

Sports Report 27/01/2025

U13 Netball v Abbey Grange 2 teams



Two teams from Upper 3 & Lower 4 went to Abbey Grange on Monday and came away with two very convincing wins. Both teams very quickly found their rhythm, starting their moves ahead of time so they could catch the ball in a very good space. The ball travelled with ease down the court. On occasions when the game became a little frantic, the girls knew to hold the ball a second longer to regain their balance to then throw the ball with more power and accuracy. The shooters on both teams successfully gained rebounds giving them more opportunities to score. Also on both teams, the defenders had to stay focused to ensure when the ball did come to them, they made interceptions before the ball went into the opposing goal circle. The first game finished 21-1 and the second game 17-2. Players of the match as voted for by the opposition were Amelia P-G and Ivy D, well done to all the girls who went to the match.

Mrs Laura Braithwaite

U13 Boys Football v Cundall Manor



The U13 team fell 5-4 to a well-drilled and spirited Cundall Manor side in a hard-fought encounter.

We started the game slowly, allowing the opposition to take an early 2-0 lead. However, the team responded brilliantly, using our physicality more effectively and netting three quick goals to seize the advantage.

Cundall Manor came out strong in the second half, equalizing with two quick goals of their own. We showed great resilience to level the score once more through a stunning strike from Max, following excellent build-up play.

With just a couple of minutes remaining, Cundall Manor clinched the win with a well-crafted team goal after some impressive interplay.

Although the team played well in phases, a lack of energy during key periods ultimately proved to be our undoing.

Mr Tom Davidson

U14 & U15 Netball v Queen Ethelburgas



The girls travelled to QE to play against their netball teams. Unfortunately, due to absences we could only manage to take 12 girls to play in 2 teams. The U15 girls played against a well drilled and fast opposition who moved the ball very quickly into an agile GA, very rarely missing a shot. The first quarter was a wake up call for us to play the way we know rather than to try and play like our opposition. Throwing the ball ahead of the moving player was the aim for the rest of the game and with a stronger pass, less balls were intercepted when it was in our possession, and we finished that quarter 5-5. I was very proud of the girls for not giving up and taking each quarter as a new game. Trying to increase the speed of movement and throw the ball higher will be the aim of the next match. Aimee R was voted player of the match, as voted for by the opposition.

On the other court, the U14s played against an even stronger team. With only 5 players on the court and then reduced to 4 players in the last quarter. The girls had to work hard to move the ball through the court to our goal third and change direction many times to try and outwit their defenders. There were moments in this game when the ball travelled with fluidity down the court into our goal circle, resulting in a goal but unfortunately this happened more often for QE. Again, I was pleased with the girls for not giving up and playing with respect and determination to the final whistle. The player of this match, as voted for by the opposition was Sophia G.

Mrs Laura Braithwaite

U14/ U15 Boys Hockey v Cundall Manor Lost 0-4



The opening game of the season was always going to be a challenge, although many of our boys rose to it well. As expected, Cundall moved the ball well, found space behind our first-time defence and pushed us back into our own 23. Thankfully the game awareness of Jack, Miles R and Lucas helped us to stem the tide and gain some parity in possession.

We were quick to gain a basic shape and with Dhiyaan and Joseph C staying wide, we had outlets to make our way up the pitch. Ultimately though the fluency of pupils who have played several matches together already came to the fore and we conceded three goals in the first half. The sun shone low and bright and hindered our guest goalkeeper at the beginning of the second half, yet this wasn't added to for the remaining 20 minutes.

We began to gain a foothold in the game as Jack and Charlie used their physical presence to good effect. This gave Miles H and Tariq some space to attack, the latter using his speed to good effect and forcing a good save from the Cundall keeper.

The game finished 0-4 but the boys had learned so much, so quickly. Jack led the way but a special mention goes to Joseph for a vast improvement within the game and our MVP, Miles R, who was so sharp with his positional play that he nullified many potential attacking plays from the home team.

Mr Phil Holmes