

Sports Report w/c 25th November 2024

Friday 25th November U11 Girls' Netball v Highfield



The girls split off into 4 teams: Lower 3, Upper 2A (x2) and Upper 2C and began to organise themselves into the hi-5 format positions. After a quick recap, all the girls knew where they could go and what their job was.

Our Lower 3's got off to a strong start. In attack, they drove onto the ball, started to pass the ball with speed and look for a space. All of these things caught the opposition off guard and helped Gateways take an early lead. In defence, the girls regularly tipped the ball and were trying to stay with their players.

The Upper 2 teams worked really hard on catching and passing. They developed their understanding for the rules of the games and improved their fundamental skills as the game progressed. It was nice to see the positivity, smiles and support for all the teams.

This was good early preparation for the girls to start thinking about netball ready for the Spring term. I look forward to working with them on their skills and putting them into practice in many more future games.

Miss Jade Preston & Mr Charlie Grasby

Under 11 Girls' Football vs Highfield Prep



On Friday, the girls made a last-minute change of plan and travelled to Highfield Prep for an afternoon of football and netball. Despite the sudden shift, the teams adapted brilliantly, eager to make the most of the opportunity to compete.

The girls braved the cold conditions with enthusiasm, taking to the pitch with determination and energy. Despite the chill, they worked hard, playing with great spirit and teamwork. The matches provided a fantastic chance for the girls to showcase their skills while enjoying a lively runaround. Their resilience and positive attitude shone through, making for an enjoyable and productive outing.

A special thank you to all the supporters who came along to cheer on the girls - your encouragement and enthusiasm made a huge difference and was greatly appreciated.

Well done to all the players for embracing the change of plans and giving their best effort on the day!

Mr Phil Holmes & Mr Tom Davidson

Friday 25th November U11 Rugby v Highfield



In a bid to beat the weather we played a hastily arranged fixture at Highfield. This had to take the form of tag rugby given the ground conditions weren't 100% 'contact' ready but this served as a fantastic way to focus on handling skills.

The boys did not disappoint. Playing in 3 teams of 6-a-side we improved as the afternoon wore on, a combination of quality leadership from those who have played in our A Team for the majority of the term, combined with a growth in belonging for the other players, undoubtedly helped by the maturity and guidance of the former group.

On a bitterly cold afternoon the boys kept their hands warm by moving the ball like the proverbial hot potato. There were some sublime moments and it was encouraging to see us set up a play by deliberately taking the tackle near one touchline, only to then maximise the open space and score tries in corners after 4 or 5 fast paced passes.

On what could have been an ordinary session back at school, the boys rose to the challenge well and showed their merit when being asked to step outside of their normal expectations.



Mr Phil Holmes & Mr Tom Davidson

Tuesday 26th November U9 Girls' Football v Bronte House



The A team were keen to prove a point this week and come back stronger than their previous game against Bronte House. They struggled at first to take advantage of the space Bronte were giving them and were a little slow to defend Bronte's breaks which resulted in a 2-0 start to the game. This only made their determination grow! The girls began to distribute the ball around the field more effectively, avoiding the Bronte House defence. Our increased confidence when dribbling led to fantastic teamwork from Piaget, Kimran and Sophia and resulted a well-worked goal. They contested every ball and some outstanding saves kept the score line to 2-1. A fantastic achievement and a great improvement from the last game. T'shai and Kimran were well-deserved players of the match with superb defence and ferocious attacking!

The B team had a challenging start and struggled to contain Bronte House. They were slow to move the ball and had difficulty preventing Bronte from scoring. However, after a constructive team talk ten minutes in, the girls returned to the field with renewed focus and energy. They worked hard and showed great resilience, continuing to push forward even though they were unable to score. Despite the tough match, the team's determination and effort were commendable, setting a strong foundation for future improvement.

The C team had a closely contested match which ended up going goal for goal. The girls had to remain focused and work hard to keep the opposition away from the goal and in attack, they started to keep their head up when dribbling and move towards the goal. Ava had a fantastic performance in defence and regularly stopped the ball before moving into attack. Each girl grew into the game and started to get stronger in their tackles and have more confidence when dribbling with the ball.

The D team had a fantastic game, regularly scoring goals and coming away as convincing winners. In defence, they were robust and only let in 1 goal the whole game. Everyone had to work together and was eager to get down the pitch to camp in the opposition's half. Moving forward, the girls need to lift their head and look for others to pass to quicker so that they can move down the pitch with speed. Overall, the girls have made a huge amount of progress and their football knowledge is improving weekly.

Mrs Hannah Nichol & Miss Jade Preston & Miss Beth Adamson

Tuesday 26th November
U9 Rugby v GSAL & Pocklington
A Team v GSAL – Drew
A Team v Pock – Won
Tag Teams v GSAL – W1 L1



A short trip to the neighbours saw a triangular fixture for the contact team and the opportunity for our tag teams to continue their development against GSAL.

The contact boys began very well, a series of strong runs finished off by Freddie C, the first of several individual tries for the afternoon. The highlight though was provided seconds later by Liam. GSAL sent their biggest strongest runner directly at our left side. A destructive ball carrier, he had the look of a jungle cat about to catch his prey, when Liam totally smashed him into touch. This occurred again and the star attraction for our opposition went strangely quiet for the rest of the game. Although these players are in their infancy with regards to rugby awareness, Liam is rapidly learning what helps the team cause and his defensive qualities are a major factor in our success as a group.

With the lead changing hands several times, GSAL scored a try at the death to ensure they snatched a draw but we had many huge positives to take into the next game against Pocklington.

This was a relatively straightforward victory, even with Pocklington having several loose tackles swinging around our necks. In terms of resilience, this was the game where our boys could step up, work through the physical pain and remain focused on the task in hand. Isaac made several important tackles, Jesse followed this example in his best game yet and Sammy stepped up his physical game to help the team restrict Pocklington to a low score.

A good day's work but so much more to come from this energetic group.



Mr Phil Holmes

The tag teams continued to develop their skills and understanding of the game with a great match against GSAL. Playing as 'All Blacks' and 'Stripes' due to the reversible rugby shirts, our All Blacks were the reflection of the elite version with flowing handling and some great footwork, both skills allowing our players to frequently evade tacklers.

The Stripes were equally impressive; now setting up much stronger defensively than in previous weeks and more aware of how to support the person with the ball. This was displayed by an amazing try which saw the ball travel the full width of the pitch with some fantastic off loads. It was fantastic rugby and something that I hope continues in future weeks.

Mr Charlie Grasby & Mr Tom Davidson