

Sports Report w/c 9th October 2023

Friday 6th October

Girls – Under 11 Football v HLC - Win



Last Friday, we had our first football game against Harrogate Ladies College. The girls were well-prepared and ready for the challenge. Before the match began, we were filled with positivity and sang the Gateways Football anthems so loudly that the bus seemed to vibrate with excitement.

Right from the kick-off, our teams demonstrated sharpness and organisation, with players naturally taking their positions on the field. The work rate from everyone was at 100%. We consistently regained possession with well-executed tackles and interceptions. A special mention goes to Ruby, who was our top goal scorer, displaying exceptional skills as she dribbled past defenders effortlessly and served as a great role model to others. Additionally, Willow scored an incredible goal, perfectly curving it into the top corner of the net.

Selecting the Player of the Match was a challenging decision, Mrs Nichol awarded it to Ellie for her outstanding goalkeeping skills.

We were fortunate to have fantastic supporters who significantly contributed to our success. Many thanks to those who came to cheer us on.

Written by Mia and Willow, Year 6

Tuesday 10th October

Girls – Under 9 Football v Brontë House - Lost



In their much-anticipated season opener, the Under 9's football team faced a formidable opponent in Brontë House, a team renowned for their strength and prowess on the pitch. While the match was undoubtedly a challenge, it presented a valuable opportunity for Gateways to showcase their dedication and love for the game.

From the kick-off, Gateways found themselves in a demanding contest, as Brontë House demonstrated their experience and skill in maintaining control of the game. Our young goalkeepers, showing immense promise, made several remarkable saves that earned admiration from the crowd.

Although we couldn't prevent the opposition from scoring, the spirit of our players never wavered. Despite strong defensive efforts by Brontë House, Gateways continued to strive for offensive opportunities. Our players exhibited a commendable level of determination and sportsmanship.

The match served as an excellent learning experience for our budding athletes. Facing a strong adversary helps in honing their skills, tactical understanding, and teamwork. The resilience our team displayed, even in the face of adversity, was nothing short of inspiring.

While the result may not have been what we had hoped for, it's important to recognise the character and determination of our young athletes. They have shown that they are eager to learn and grow. This experience will undoubtedly serve as motivation to work hard in practice, refine their abilities, and strengthen their bond as a team.

As the season progresses, Gateways is poised to come back stronger, armed with the lessons learned from this challenging match. The football journey has just begun, and with dedication and continued effort, the team is destined for success.

Mrs Hannah Nichol & Mr Mike Arnold

Rugby – Under 11s v Bradford GS

Under 11A 4 – 10 BGS

Under 11B 6 – 7 BGS



In deliberately shaping a fixture list against schools with rugby heritage, we are really testing the boys. Today was no different with our A team facing a team who rucked with speed, passed with fluency and shut us down quickly in defence. Yet we stood up to the task for the majority of the game. Ollie C was once again instrumental in both attack and defence; strong carries giving us territory from which to move the ball and his speed of thought at the breakdown allowing us to stem the tide of Bradford's offense.

He was backed up by a tenacious display from Rupert, a pupil who has improved beyond recognition since this time last year. In Upper 2, Muhammed showed his athletic prowess with a well taken try and a big workload against many older and larger boys.

The B team had an end-to-end thriller, both teams being expansive with the ball and showing greater awareness of the tactics required to be an effective team. Oliver B once again scored a barnstorming try to start our scoreboard moving, Jayden ran well and crossed the line himself, whilst Gabe took his turn as captain to lead by example with several jinking runs and a couple of wonderful tackles on their key runners. Try of the match for our side went to Max who was the third man to touch the ball before cutting inside and racing three quarters of the pitch to score.

The man of the match went to Don, in only his second game of rugby, for his relentless desire to carry the ball and the way he led the defensive line to thwart Bradford's big runners.

Mr Tom Davidson & Mr Phil Holmes

Rugby – Under 9s v GSAL & Brontë House

Contact Team 6 - 6 GSAL 'B'

Contact Team 9 - 5 Bronte 'B'

Tag Team Won v GSAL Tag Team



Our Under 9s continued their promising development with a varied set of fixtures against GSAL and Brontë House.

We had a set of boys playing in a 'contact' (or full tackling) triangular against GSAL and then Brontë House. This was a very impressive display of rugby as we matched GSAL blow for blow in a very open game. The most pleasing aspect was the way in which our boys showed glimpses of tactical understanding with passes being made to players in more space and, in defence, players seeing where the GSAL threats were and moving early to counter these. The game ended 6 tries each, reflecting the quality on both sides.

We then proved too strong for Brontë House with Rory using his balance and speed to good effect, Oliver D moving the ball well and Jacob proving too strong for the Brontë defence. Players of the day though were Spencer, who was tenacious in defence, and Freddie, who stepped up from the year below and threw himself into the fray with enthusiasm and relish.

The tag team played one game, split into quarters, against GSAL. This was a very tight game for three quarters of the match; both sides looking to run the ball wide rather than use teammates as the tactical inexperience showed. It was close in the game and close on the scoreboard as we went through the first half. Again, the longer the game went on, the more impressive our boys were; a growing awareness of using players in space allowed us to pull

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ahead with a range of try scorers. Harrison helped, a year ahead of some of his teammates, seemingly registering and allowing the likes of Liam and Jesse to learn where to run.

We eventually stretched away to win the game comfortably but, the most pleasing aspect, was seeing the ball move through hands and progress being made, meaning, on the day we wore yellow for World Mental Health day, we could leave GSAL in a very good state of mind.

Mr Phil Holmes & Mr Charlie Grasby