

## Sports Report w/c 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Under 11 Netball v Fulneck



We have finally hit our netball term, and the girls have started well with 2 fantastic wins! The games against Fulneck provided a good opportunity to practice different positions and have a go at various skills. It was fantastic to see the girls enjoying themselves and working well together.

In team 1, the girls started really strongly winning the quarter 7-0. Attackingly, the shooter-to-shooter balls between Harper and Sophia caught the opposition off guard and helped us to keep the score board ticking over. Defensively, the girls worked as a unit and did not allow the opposition into the end third. Allegra was regularly tipping and intercepting the ball off the centre pass. For the next 3 quarters, we rotated round and attackers moved into defence with defence moving the opposite direction. This allowed everyone to try something new and meant the girls had to really focus on what they were doing. Although the girls changed positions, they continued to score goals which helped build the score and ultimately resulted in an 18-8 win.

In Team 2's match, the girls played with good intensity from the start, showing great attacking play and solid defence throughout, making it difficult for the opposition to get any scoring opportunities. The team rotated positions throughout the game, allowing everyone to experience new roles. Despite the changes, the girls continued to attack and score and finished with an impressive 11-0 victory.

It was wonderful to see the girls working so well together and they all showed great sportsmanship, helping their less experienced opponents throughout the match.

Miss Jade Preston and Mr Tom Davidson

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Under 11 Football v Fulneck  
Won 2-1



Our football season started in style with a strong performance from our boys on the astroturf at Adel. The visitors comprised of an all Year 6 cast yet they struggled to cope with the pace and enthusiasm of our boys. With Gateways having two teams, we rotated in quarters, giving our boys the opportunity to play with intensity and then reflect on where they could make improvements for the next session.

The scoreline doesn't reflect the domination we had; our goalkeepers being rarely tested, yet with some good chances not taken, the visitors remained in the game. George was unlucky to hit the post twice before Jai used intelligent positioning to intercept a pass and finish well. George then played poacher and jumped on a defensive mistake to nip the ball home and double our lead. A late goal from Fulneck couldn't revive their team and we finished with a deserved win.



Mr Phil Holmes, Mr Matt Chandler & Mr Charlie Grasby

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 Under 9 Netball v GSAL



What a fabulous start the U9 girls had to the netball term. With all the girls taking part in the fixture, it was great to see some of our footwork and passing skills that we have been working on being shown in the matches. Lots of parents commented how well the girls did in their first game and the opposition teachers were really impressed with our girl's starting knowledge and skills in netball.

As the quarters progressed, the girls started to develop their positional knowledge and recognise where the space was for them to move into. We got braver throughout the game and changed positions to test different combinations and practice different skills. Moving forward, we will be working on getting in front of our opposition players so that we can catch the ball without being contested and this also allows us to move the ball a lot quicker which will catch the opposition off guard.

I am looking forward to working hard with the girls throughout the netball term and seeing their progress each match.

Miss Jade Preston

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025**  
**Under 9 Football v GSAL**  
**Undefeated with 3 wins and a draw**



<b>A Team</b>	<b>Drew 2-2</b>
<b>B Team</b>	<b>Won 12-0</b>
<b>C Team</b>	<b>Won 15-2</b>
<b>D Team</b>	<b>Won 9-4</b>

This was a wonderful afternoon of football from our entire cohort. The short trip down the road should have provided a stern test but the standard of play from our boys was sublime. As a teacher, you know you're in a good place when an eight-year-old starts to discuss making the pitch wide, movement off the ball and fast delivery of passes.

The A Team dominated the game with regards to territory and possession. GSAL had some very good players but our boys showed greater cohesion, more awareness of offering themselves for a pass and a higher level of intensity across the pitch. Early saves from Liam kept the game goalless before we broke and managed to score two goals either side of half time. This was how the game remained until Alfie's well-timed tackle in our box was adjudged unfair and GSAL scored from the resultant penalty. An equaliser minutes later saw a brilliant response from our boys as they reacted with game maturity, quickly returned the ball to halfway and pressed for a winner. With a step up in intensity and some ferocious tackling, we were very unfortunate not to claim the win with a couple of good chances not quite falling for us in the dying moments. But the mindset and attitude were the important lesson for this group and it was refreshing to see such tenacity from the Gateways boys.



The Bs and Cs were simply far too classy for their opposition. With fast movement of the ball and the willingness to track back in defence, both teams scored early, a pace which GSAL couldn't get to grips with at any point in the matches. Isaac and Theo combined frequently to release our forwards and their guidance, as the experienced players at the ripe old age of year 4, allowed Joshua and Borna to quickly settle into their game.

Ethan A led his team with vision and assuredness and was ably backed up by Nihal, Arjun and Henry who all caused issues for the home team. Goal celebration of the day went to Bentley for a wonderful turn and sprint back over the halfway line, covering more distance than he did to get to the ball for his solid shot home; huge smiles all round.

In the D team we had a few moments of rabbits-in-the-headlights before adjusting to the pace of the game and gaining confidence. Theo P went from saving goals to scoring them as the team swapped positions amid great enjoyment and a sense of camaraderie and Theo swapped the goalkeeping gloves for goalscoring boots! The cheerleading enthusiasm of all round player Ethan H ensured we never lacked energy and the game sense of our man-of-the-match Virayn allowed us to remain dominant.



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