To Aldyr – A.B.

To ABC, with love – B.L.

For my mum – S.G.

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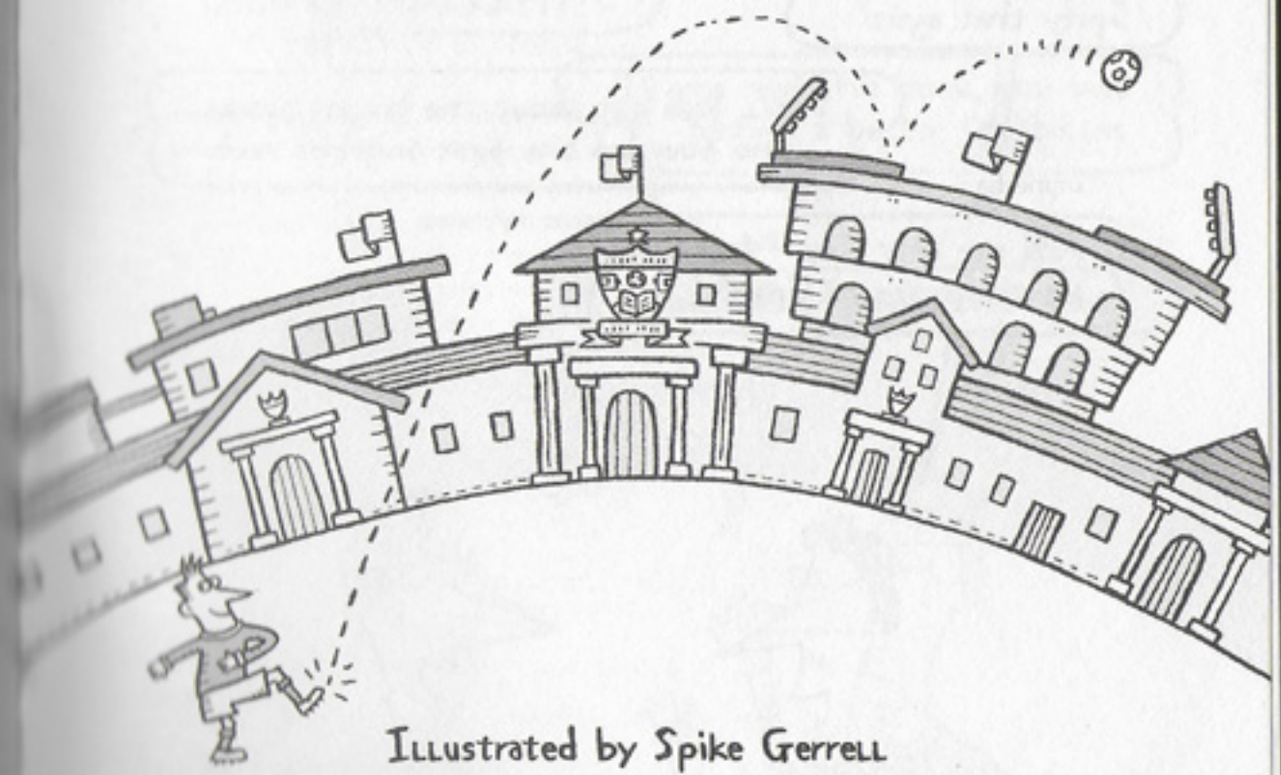
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FOOTBALL SCHOOL

SEASON 3

WHERE FOOTBALL ~~EXPLAINS~~ tackles THE WORLD

ALEX BELLOS & BEN LYTTLETON



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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! PARRRPPP!

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



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

BEN "THE PEN" LYTTLETON

Coach Stats

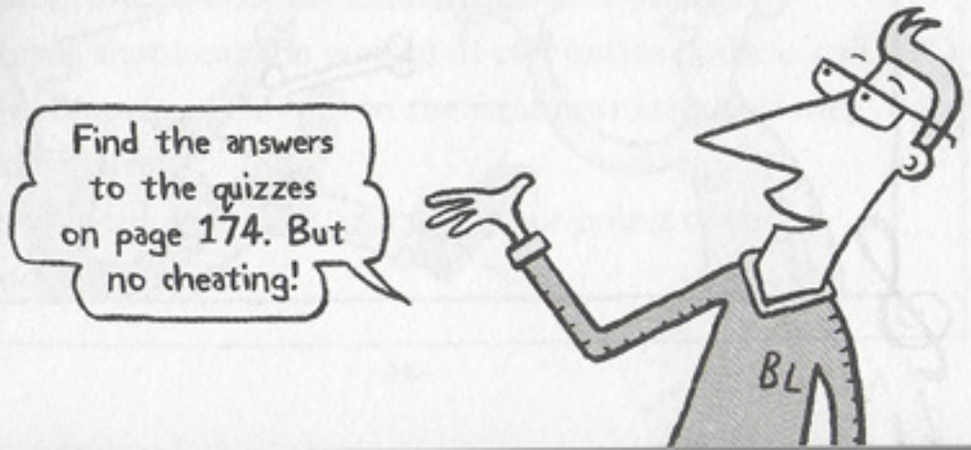
Birthplace: London
Birthday: 18 September
Favourite food: Pizza
Favourite word: GOAAAALLL!
Favourite ice-cream flavour: Honeycomb
Favourite TV show: Match of the Day
Favourite joke: Alex's hair (not really!)
Number of footballs in house: 7
Three favourite forwards: Kylian Mbappé, Johan Cruyff, Nadia Nadim
Favourite stadium visited: Estádio Municipal de Braga, Portugal
Favourite freestyle move: Rainbow flick
Preferred goal celebration: Aeroplane



