

Sports Report w/c 11th November 2024

Friday 8th November U11 Girls' Football v Fulneck



We took 20 girls across to Pudsey for a football double-header.

The D team girls played with huge levels of energy and enthusiasm. Both teams were evenly matched and looked to be finding their feet re positional play and movement of the ball. The learning curve for our girls being almost as steep as the pitch, we conceded a goal due to a lack of reactions in defence. Despite the high work rate shown from Lara, and the game intelligence from Honey, we couldn't quite open the Fulneck defence up and present ourselves a chance to get a shot on target. The home team did break from a free kick of ours with one girl scoring a very impressive individual effort. This was a shame as we had put together a lot of good moments as a team, yet they held us out and took the win.

The C team faced a challenging game against Fulneck, struggling to keep their opponents at bay on the large pitch. They found it difficult to build momentum and had trouble advancing the ball past the halfway line. However, the girls persevered throughout, and while they came away with areas to work on, they all left the field with smiles on their faces.

Mrs Hannah Nichol & Mr Phil Holmes

Friday 8th November
U11 Boys' Rugby v Moorlands and Fulneck

A Team v Moorlands A
B Team v Fulneck
B Team v Moorlands B



The A Team took on Moorlands in a competitive contact game, showing resilience and skill throughout. The game began with strong effort from both sides, leading to an exciting back-and-forth of try-scoring. While our team started well, our defense didn't quite reach the level of previous matches, allowing Moorlands to capitalize at times. Despite this, the players showed noticeable improvement in their defensive effort as the game progressed.

On the attacking front, our team demonstrated good play, with effective offloads and some impressive tries. However, the attack wasn't as cohesive as in past games, which limited our scoring opportunities. Even so, there were moments of excellent ball handling that led to well-deserved tries.

The final score was close, but unfortunately, we came up short in the end. Overall, it was a hard-fought match with valuable lessons learned. The team remains motivated to build on this performance and come back stronger in the next game.

Mr Tom Davidson

Our B team faced off in some tag rugby against Fulneck and Moorlands. Both opponents arrived with a few experienced players, but our side were more than up for the challenge. The tag element allowed each team to display their hand skills, it was impressive to see how much our boys have improved passing the ball as they were able to quickly offload the ball to gain territory quickly. Every game was an end-to-end match with lots of tries being scored by both teams.

Mr Charlie Grasby

Tuesday 12th November

U9 Girls' Football v Highfield



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

Tuesday 12th November

U9 Boys' Rugby v Bradford

A Team (contact) Won

B Team (tag) Won

C Team (tag)



The contact team picked up where they left off prior to half term, a convincing performance which saw us fast out of the blocks and enjoying putting Bradford under pressure. The game became a little fragmented due to the over enthusiasm of the players, buoyed by the good bursts from teammates, and so we went to an internal rule of two passes after each ruck. Our players did so well to adapt to this, a big ask for players so young, but it was pleasing to see them try to stick to this pattern; keeping their shape being key to the success. Bradford had some big, physical runners and, whilst they did have their moments in the sun, our defence held firm and had the upper hand through the afternoon. Some high quality reads from Freddie C allowed him to prevent a handful of tries whilst Liam had his usual strong running

game, causing chaos in the Bradford line. This was a very impressive display against a former powerhouse of Yorkshire schools' rugby.

Mr Phil Holmes



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