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To ABC, with love – B.L.
For my mum – S.G.

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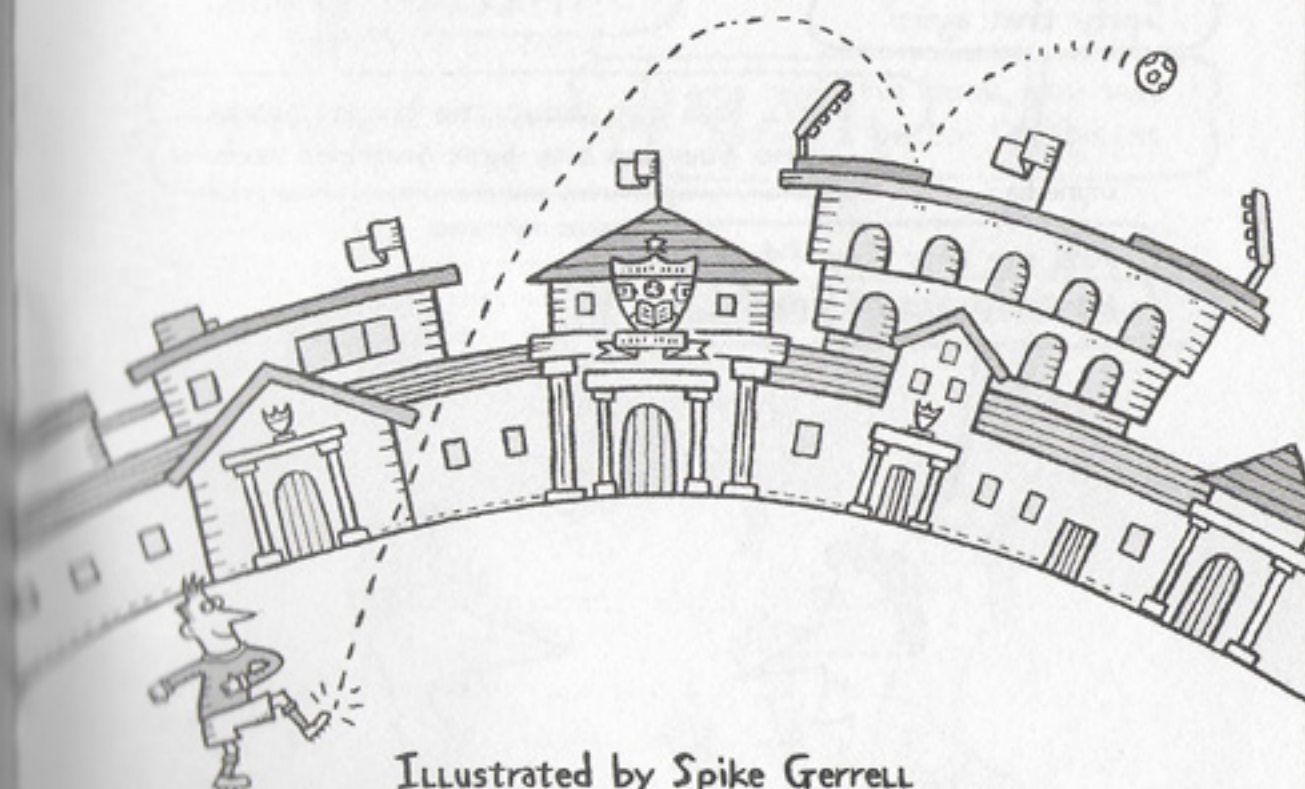
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FOOTBALL SCHOOL

season 3

WHERE FOOTBALL
~~EXPLAINS~~ THE WORLD
tackles

ALEX BELLOS & BEN LYTTLETON



Illustrated by Spike Gerrell

Welcome to Football School Season 3!

So happy to see you all! I'm Alex.

And I'm Ben. Are you ready for some ...

... football!

Yes, every lesson here is about football. We're your coaches! This season you will discover:

The secrets of football commentary!

The craziest football shirts of all time!

Why small is beautiful when it comes to dribbling!

How machines paint pitch markings!

Spray that again?

We'll find out about the bright sparks who founded the first football club.

