

Sports Report w/c 18th November 2024

Friday 15th November U11 Girls' Football v Highfield



The C and D team had a challenging afternoon at Highfield. The opposition got on top from the start however, the girls adapted well each period of the game and listened carefully to the advice given. Both teams recognised the importance of staying in position and covering the whole pitch in an attacking and defensive aspect.

In attack, the girls worked hard to dribble the ball into space and began to look for passes near the goal. Some good strikes by Zara and Ellie helped to reduce the deficits for both teams. In defence, the girls got stuck in and worked on committing to the tackle to ensure they came away with the ball. Isla and Hennie regularly cleared the ball away from goal to help begin our attack.

It is nice to see the girls enjoying playing football!

Mr Matt Chandler & Miss Jade Preston

Friday 15th November
U11 Boys' Rugby v GSAL & Highfield
A Team Won
B Team Won



The A Team showcased their most well-rounded and dominant performance of the season in a doubleheader against local rivals GSAL, securing comfortable wins in both matches.

From the outset, the boys set the tone with outstanding effort, organisation, and physicality in defence, leaving GSAL with few opportunities to break through. In attack, our play was equally impressive, with excellent ball movement both pre- and post-contact. The boys displayed incredible skill, with sublime offloads creating space and setting up some truly outstanding tries.

What made the day even more special was the collective contribution from all nine players. Each member of the team not only put in a huge shift but also crossed the try line, epitomising a true team effort.

Mr Tom Davidson



Our B team players had a huge learning experience with the end result being a tremendous upturn in attitude and performance. The opening period saw our boys reluctant to tackle and not carrying the ball with any gusto which isn't the Gateways standard.

After an opportunity to reiterate the expectations within our ethos and reaffirm our commitment to put the team first, we were sublime. Direct running from Oliver D was closely followed by similar carries from Albie, as these two ripped the GSAL defence open to score.

Our own defence became tenacious, our players swarming the home side and forcing mistakes as their players to panic in possession. Mekaeel played a key part in this as confidence began to flow through the team. This all culminated in a much stronger performance and a comment of, "that's the most fun I've had on a rugby pitch," as we left the pitch in great spirits.

Most improved player of the day went to Lewis who almost topped the tackle count, an area of the game he has previously been a little unsure of, which was wonderful to see.



Mr Phil Holmes

Friday 15th November U11 Girls' Hockey v GSAL & Highfield



What a fantastic afternoon it was to watch the Gateways girls play hockey! Everyone was eager to put into practice the skills we've been working on during training, playing on the AstroTurf and embracing the challenge of competitive matches.

Both teams showed incredible determination. Daisy in the B team stood out with her energy and tenacity, while Briers in the A team demonstrated fantastic leadership and skill on the pitch. It was so inspiring to see how the teams worked hard to spread out, stay composed and defend low when the pressure was on.

The girls played a number of matches, and it was wonderful to see so many different players receiving nominations as Player of the Match. But what stood out most was the way every girl gave her best effort, listened to the coaches' advice, and applied what they've been learning to improve their game awareness and fundamental skills.

We're already looking forward to the next match to see how they continue to develop and grow as a team. Well done to all the girls—you should all be so proud!

Tuesday 19th November

U9 Boys' Rugby v GSAL



The A team stepped onto the field ready to take on a strong Highfield side. With some excellent teamwork and powerful passing, Gateways went up 3-2 at half time. The girls continued to build on their success in the second half and made the most of their superb clearing skills to take the ball up the field. With another 2 converted goals and 3 goals from Highfield, the game finished with a 5-5 draw.



The B team made a super start to their game, all getting stuck in from the first whistle. They worked together and after reviewing their tactics, began to use the full width of the field to their advantage. With some strong defensive skills and excellent, powerful clearing kicks the girls gained more confidence in themselves and began their attack. Unfortunately, 3 goals were let in, but this only added fuel to the fire and Gateways were quick to strike back with 2 of their own goals. All the girls took turns in positions around the pitch and were supportive of each other throughout finishing strong despite a 5-3 defeat.



The C team started off a bit hesitant and slow, forgetting at first to spread out. However, the girls dug deep, began passing with more power and grew more confident in taking shots at goal.

Highfield gained the lead and built some momentum, but Gateways didn't give up; they stepped up, battled hard, and showed determination to be first to the ball, which paid off. The girls managed to claw their way back, ending the game in an exciting 4-4 draw. Well done to all the girls for showing fantastic teamwork!

The D team had a slow start and let the opposition get on top of them initially. As the game progressed, the girls recognised the importance of covering the whole space and making sure they were attacking and defending. Gateways never gave up and started to clear the ball away and move up the pitch step by step. Towards the end of the game, the girls managed to score a great team goal.

Mrs Hannah Nichol, Miss Jade Preston & Miss Beth Adamson