

Sports Report w/c 17th March 2025

Friday 14th March 2025 Under 11A Football v Ghyll Royd



The A team headed off to Ghyll Royd for our fixture this week. We were two players down so the boys had to put a shift in with no subs. It was a fast start to the game, end-to-end football and both teams had good chances. A few good through balls from Jai led to chances for Gabe and Henry, but a strong opposition kept them at bay. Some fantastic defending from Mikael and Oli kept Ghyll Royd out. The deadlock was broken by Gabe with a fantastic effort. Ghyll Royd kept applying the pressure and some outstanding saves from Mohammed kept them out, however, some great skill from their attack saw the game draw level. Great link ups between Don and Jai kept the pressure on Ghyll Royd and finally our Upper 2 duo of Henry and George produced a goal to take us to 2-1 up, 5 minutes from the end! We held on for a well-deserved 2-1 win. A fantastic effort from all 8 players.

Mr Matt Chandler

Friday 14th March 2025 Under 11B Football v Moorfield

The B team



The B team had a very tough match against a strong Moorfield team. Most of their team were a year above our team which made it difficult to compete physically. However, this did not prevent Gateways from putting in as much effort as possible from the first whistle.

There was some noticeable defensive work on display from Harrison and Henry. Oliver and Albie shared goalkeeping responsibilities and made some fantastic saves. Oliver even made a fantastic penalty save.

There was a great goal from Harrison, but unfortunately the year gap was noticeable, and Gateways lost 10-1. However, it was a good chance for our year 5 boys to challenge themselves against strong opposition in preparation for next year.

Mr Charlie Grasby

Friday 14th March 2025 Under 11 Netball v Ghyll Royd



The girls travelled to Ghyll Royd for a netball fixture, which had to be adapted due to a last-minute team change. With a smaller pitch, the players had to quickly adjust their game.

Right from the first quarter, Gateways came out strong. Harper and Sophia were outstanding, sinking multiple shots, while Talia and Freya delivered precise, well-timed passes into the compact shooting circle. Their dominance was clear as they finished the first sixth with a commanding 6-0 lead.

Gateways maintained their momentum, securing a 5-0 victory in the second sixth, followed by a solid 2-0 win in the third. However, Ghyll Royd began to find their rhythm, gaining confidence and control. The fourth sixth was a closely fought battle, ending in a 1-1 draw.

In the penultimate game, Ghyll Royd stepped up their play, delivering an impressive performance to take a 2-0 win. But in the final game, Gateways fought back, securing a well-earned 2-1 victory.

A fantastic effort from all the girls!

Miss Jade Preston & Mrs Hannah Nichol

Friday 14th March 2025 Under 11 Netball v Moorfield



This was a wonderful chance to give our young players more game time, both against the travelling Moorfield and then ourselves, as we put three teams out on Friday afternoon.

It was always going to be a huge challenge, the visitors being entirely year 6 and also having 4 tall, fast players, positioned at either end of the court. This provided a stern test for our girls as Moorfield dominated passes in the air and moved well to create scoring chances.

The extra year of netball was evident as our girls were slow to pick up their opposing player and understand that moving towards the ball leaves 'their' player free. As the afternoon progressed, so did our game play. Olivia S, being one of our only three year 6 players, found space and created time to make passing options. Zara continued her netball development with a typical athletic display and increased technical style whilst Gabi defended with intelligence. From our cast of year 5s, the standout player was Abigail; tenacious in defence and smart in her positioning, whilst Bea F flew around the centre court with her usual vibrancy and determination.

Moorfield were too strong on the day, but it was a wonderful exercise for our young team and they have seen a lot of play to emulate and take to Harrogate next week.

Mr Phil Holmes

Tuesday 18th March 2025 Under 9 Netball v Highfield



28 girls travelled to Highfield for a fantastic afternoon of netball fixtures in the sun. All 4 teams worked incredibly hard to come away with a win in their final netball match of the term. The girls have made lots of progress and can now adapt between positions and know where they can and can't go.

The A team, made up of 7 Lower 2 girls, won their match 9-2. From the very first whistle, the girls were passing and moving in space which made it hard for the opposition to keep up. Speed has been one of the main factors to this team and the girls have started to recognise the importance of playing at speed so that they can get away from their opposition player and down the court quicker.

The B team also gained a 5-1 win. They grew as a team as the match progressed and started to look over what was in front of them and pass over a longer distance more accurately. This helped them to catch the opposition behind them which helped ensure the girls always had someone free to pass to in the attacking third. In defence, the girls worked hard to limit Highfield to only one goal which went in on the very last second of the match.

The C team came away with a fantastic 6-1 win. The girls worked hard to move the ball up and down the court with speed. With lots of movement, quick decisions and accurate passing, the girls were able to move the ball away from their opponents and super shooting from Isla and Elina took us to 6-0 before half time. The girls adapted brilliantly to position changes at half

time, and all played with determination and tenacity leading to many fantastic interceptions. With a last-minute goal from Highfield, it was an excellent win to finish their last game!

Gateways D Team put in a solid performance, winning 8-0. We started strongly with excellent shooting from Elodie setting the tone early on. Highfield struggled to match our pace, and we remained consistently strong throughout the game. The girls showed great adaptability in playing lots of different positions and are getting better at knowing where to be during centre passes and within designated thirds. Highfield's voted Ramaysa as player of the match, it was lovely to see a notable improvement in her concentration when playing centre.

Miss Beth Adamson, Miss Jade Preston & Mrs Hannah Nichol

Tuesday 18th March 2025

**Under 9 Football v Highfield
Played 3
Won 3**



The Gateways boys showed their supremacy with strong performances across all three pitches. We had discussed trying to retain possession, think about the best option rather than simply kicking the ball forwards and working hardest if you haven't got the ball in order to be a helpful teammate.

The A team really took to this task. There were some wonderful goals scored which involved four or five different players. Defensively we had Isaac playing with good positional sense in goals and Freddie and Liam covering ground at the back. This allowed us to attack from our own half as Sammy, Jesse and Micky moved with intelligence and gave Theo time and space

up front. By the end of the first round of matches, Gateways were instructed to only score one goal per person and therefore share out the goals and force a rotation of positions amongst the team.

Our B team followed a similar pattern. Some strong cross-field passes from Xavie allowed Joshua and Borna to exploit space amongst the Highfield defenders. Bentley and Rueben used their game awareness to good effect by defending stoutly and moving wide into space when we had retained possession. Alfie was magnificent in goal and made some quality saves thanks to his ability to narrow the angle and stay in good shape.

Such was the dominance, we were able to swap both teams around and allow our, largely year 3 boys, the chance to play Highfield's A team. We had restricted our teams to passing three times before being able to shoot and maintained one goal per player plus taking our A team down to 5 players against Highfield's 7 in a bid to make the afternoon more challenging for our players. Their maturity and acceptance of these conditions are illustrative of the progress the boys are making with regards to playing competitive sport and to see their movement of the ball around the pitch was hugely pleasing.

The C team were also in the ascendency from the start. With greater positional awareness and a stronger pass, our boys dominated the early part of play and this set the tone for the afternoon. Ethan A and Freddie N led the team well and was ably supported by the highly enthusiastic Virayn. As players rotated and allowed every single player to gain more game time experience, the pace never relented and Gateways ran out healthy winners. The most pleasing aspect was seeing the improvement in play and leadership from our year 4 members of the team.

Mr Phil Holmes & Mr Charlie Grasby