

Mini Tennis 125 celebrations



The last week of June saw Mini Tennis celebrate the Club turning 125 with some themed 125 sessions in the weekend Mini Programme and matchplay sessions on Thursday.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in making the 125-themed sessions so special.

Over 100 children were involved across the Mini sessions, with Mini members aged 3 to 8 all celebrating and helping to mark this special moment for the Club.

Weekend celebrations

The weekend sessions on 27th and 28th June saw Minis embrace the theme of **'Tennis Through the Ages'** with some fantastic fancy dress, before taking on a set of 125-themed challenges. These included showcasing their **Sensational Strokes, Fancy Footwork, Exceptional Effort, Terrific Teamwork** and **Fierce Competitiveness**. Coaches created tasks around each challenge and awarded stickers for their challenge cards when players showed their skills.

It was wonderful to see the Minis put into practice the skills they have developed throughout the year through the Junior Tennis Programme, while having lots of fun along the way. Great shots, rallies and point play were on display.

At the end of the sessions, there was also a chance for the players to reflect on what they love about tennis at the Club. They wrote their thoughts on tennis-racket-shaped cards, which are now being turned into bunting that will be proudly displayed in the ITC as a lasting reminder of the Minis' involvement in the 125-year celebrations.

The sessions finished with awards for the **best dressed**, certificates for taking part and, for everyone who completed their challenges, a complimentary ice lolly from the Juice Bar.

A special mention has to go to **Antony and Margot St John**, who came dressed as **Naomi Osaka and Novak Djokovic**, complete with handmade outfits celebrating their iconic styles. And not to forget coach Connor who transformed from John MacEnroe on the Saturday to an Agassi style mullet on the Sunday.

Matchplay celebrations

Minis in the selective Thursday matchplay sessions also got involved in the celebrations by taking part in 125-themed matchplay.

Players were put into teams, complete with matching headbands, to battle it out against each other and showed how much they have improved in their matchplay skills. The winners were **Raffie Astle and Finn Gotla** in the 4.30pm session and **Fritz MacKinger and Digby Brookes** in the 5.30pm session. All players received a certificate for taking part and left with very rosy cheeks!

It was fantastic to see so many of our youngest Members getting involved, celebrating the Club's 125 years and showing just how much enthusiasm and enjoyment they bring to Mini Tennis.

Thanks again to everyone who took part and helped make the celebrations so special. [Click here for photos from the sessions](#)

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