

Sports Report 13/01/2025

U12 Netball v Abbey Grange

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13-0

8-3



Two U12 teams went to Abbey Grange on Monday to play two friendly netball matches. It was obvious that it was the first games of the year for both sides as the ball represented a ping pong ball, moving very quickly up and down the court, often the possession being a surprise.

After a few minutes the girls settled into the game and used the three seconds available to them to think before they threw the ball. With an excellent defensive line of Ruby, Rose & Sophie, the oppositions ball did not get to the opposing goal circle, we even switched round positions in the final third to try and even out the teams. The final score in game 1 was 13-0.

In our next practice, I will be encouraging the girls to hold their space in the circle and to throw an accurate high ball over a defender.

The Team 2 game was slightly slower, but there were some excellent skills on display. The girls threw accurate passes into the shooting circle which allowed Ellie and Imogen to find good spaces to shoot the ball. Alina, Emily and Isabel were strong in defence and made interceptions on the third line.

Unfortunately, during the second third, we had a couple of lapses of concentration and the oppositions ball found its way through to the goal, giving the opposition 3 goals. Ella worked hard to get the ball from the defenders through to the attackers and with the help from Grace as WA the girls kept adding to our score, resulting in a full score of 8-3 win to Gateways. Well done to all the girls who played, contributing to two wins to start the year. Players of the match as voted for by the opposition were Ivy & Ella.

Mrs Laura Braithwaite

Senior Boys Football v Woodhouse Grove Lost 6 - 2



The U18 football team travelled to Woodhouse Grove with a squad of 11 players, missing several key individuals. Despite the challenges, the team showed great spirit throughout the match.

The game started evenly, with both teams creating opportunities in open play. However, Woodhouse had the upper hand at set pieces, scoring three goals from corners in quick succession, leaving the half-time score at 0-3.

In the second half, the team came out with renewed energy and belief. They defended set pieces more effectively and looked far more threatening in attack. Two brilliant goals from Avraj and Ben brought the team back into the game, making the score 2-3 and setting up a thrilling final 20 minutes.

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Unfortunately, the team's challenge was further complicated when Jacob suffered a knee injury, leaving the team to play the final 10 minutes with only 10 players. Despite their best efforts, the lack of substitutions and the pressure from Woodhouse ultimately led to three late goals, resulting in a flattering 2-6 final scoreline.

All 11 players put in an outstanding effort, with each player showing resilience and determination. With more players available and continued belief, this team has the potential to make significant progress in future matches.

Mr Tom Davidson