And see why Real Madrid are the kings of Spain!

Vamos!



We've spoken to incredible experts...

Including the man who taught Cristiano Ronaldo how to sleep.

And the woman who teaches footballers how to cut their toenails.

We even interviewed a shiny, big-eared 100-year-old Scot!

This season we have something new: we're going on a school trip!

To learn about football, burping cows and farting bugs!

BURPPPP! PARRPPPP!

If you read this book, you will become a better footballer.

Definitely a smarter one.

And one with healthier feet!



MEET YOUR COACHES

ALEX
"BELLINHOS"
BELLOS



66 Tudo bem,
amigo? 99

Coach

Stats

Birthplace: Oxford

Birthday: 22 November

Favourite food: Pickled gherkins

Favourite word: Four (it is the only word
that accurately describes the number of
letters it has!)

Favourite ice-cream flavour: Chocolate

Favourite TV show: Any sports documentary

Favourite joke: Time flies like an arrow.
Fruit flies like a banana

Number of footballs in house: 3

Three favourite forwards: Pelé, Marta,
Lionel Messi

Favourite stadium visited: San Siro, Milan

Favourite freestyle move: Seal dribble

Preferred goal celebration: Brazilian samba dance



Coach

Stats

Birthplace: London

Birthday: 18 September

Favourite food: Pizza

Favourite word: GOAAAALLL!

Favourite ice-cream flavour: Honeycomb

Favourite TV show: Match of the Day

Favourite joke: Alex's hair (not really!)

