

Sports Report w/c 10th February 2025

Tuesday 11th February 2025 Under 9 Netball v GSAL



All Upper 1 and Lower 2 girls went the short distance down the road to play GSAL. This was a rematch as we played them in the first week of this half term. It was fantastic to see the progress the children had made already with their netball skills and knowledge.

Each team worked hard to use accurate passes, and the A and B team played with speed throughout the game which again caught our opposition off guard. The girls have really developed their positional knowledge, and they can now play a range of positions which allows us to switch up the game if required.

The shooting accuracy of the girls has improved, and we are more consistent with driving into a space and catching the ball. The girl's footwork is improving each week, and we look forward to continuing netball in our games lesson after half term.

Miss Jade Preston, Miss Beth Adamson and Mrs Hannah Nichol



Tuesday 11th February 2025 Under 9 Football v GSAL

> A Team W1 D1 L2 B Team Won (25-1) C Team Won D Team Won



Another fruitful trip to GSAL saw our boys continue their dominant form from last month and seal a number of strong victories.

The A team had a fantastic battle through the afternoon and were able to smile at the final whistle thanks to a last-touch-of-the-game equaliser to snatch a 1-1 draw in the final match.

Whilst our boys showed improvements during the afternoon by moving the ball with greater fluency and working harder off the ball for each other, it was one particular player on the GSAL team who had the awareness of a 12 year old who gave us our biggest headache. A brilliant opportunity for our boys to gain greater understanding as to, how to contain such a player, and be able to find weaknesses elsewhere. Overall, we did a fabulous job as Joshua and Borna made their debut for the top team before being followed by Micky who brought extra energy and vibrancy, and scored with his very first touch!

The B team were in danger of being asked to pay for new netting, such was their brutal dismantling of their opponents. The GSAL goalkeeper seemed their busiest player as shots flew at him and a suggested total number of 25 goals were scored by ourselves. At the other end we only conceded the one goal, our guilty goalkeeper being set a detention due to negligence!

Theo T and Isaac remain the stalwarts of this team and are growing into leadership roles within this squad; direction, advice and playing by example all evident in their high tempo approach to football.



The C and D teams played differing GSAL teams and rotated to keep variety as the spice of the afternoon. Bentley, Arjun and Virayn again led the way with lots of running and some silky skills; stepovers and Cruyff turns being attempted at various points of the afternoon! Henry C played well in midfield and had some really strong moments of decision making which helped move the ball away from the, often clustered, GSAL players. The stand out player today though was Arrav who played with a smile in the rain from start to finish and scored some wonderful goals.



Mr Phil Holmes, Mr Charlie Grasby and Mr Tom Davidson

Wednesday 12th February 2025 Leeds Schools' Cross-Country Final Temple Newsam



Another step into the unknown as our qualifiers from the East Leeds Schools' event stepped up to the Leeds Championships. Each race had over 90 runners taking part and the course was a gruelling hill start, hill finish and wet, boggy ground to run on. For racehorses who like the going to be good to firm, this would be a day to miss.



Our year 4 team had prepared well and ran boldly, not being put off by the greyhounds attacking straight out of the traps. Freddie and Jesse handled the opening 150m hill well and then got into a good rhythm. Liam fought hard as he always does and Reuben and Sammy settled into the race as they hit the first slope and found a good stride rate on the downhill section.

As to be expected, the race was dominated by the pure runners, those who have experience and train for such events. As the stampede of runners climbed the final 200m hill and bend, our boys pushed to claim a better position. Our first three runners home were 27th, 37th and 47th and for those who have seen such an event, this represented a very good showing on a relentless course with 10 places often being settled in a 7 or 8m gap.

In the year 6 event, Gabe was our sole entrant, having qualified individually in the previous round. He had the prospect of aiming for the top 10 in order to gain a shot at the West Yorkshire Final next month. Now training as a track athlete, Gabe had a slight disadvantage on a course with hills but he had a race plan and executed it superbly. The winner was first out of the bunch, hit the opening hill at pace and never looked in any trouble. The battle behind was intriguing, not least due to Gabe being able to overtake many runners in the final half of the 1500m race. Patiently picking off the early pace setters, Gabe timed his race well and, encouraged over the final 100m by some wonderfully vocal support from the year 4s, came home in a magnificent 13^{th} place out of almost 100 runners. We await the final results to see if this is enough to make the West Yorkshire Final.

Mr Phil Holmes