

Sports Report w/c 22nd January 2024

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Football - U9 v GSAL



Following dedicated efforts in training, the Gateways team 1 boys (pictured above) enthusiastically participated in their first competitive football game of the season at GSAL. As they found their footing in their respective positions, they showcased excellent ball movement and skilfully navigated the field. While GSAL proved swift on the counter and caught us off guard a few times, this experience has highlighted valuable learning opportunities that we will improve upon in the upcoming training sessions.



In their inaugural match against GSAL, the Gateways boys, fuelled by a motivating team talk, burst onto the field with confidence. Demonstrating their hard work in training, the team

delivered an impressive performance securing some superb goals. Despite GSAL's challenges, Gateways displayed resilience and a cohesive spirit, leaving a positive mark in their first competitive game of the season. The match showcased the team's determination and promising potential, setting an optimistic tone for the exciting journey ahead.



Team 3 unleashed pure grit and determination, battling for every ball like warriors on a mission! Harry dazzled the crowd with an outstanding performance, sprinting relentlessly for each ball. Yet, he found himself at times in a solo struggle against a formidable wall of GSAL defenders, desperately in need of some upfront support.

Gateways defended well but couldn't overcome some strong shots by GSAL. The game ended 4-2 to GSAL. Player of the match goes to Harry.



Team 4 initially took some time to get tuned into the game, however once on task they orchestrated moments of magic with some great link up play! Gateways went 1-0 up and were playing some good football. When in possession, they hustled to move the ball at speed. However, their brilliance was met with quick interceptions from GSAL. Goalkeeper Isaac

charged out fiercely to apply pressure on the forwards leaving the opposition in awe of his bravery. Player of the match goes to Isaac. Final score 2-1 to GSAL.

Both teams take away the crucial lesson of the importance of spreading out and players sticking to their positions. We look forward to working with the boys over the term to develop their game awareness and core skills.

Mrs Hannah Nichol & Mr Mike Arnold

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Netball - U9 v GSAL



The girls opened their netball season with 5 teams playing against GSAL. For many of our players, this was their first taste of both matchplay and also 7-a-side positional netball.

The A and B teams rotated across two games with players switching from team to team and allowing us to see different combinations of players together with being able to try varied positions. This was a challenge for all the girls but is bound to have a long-term benefit as they will gain experience and awareness of where to stand and how to mark an attacker or lose their defender.

The C team used a number of players across their 4 quarters of netball, again to good effect. The height of some of our opposing players caused a few problems but also helped us think about how to move the ball laterally rather than in rainbow passes; always a positive outcome.

The D and E teams outplayed their opponents and enjoyed the space available and the chance to swap bibs. They have certainly benefited from early term games lessons and were able to make decisions at a faster pace, often with rewarding outcomes.



Miss Jade Preston & Mr Phil Holmes