Number of footballs in house: 7

Three favourite forwards: Kylian Mbappé,
Johan Cruyff, Nadia Nadim

Favourite stadium visited: Estádio Municipal de
Braga, Portugal

Favourite freestyle move: Rainbow flick

Preferred goal celebration: Aeroplane



BEN
"THE PEN"
LYTTLETON



66 Penalty, ref! 99

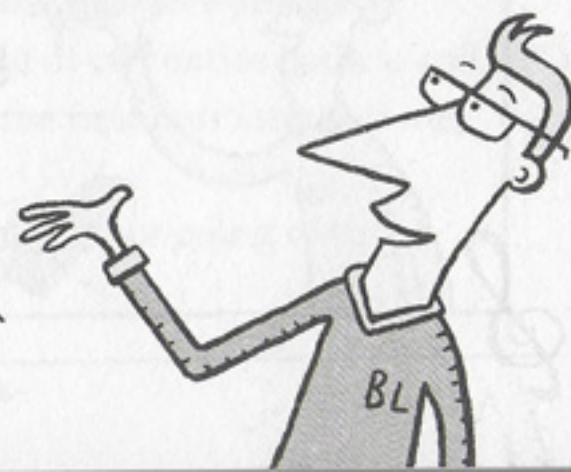
TIMETABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
REGISTRATION			8.30–8.40AM			
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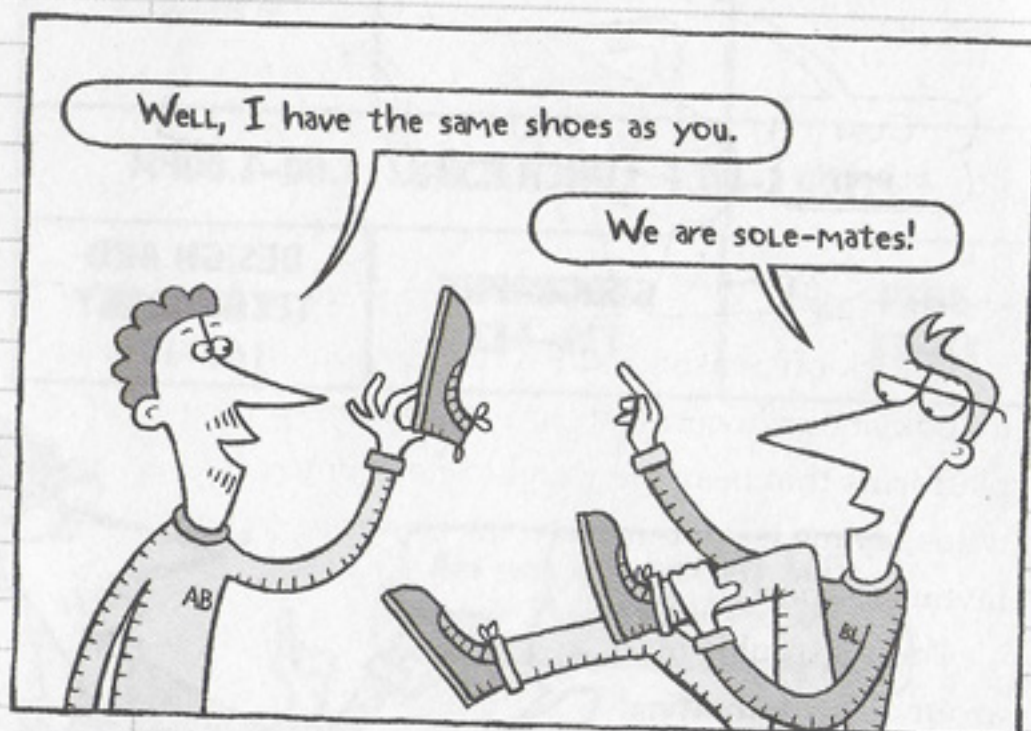
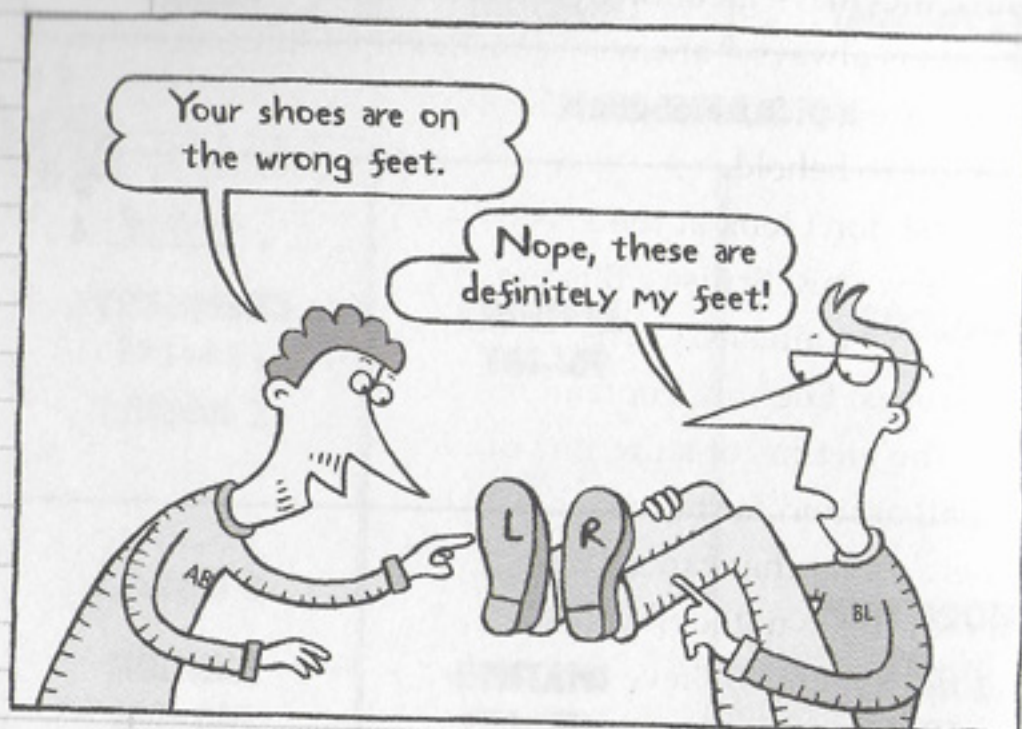


Are you as smart
as our Star Pupils?

Find the answers
to the quizzes
on page 174. But
no cheating!



