

## Sports Report WC 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

### Cricket - U11 Girls and U11 Boys v Silcoates



A superb afternoon of cricket saw our Under 11 girls and U11 boys take on Silcoates. We travelled down to Wakefield full of hope and optimism and, as we arrived, the ground looked superb, basked in sunny splendour!

The girls played superbly well and outplayed the opposition with both the bat, and the ball in hand. Our bowling was accurate, and we often made good decisions in the field and we backed up well too.

The boys' game was tough going. The opposition boasted seven club cricketers as opposed to our side which contained just two. When it comes down to fine margins, the experience of cricket at a club can make all the difference. Despite this, the boys put up a good fight and played some good cricket and bowled well too. Credit goes to the opposition though as they were just a little too good for us on the day. We'll live to fight another battle though, and the juice and chocolate biscuits seemed to lift their spirits a little!

Mr Simon Scholfield



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## U11 Mixed Cricket vs Hovingham

The Under 11 Cricket Team hosted Hovingham to play a pairs fixture. Gateways batted first, and looked to score freely, unfortunately this contributed to our downfall losing 9 wickets in the innings. The decision making and shot selection will improve with experience though. Hovingham bowled and fielded well, holding onto some outstanding catches which, on another day, wouldn't have stuck.

When we came to field, we bowled with decent accuracy, however, sometimes accuracy is to our detriment because it enables the batting team to get a decent strike on the ball! In the field we had good energy, chased everything, and supported each other. We managed to take a few wickets during their innings, and the improvement of the group, both during this match and over the course of the season, is clear for everyone to see. Well done to the team!

Mr Tom Davidson

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

## U9 Gateways Cricket Festival



As the eagerly awaited Ashes series begins, could the festival of cricket provide any comparisons in terms of rivalry, swashbuckling batting or lightning quick bowling?

Our three teams all played their part in entertaining the admiring crowd, all of whom showed genuine appreciation for boundaries hit, wickets taken and the occasional accurate throw from the outfield. The pitch offered much for the bowlers, some looking to bamboozle the batters with turn and bounce that proved as unpredictable as the person delivering the ball. Yet there were some wonderful glimpses of creativity and modern techniques as batters ramped, flicked and swept with great aplomb.

The levels of enthusiasm were as high as the thermometer's mercury on a blazing hot day at the Gateways Bowl. Over 50 young people had the chance to play competitive cricket, as well as watch the Chinook helicopter and red kites fly overhead, reminders that we are truly blessed to work, play and reside in such a gorgeous part of the world. As is often the case, cricket was the winner. Whether we can say the same about England in five days' time, is anyone's guess!

Mr Phil Holmes

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