

MPJ NEWS

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A letter from the Team:

Welcome! We hope that you enjoy our newsletter. Every issue is full of amazing facts, incredible artwork and useful information.

Our newsletter is a fantastic way for all students to show off their writing and artistic skills. If you would like to appear in the newsletter, please collect a form and put it into the red letterbox. The letterbox can be found in the hall, outside of 3M.

Meet the Team:

Miss Poole (staff): Editor
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Mariyah (Y6): Journalist
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Imogen (Y5): Word Aware
Noel (Y5): Word Aware
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AN INTERVIEW WITH PORT VALE

By Mariyah and Reuben (Y6)

In October, the MPJ News Team and the Reading Stars group were given the fantastic opportunity to visit Port Vale stadium. During our time there, we were able to learn key skills for reading and journalism, and we were also given a private tour! Even more so, we were able to meet and interview Conor Ripley and Jayson Leutwiler, who are the goal keepers for the Port Vale team. Read on to find out what these two players had to say!



Q. How did you first get introduced to football?

Ripley: I followed in my dad's footsteps, and was influenced by his love of the game.

Leutwiler: My uncle played, and I was inspired by him to become a role model for others.

Q. What was your favourite subject in school and why?

Ripley: I enjoyed art. I loved drawing. I moved to Switzerland when I was young and had an art scholarship. If I wasn't a football player, I would definitely have loved to be an artist.

Leutwiler: I really enjoy logical things, and found that maths was easy. French and English, I was just terrible at.

Q. Who are your heroes, both on and off the pitch?

Leutwiler: Each other! We have been friends for 13 years.

Ripley: I was born in Middlesbrough and played there. Jayson came from Switzerland and could barely speak a word of English.

Leutwiler: We moved in together, and we helped each other to learn each other's language. We are best friends.

Ripley: He was the best man at my wedding.

Q. What has been the biggest challenge that you have faced in your career?

Leutwiler: When I was in my early 20s and living and playing in Switzerland, I was worried that I wouldn't be able to pursue a career in football as it isn't as big in Switzerland as it is here. Thankfully, I was given an opportunity to move to England.

Ripley: For me, it was when I was injured and then couldn't play for four years. My career was put at risk because I couldn't play or train. I needed to be mentally strong during this time.



WORD AWARE

By Imogen (Y5) & Noel (Y5)

Swiftly: to move at high speed.

"Connor Ripley swiftly jumped to his left to stop the ball from entering the goal."



WORD AWARE

By Beaux (Y6)

- Connor Ripley was born in 1993, His father, Stuart, was a Winger for England.
- He has four children and is fluent in French.
- Jayson Leutwiler was born in 1989 in Switzerland. He speaks French, German and English.
- He started to play football at the age of five.

QUIZ SECTION

By Mason (Y6)

Name: _____

Class: _____

1. Which country was Jayson Leutwiler born in?

France

Canada

Switzerland

2. How long have they been friends for?

14 years

13 years

13 days

3. Who enjoyed doing art at school?

Andy Crosby

Jayson Leutwiler

Connor Ripley

WIN A PRIZE! - Post your answers into the letterbox by Friday 24th November. One child will be picked to win a small prize. (Remember to put your name and class on your answers!)