

## Sports Report wc 27/11/2023

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Senior Netball v South Hunsley



The Senior netball team played the next round of the Sisters in Sport competition. It is a knockout competition meaning if you win you go through to the next round and if you lose you do not play anymore matches. The girls really wanted to play this match and motivation was high, even though we had lost a player to injury. The match started very positively, the skill level from the first whistle was high, possession was equal between both teams, shooting was accurate, and interceptions were being made. The score in the first quarter did not reflect the level of the game albeit it we were down 16-6. Unfortunately, the scores continued like this meaning we lost the game overall. However, at the end of the third quarter the score was 7-11 to South Hunsley, proving we did not give up the fight. As we lost this game, it now means we do not progress further in this competition, but I would like to thank the girls for playing a tough game of netball and never giving up. The player of the match, as voted for by the opposition was Olivia.

Mrs Laura Braithwaite

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
U15 Boys Rugby v Woodhouse Grove

Woodhouse Grove 32 – 7 Gateways



After a dominant win against the same school 6 weeks ago, Woodhouse Grove put out a much stronger side in the return leg. This ensured we wouldn't be racking up 70 points but also allowed many of our players to experience a tough, physical encounter and be placed under a lot of defensive pressure.

Despite missing some key players, our team were extremely committed as they moved with speed to each breakdown and employed a lot of the techniques shown during their games sessions. With the game yet to see any points, Gateways forced a mistake and would have been awarded a scrum only then to make a reckless high tackle and see the hosts given a penalty. They scored the opening try from this and it set the pattern for our boys; play well, force errors but fail to capitalise. This was simply down to a lack of game experience.

Each time we made territory, we handed back the initiative and trailed at the break 0 -15.

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The second half started more promisingly as Alfie drew a defender and released the ball to Ivan who then galloped away to score from the halfway line. Alfie took us to 7-15 with the conversion.

Excellent defence, with Isaac leading the way and Gio and Seb following his lead, meant we regained possession in key areas, Ollie B jackalling with speed and precision. Even with accurate distribution from Jacob at scrum half, and hard running from Tom, we just couldn't break the Grove resolve. The bounce of the ball proved crucial; we hit two very good kicks downfield only to see the ball bounce into a defender's hands. They made two open field kicks and the ball bounced horribly to evade our boys and be collected by the home team players, allowing them to cross for another 12 points.

Despite showing real character and a refusal to give in, we just couldn't get back across the line and ended the game on the losing side but certainly the scoreline didn't reflect the competitive spirit shown by our players.

This concludes a brilliant term of rugby for our oldest age group. There have been many stand out moments and a huge improvement as a collective. They deserve to be smiling, as the photograph illustrates.

Mr Phil Holmes