

Kylian Mbappé

Kylian Mbappé is a professional footballer from France. He became well known in the sporting world during his teenage years.

Childhood

Kylian was born on December 20th 1998 in Paris, France. Kylian's parents are both of African descent. Kylian grew up in an athletic family; his father was a football coach and his mother was a former handball player. Kylian has an older, adopted brother who is a retired professional footballer. His younger brother also has a keen interest in football and plays for Paris Saint-Germain's Under 17s.

Kylian grew up in Bondy in the north-eastern suburbs of Paris. At the age of six, Kylian began playing football for AS Bondy where his father was one of his coaches. At a young age, Kylian left home to follow his dream of playing professional football and moved to a national football centre called Clairefontaine. This centre is famous for training young, French players.

Sporting Career

At the age of 14, Kylian moved to Monaco and he played his first game for AS Monaco at just 16 years old. Kylian became the team's youngest ever player and goal scorer. In 2017, AS Monaco won the French league and this was the club's first league title in 17 years.

Kylian's speed, skill and talent quickly gained interest from other football clubs and in August 2017, he joined Paris Saint-Germain.



Charity

Alongside his footballing career, Kylian has supported different charities. In 2018, he was involved in a project to develop sports in African countries. In the same year, he donated all of his match fees from when he represented France in a tournament to a charity which organises sports for children with disabilities.

In 2020, Kylian set up a charity to support 98 children from Paris to fulfil their dreams and potential, such as entering careers in medicine, mathematics and singing. Kylian selected children from a variety of backgrounds and the charity arranges different activities and trips to help further their goals.

Kylian is regarded as a key player and he is the third-highest goal scorer in the history of the club. During the 2020-21 season, he scored an incredible 42 goals.

At only 18 years old, Kylian was named in the national squad for France. This made him one of the youngest ever players to represent the country. In 2018, he scored four goals during a major worldwide tournament and France went on to win the trophy.

Kylian has received multiple awards celebrating his talent as a footballer including 'French Player of the Year' in 2018.

Did You Know...?

While Kylian and his younger brother were playing a football computer game, his brother scored a goal and crossed his arms as he celebrated. Kylian liked this celebration and adopted it as his own on the football pitch.

Questions

1. Which team did Kylian play football for at the age of six? Tick one.

- ☐ Paris Saint-Germain
- ☐ AS Monaco
- ☐ AS Bondy
- ☐ France

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

- ☐ Kylian was born in Paris.
- ☐ Kylian was named in the national squad for France.
- ☐ Kylian trained at a national football centre called Clairefontaine.
- ☐ Kylian set up his own charity.

3. How many goals did Kylian score for Paris Saint-Germain during the 2020-21 season?

4. Look at the section **Sporting Career**.

Find and copy one word which means the same as 'natural ability'.

5. Fill in the missing word.

Kylian has an older, adopted brother who is a retired _____ footballer.

6. Why do you think Kylian decided to help a project to develop sports in Africa?

7. Predict the influence that Kylian's family may have had on his choice of career.

8. Who do you think the author has written this text for?
