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FINGALLIANS JUVENILE END OF YEAR REPORT 2023

2023 has been another exciting and busy year, below is a breakdown of teams from the Juvenile section.

The numbers of juvenile players continues to grow with the numbers of players now well over 1500. The biggest number can be seen every Saturday morning within the academy section which is down to great work done by Naoise (our former club GPO) and Anne (our Schools Coordinator). Hugh thank you to all the U15 and U16 helpers who continue to give up their time each Saturday morning to ensure that their skills are passed on to our newest members. Also a big thank you to all the parents who have stepped forward to assist in the Nursery and Academy age groups, it is at this stage of our players development that we need large numbers of helpers to develop the fundamental skills for our future young stars.

On the playing field again 2023, was the year that we opened our new all-weather training area. This new space has made a huge difference to our training schedule and ensured that we now have 2 midweek training sessions for the vast majority of children within the club. The benefits of this new training space will hopefully be seen in ongoing improvement in playing standards in the years to come.

2023 was the year that we put Covid behind us and the club returned to hosting the range of Summer Inter County Festivals of football, hurling and camogie. We also ran a pre-season all weather hurling competition for U8-U12 and an end of season all weather football competition for U8-U13, with huge numbers of Boys and Girls playing. In addition we again ran our club Summer leagues series.

Our Fins Stars program has been successfully running with the help of mentors and players on a Friday evening and its going from strength to strength, well done to all for

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getting involved with a wonderful club initiative. However the group would benefit from some more volunteers to assist.

A special mention and thank you must go to our Club GPO Naoise and Schools Coordinator Anne for their tireless work within the club and local schools over the last number of years, both are moving on to new roles and challenges outside of the club and we wish them both the very best. We also give a big welcome to our new Club GPO Therese who has just started with us.

Well done to our coaching group and older players from adult teams who provided the coaching sessions throughout the year for all mentors to upskill and pass on knowledge within the teams.

A big thank you to all our referees who represented the club throughout the season and their professionalism on the playing field during games was appreciated by all teams.

A special mention must go to all our mentors with regards to keeping the show on the road, throughout the season without your energy and encouragement we would not have a juvenile section.

The juvenile section would also like to thank the facilities staff for all the work and effort throughout the year with pitch markings and the up-keep of club facilities for teams (Noreen's coffee/ tea shop on Saturday morning providing parents' with a break away from the games to mingle and meet up).

Special mention to the club registrar Caroline Whelan for membership and co board registrations and along with Donna, Yvonne who are the welcoming faces of the club for all the new arrivals on Saturday mornings and who keep the academy administration intact every week.

To our referee coordinators and our club reps at the CC1 and CC2 meetings throughout the year, thank you. To all of the teams designated finance officers and the finance committee who collect subs throughout and kept all teams update regarding their finances, thank you. Thanks to all the mentors who give up their time throughout the year to provide coaching and support to all our teams. To all the parents thank you for entrusting the club to provide a safe and enjoyable place for their children to gain knowledge and the skills of all our games.

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Huge thanks from all in the Juvenile sections to Aiden and Ronan for all their hard work coordinating our games and activities, your tireless efforts are appreciated by all.

Going forward the club juvenile section has a positive future with the great numbers of players in all codes and the number of mentors with teams on the increase.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Club executive committee, Denis - Juvenile Chairman, and Colin - Club Chairman for their leadership.

Teams Reports extend to more than 30 pages and are available to read on the website.

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