used football boot sales was quite successful with all the funds being raised from here going towards the St George's Park trip last year. We are planning on building on this by also selling out-grown football shirts too, to help parents save money (especially at the rate some of them grow!!).*



Q8: *To get 100% for this is absolutely brilliant and we are really proud of this!! This is one of the key reasons that makes MCFC the best grassroots clubs in the country! Thank you everyone!*

For the eagle eyed amongst you, you'll have noticed questions 5 and 7 were missing, these were relating to suggestions of what we can do better as a Club along with suggestions for our Club values. We are aware of many of the below items, however there were some good ideas for making further improvements. For Q7 (new Club values) we will report back early 2024.

- ✓ Nothing, it's very well run and facilities excellent.
- ✓ Improve quality and quantity of pitches.
- ✓ We have just joined so can't really say.
- ✓ If we are using Chenderit school more it would be nice to have a toilet and a pop up cafe.
- ✓ More team building exercises.
- ✓ Improved toilets, keep the focus on positivity.
- ✓ Better winter training and match facilities, as well as more instruction and encouragement during training and matches from coaches.
- ✓ Training days games times.
- ✓ As we know the club house/toilets/changing rooms etc are very dated but as a whole, everything is fab. It would be great to use Astrop Road more for training rather than Chenderit.

- ✓ Purchase some goals for use indoor at Chenderit during the winter. Replace some of the older 12 x 6 goals as the crossbars are looking very tired and warped on them, metal 12 x 6 goals with wheels would be good longer term for the Club.
- ✓ More training opportunities. Boys would happily do another night.
- ✓ Can't immediately think of any suggestions.
- ✓ Better facilities such as toilets.
- ✓ More trips like the St George's one.
- ✓ Can't think of anything as really happy :)
- ✓ More activities as a large group similar to the St George's park trip.
- ✓ Improve facilities for changing room and cafe area.
- ✓ Not really part of the Club, but it would be great if there were some way to support the referees
- ✓ Keep costs as low as possible and better toilet facilities.
- ✓ You're doing a great job! Would be a bonus for someone to video the games. Nice to go back and reflect on the plays.
- ✓ Nothing really, I don't think anything needs improving or doing better everyone works so hard for the kids we really appreciate it!
- ✓ Nothing, the lionesses start up has been brilliant.
- ✓ Use of Spond throughout all age groups. Better fixture communications.
- ✓ Yet to experience the whole thing but it's been great so far.
- ✓ It would be really beneficial to get coaches from other year groups to share experiences, maybe take coaching session to improve variety and standards across the Club. Would be really useful to also encourage mentoring from older players to younger players to build relationships more broadly.
- ✓ Nothing that I can think of. It's a great club with fantastic communication.
- ✓ Nothing immediately springs to mind.
- ✓ Find a new location for the football Club.
- ✓ Possibly visual aids for training. Do the players have an assessment during the season.
- ✓ Promote opportunities for younger referees, help with courses.
- ✓ I am very happy with everything that MC do as a Club.
- ✓ Improved toilets.
- ✓ I think the only thing that lets the Club down is the tired poor old club building, but I guess that goes for cricket and tennis too, not just the football!!
- ✓ Absolutely nothing - we are brilliant!
- ✓ Keep pushing the reinvestment in kids - more external coaching opportunities to help kids develop.
- ✓ Facilities are really poor at Astrop Road and they don't match the brilliant work done by everyone at the Club.

Some of our 2023 Highlights



- ✓ Created a new Club Committee structure
- ✓ Started an Under 10's girls teams in a competitive League
- ✓ Organised a very successful St George's Park trip
- ✓ Had another successful end of season presentation day
- ✓ Continued our specialist goalkeeper training
- ✓ Delivered a very successful summer tournament
- ✓ Held another brilliant FIFA Night
- ✓ Continued commitment to improve our pitches with our own (and FA) funding
- ✓ Created a new 5 year strategy
- ✓ Invested into more coaches training, winter jackets and drinking bottles
- ✓ Purchased over £1,000 of balls, £5,000 of goals and much more!
- ✓ Funded a Defib Cabinet and paid for training for volunteers
- ✓ Agreed a long term agreement with Chenderit School to support our growth
- ✓ Supported Banbury Round Table with the 2023 Santa Float

Summer Tournament – MCFC Needs You

We know the summer may seem very much in the distance, however with all the planning that needs to happen between now and then, we are looking for volunteers for our summer tournament on Sunday 30 June 2024

So if you are like planning, organising and being part of a great group of people, can you email football@middletonchenevfc.co.uk with your name, and any particular skills you can bring to the team.



Volunteer Focus

This newsletter, we are focusing on our U13s coach, Luke Terry for our volunteer focus.



Luke Terry

What he does... Luke has coached the current U13s since they formed at U7's and was our Vice Chairman for 3 years.

5 Favourite Things

Team	Tottenham
Player	David Ginola
Film	Saving Private Ryan
Album	Definitely Maybe
Food	Roast

And one thing he really (really) doesn't like is... Snakes

Remembrance Day

On Sunday 12 November 2023, Middleton Cheney Football Club, took part in the village Remembrance Day parade and wreath laying. Members of the Committee, coaches and players were all very proud to be part of this important annual event to remember those who sacrificed so much during many conflicts. The Club would like to thank Oliver Howard from our Under 11's who attended with his Dad, Mike Howard, our Under 11's Assistant Coach for laying the wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of MCFC. Lest We Forget.



Santa Float 2023



A massive thank you to Tasha Davis, our Club Welfare Officer, who organised this year's Santa Float in association with the Banbury Round Table. Tasha, along with around 15 of our Club volunteers trawled the streets of Banbury to collect generous donations from around the area.

As part of our support, the Club will receive a percentage of the total donation amount, which will go towards the Club funds. Thank you to all of those who came out to support us.



From all of the MCFC Family. We hope you all have some quality time together and a happy, healthy and positive 2024.



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