TIMETABLE

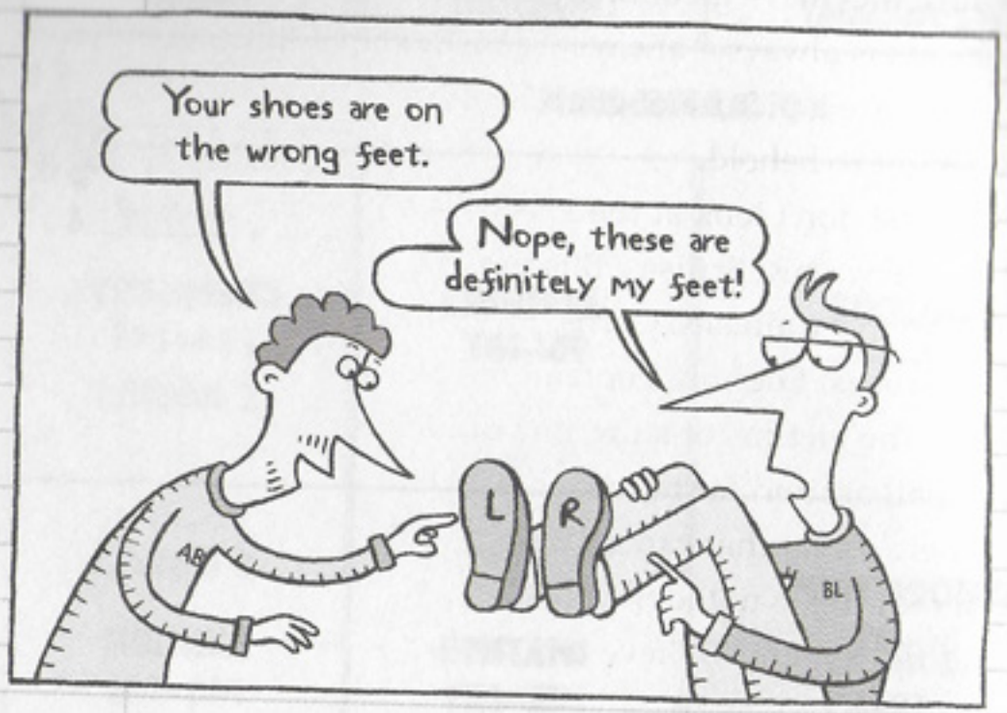
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
REGISTRATION			8.30–8.40AM		
LESSON 1	BIOLOGY 10–19	ZOOLOGY 46–59	SCHOOL TRIP 84–95	HISTORY 96–107	CHEMISTRY 134–145
LESSON 2					
LESSON 3	ENGLISH 20–33	POLITICS 60–71		MATHS 108–121	FASHION 146–159
LESSON 4					
LUNCH 1.00–2.00PM				LUNCH 1.00–2.00PM	
LESSON 5	PHYSICS 34–45	PSHE 72–83		GEOGRAPHY 122–133	DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY 160–171

