

#### Sports Report w/c 10th March 2025

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Under 11 Football v Bronte House



The A team had two fantastic matches against Bronte house. Both matches ended in two frustrating draws 1-1 and 2-2, but there was some fantastic play from both teams. Gateways deserved to win both games and created a lot of chances but missed a few efforts on goal. The team played much better football in the second match and started to move the ball quicker, this was a huge advantage due to the size of the pitch.

A special mention to Santiago who scored all the goals for Gateways. All thunderbolts from outside the penalty area - each one could have been goal of the season!

The B team were up against two strong Bronte House teams. We had two 8-a-side games on big pitches and the boys managed to spread the ball around well. Gateways came close with a few long balls, threaded through the middle of the Bronte defence. Despite their valiant efforts, they couldn't find the decisive finish needed to convert these chances. The Bronte goalkeeper made several good saves, denying our forwards. However, a breakthrough goal from Henry W gave the boys hope. As the match progressed, fatigue became evident, but our defense remained resolute, with some great partnerships at the back. Though the final score didn't favour us, we showed tremendous character and technical improvement throughout both fixtures.





Mr Charlie Grasby and Mr Matt Chandler

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Under 9 Netball v Moorlands



19 girls enjoyed a fixture against Moorlands, winning 19-2. This was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to showcase all the progress they have made in netball.



The main focus of today was to get into space and use quick passes to catch the opposition off-guard. From the very first quarter, the girls did just that and played with speed and were constantly passing and moving. Our shooting accuracy has improved, and the girls took every opportunity at goal, either immediately or following a rebound which led to a 12-0 lead across both games.

For the rest of the quarters, the girls had the opportunity to play different positions and try different skills. We shared the shooting responsibilities around and everyone enjoyed practicing their technique and working on increasing and reducing the power to have more accuracy. Even when the girls switched positions, they managed to continue to build the score and only concede 2 goals which is a huge effort from all the girls and specifically the defenders.

Miss Beth Adamson and Miss Jade Preston





The Gateway girls took on Westville in an indoor netball match, battling both their opponents and the noisy sports hall atmosphere. After a strong warm-up, the team was ready to compete.



The first quarter proved challenging, as Gateway struggled to get the ball into the shooting circle. Despite falling behind early, a quick team talk and a shift in positions gave the girls a boost. Their efforts paid off with a well-earned goal in the second quarter. Westville responded with changes to their lineup in the third quarter, putting pressure on Gateway once again. However, Meera and Sophia were solid in defence, working tirelessly to stop Westville's attacks. The team moved the ball more fluently, with quick backline passes, but unfortunately, no goals were scored in this period.

In the final quarter, Gateway pushed forward with determination. Every player gave their all, and the game concluded with a fantastic shot from Florence to win the quarter 1-0. Despite a 7-2 defeat overall, the team showed great resilience, winning 50% of the match in terms of quarter victories.

A huge well done to all the girls for their effort and teamwork - there are plenty of positives to take forward!

Mrs Hannah Nichol

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March Under 9A Football v Moorlands A Drew





Our older group played first and had a focus of retaining possession rather than the kick and chase style game that often emerges at this young age. The boys were superb and tried to play to teammates, improve their awareness of positional movement and stay patient as a team with the ball. The dominance of the way the boys performed didn't quite transfer into convincing wins on the scoreboard; in our two games we saw two draws.



The level of enthusiasm and commitment was a pleasure to see and with Jesse's composure on the ball, Freddie sweeping up at the back and Liam making some key saves for the team, we had a lot of control. The first game ended in a 2-2 draw. Isaac scored a 'worldy' of a goal after chesting down a loose ball and striking into the top corner with his left foot, the next objective is maybe to look slightly less surprised for the photographers! Game 2 closed with a 1-1 draw as Micky opted to play up front and scored with his first shot.

The scoreline is always important for the players but, with regards to their long-term development, the style of play today shows these players are in a good place.

Mr Phil Holmes

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Under 9 Football v Ghyll Royd U9B v Moorlands A - Won



In a 7-a-side match played over four quarters, all members of the largely year 3 squad had the opportunity to gain valuable game time. The first quarter ended 0-0, but the game soon came to life with goals at both ends. The players demonstrated excellent work rate, moving intelligently off the ball in attack and tracking back in defence, showing great bravery in the tackle.

In the third and fourth quarters, Gateways pulled away, securing a comfortable victory. The team's sharp finishing and outstanding team play proved to be the difference. A fantastic effort from all players, showcasing their hard work and determination!

Mr Tom Davidson