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WELCOME ALEX

We are delighted to welcome Alex Fisher to our club, he is our newest ambassador and will help us promote inclusivity throughout his network. Alex has been in the professional game for over 17 years now, a great pro and a wonderful human. Thank you Alex, from everyone at the club.

We wish you all the very best for the rest of your season.

Introducing the Dads Team: Football for a Cause

You may have already heard, but we're thrilled to announce the launch of our Dads Team at the club. Our goal is to bring people together regardless of their level of football experience, and that's exactly what we've achieved with the dads. The team spirit is already thriving, with everyone sharing a common bond. Our mission is to promote inclusivity and raise funds for the club.

Our first match was against Hornchurch FC at Barking stadium, where we raised funds for a mental health charity. Next up, we'll face Wandering Crows at Billericay stadium, with all proceeds going to Autistic FC. We're also looking for children to be the mascots for the Crows match, so please let Dan or Jane know if your son/daughter would like to participate. It's a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and showcase our wonderful children.



Exciting Collaborations on the Horizon

During a recent teams call, Dan and the head of marketing, Katie Gritt, discussed the possibility of bringing Panini on board for a long-term partnership. To kickstart this venture, Panini has generously sent us a bunch of goodies for the children, which we'll be distributing soon! We're thrilled to see what this partnership will bring.

Additionally, EAB Skills, a popular YouTuber and social media influencer, has expressed interest in collaborating with us. With millions of views on social media, particularly TikTok, we're eager to explore the possibilities. We're hoping to involve as many children as possible in whatever we decide to do – stay tuned! Also if you download the panini app you can create these cool stickers for the kids.







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Join Our Coaching Team and Help Foster Our Club's Growth

Since our club's inception in 2019, we have enjoyed an incredible growth trajectory. We are grateful for the wonderful children and parents who have made this possible. However, this growth has led to a shortage of coaches, with the ideal being 3-4 coaches per team on Sundays. If you're interested in becoming part of our coaching team, please don't hesitate to reach out to Dan or any of our team members. We will provide you with the necessary training and complete your DBS background check. This is an exciting time to join our team, and we welcome all the help we can get.

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We are so thrilled that Bansal has come on board with us and become our main partner for the next 5 years, they are going to be a big part of our AFC Brentwood team joining a mainstream league next season. Together we will break new ground and inspire as many neuro diverse children as possible.

Dan, our chairman, has said "everyone at the club is very excited about the news that Bansal has become a major partner, and I just know next season is going to be so special, especially with them in our corner"

Thank you to Jag Bansal for making this happen and to Wayne for the introduction.





Who is AFC Brentwood?



We are a new team who are going to be joining the Brentwood Community League for the upcoming 2024/2025 season.

We recognise that locally there is a shortage of spaces for young players at local established teams and we want to address this problem and give young players in the under 14 range a chance to join our team and help us take on the Brentwood community league for the 2024/25 season.

AFC Brentwood was started by our award-winning founders who previously managed to set up Autistic FC a one-of-a-kind club which created an inclusive team where children can take part in football training, matches and be part of a growing club.

Though we are closely affiliated, AFC Brentwood is a separate mainstream team who are signed up for the local league, ready to go.

Building on the experience and huge amount of support we received previously – we wanted to address the shortage of space with local established teams and start a new venture into mainstream under 14s football and afford young local players the chance to join, train and compete in a league.

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Molly Bartrip, the Spurs Captain, recently shared a photo of herself in our shirt on her way to training at their state-of-the-art facility. The post received an outpouring of comments from autistic women and girls, expressing gratitude for her support and highlighting the importance of raising awareness.

The heartwarming responses further affirm our commitment to our mission: your children are not only remarkable but also serve as sources of inspiration for all autistic children.

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Thank you of course, to our parents and wonderful children, but I would really like to extend a huge thank you to all of our volunteer coaches, the passion they show not just on a Sunday morning but during the week, all the work that goes into the club behind the scenes is huge, and we couldn't do this without you!

SHOUT OUTS

Ethan from the youth team has recently been invested as a cub, well done and enjoy it.

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Sonny from the seniors was awarded a certificate for year 7 student of the week recently, awesome work.

Sam from the seniors has been chosen to represent his school at Deaf England Swimming Gala, this is incredible Sam, well done!