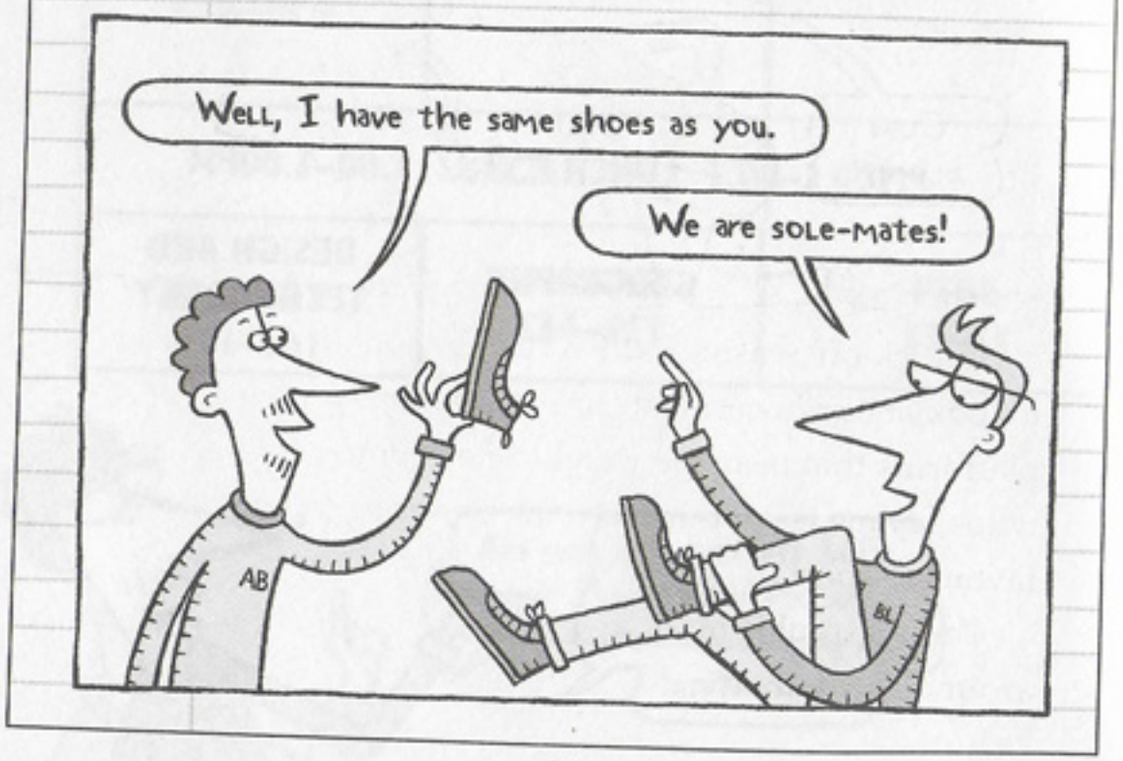




Monday
Lesson 1+2

BIOLOGY

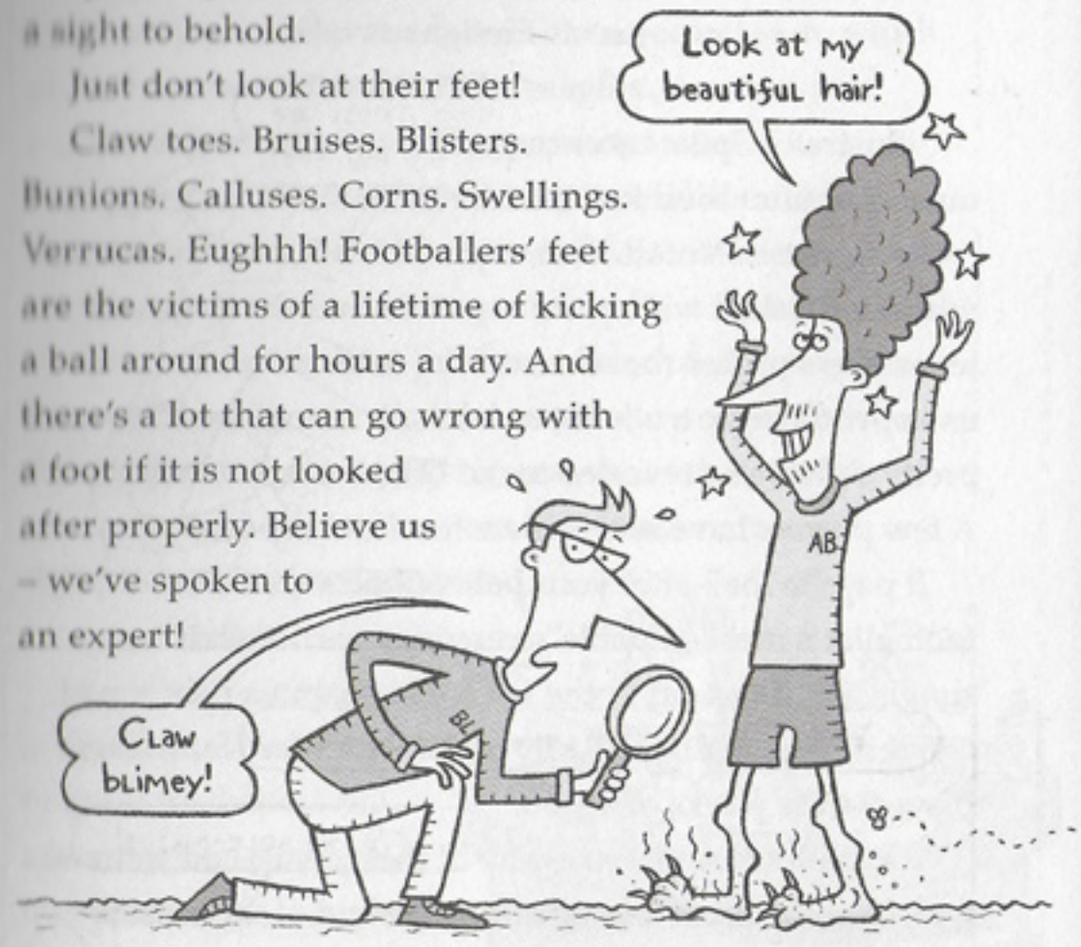




Professional footballers seem to glow. Their well-toned bodies and perfect posture are signs of fitness and well-being. They spend money on dentistry to make sure they have gleaming white teeth. On the top of their heads is always – always – a fashionable flourish of hair. They are a picture of good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