BIOLOGY

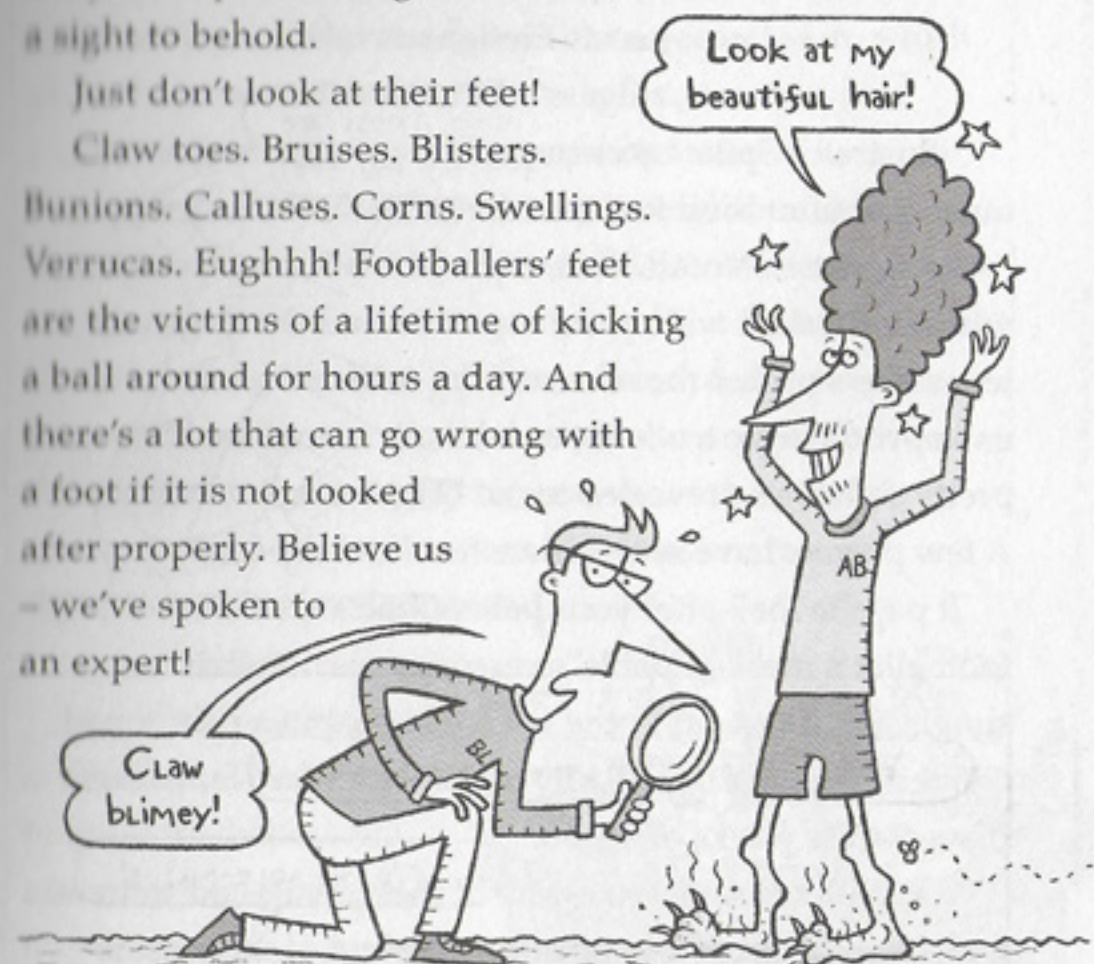


Professional footballers seem to glow. Their well-toned bodies and perfect posture are signs of fitness and well-being. They spend money on dentistry to make sure they have gleaming white teeth. On the top of their heads is always – always – a fashionable flourish of hair. They are a picture of good health, a sight to behold.

Just don't look at their feet!

Claw toes. Bruises. Blisters.

Bunions. Calluses. Corns. Swellings. Verrucas. Eughhh! Footballers' feet are the victims of a lifetime of kicking a ball around for hours a day. And there's a lot that can go wrong with a foot if it is not looked after properly. Believe us – we've spoken to an expert!



To kick off Season 3 at Football School, we are going to look at our lowermost limb: those five-pronged platforms that bear the weight of our entire bodies, and whose name is contained in the first four letters of our favourite sport.

There's trouble afoot and we're not going to tiptoe around the details!