

## Sports Report w/c 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025  
Under 11 Football v Highfield



Highfield came to a windy Gateways this week and gave us three good games. We had two 7-a-side games and one 5-a-side game with no subs to maximise game time – which the boys loved! The A teams had the closest match with a narrow 3-2 victory for the cherry and blacks. Highfield had a lot of chances but player-of-the-match, Muhammed made some fantastic saves. His distribution on the ball was a real asset to the team also and led to many chances. As with last week, Oli controlled the game from the back and some good link-up from the forwards gave Gateways enough chances to control the scoreline.



The B and C teams showed dominating victories for Gateways. On the B team pitch, the score may have been 6-0 to Gateways, but Highfield made it a much tighter affair. The blues created good chances, but some fantastic defending kept them at bay. The B team used the width of the pitch well and got some good crosses in to create goalscoring opportunities. Equally, some well-paced through balls from midfield with clinical finishing led to a good game for the home side.

The C team started with a closely contested game, with end-to-end football. However, once Gateways scored their first, this opened the floodgates. With the Highfield manager praising Albie's goal as the best of the game. Gateways showed a lot of skill on the smaller 5-a-side pitch and were able to control the game with precise passes and good off-the-ball movement.

A very successful afternoon all round - well played boys!

Mr Matt Chandler and Mr Charlie Grasby

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All Upper 2 and Lower 3 girls had a quick change at lunch time and off they went to Highfield ready for their final netball fixture of the term.

After a short walk, the A and B teams were ready to play. The A team were far too strong for their opposition and came away 26-0 winners. For the first half of the game, the girls played in their normal positions and worked on throwing the ball long into Sophia as she was always free under the post. Quite often, the girls were able to convert their centre pass in 2 passes before scoring.

In the second half of the game, the girls enjoyed more freedom and having the opportunity to play out of position. Although everyone had changed, the girls managed to limit the oppositions shooting opportunities however, Gateways continued to score more goals. Overall, it was fantastic to see how far these girls had come in their netball journey through the Prep School and we look forward to seeing them as a team in High School.

The B team had a much tougher game that went goal for goal with the final score finishing 7-7. It was hard work throughout for the girls but as the game progressed, they started to spread across the court and move the ball quicker which helped stop the opposition getting their hands on the ball. Bronte was unstoppable in defence and constantly turned over ball and put pressure on the opposition attack. Millie found her rhythm in the shooting circle and started to get more confident from shooting further away. The girls worked brilliantly as a team and constantly supported each other and followed the leadership and encouragement from Freya.

The C team were up against a team who had mixed up their development players alongside established club players. This meant we were under a lot of pressure with the ball as their experience rushed our decision making and movement; the huge positive was seeing our Gateways team stand up to this and gradually learn to move into space faster and close down opposing players by being tight in our marking.

With a rotation of players and positions in each quarter the aim, from a coaching perspective, is to have girls who begin to expand their game awareness and feel comfortable on any part of the court. We can specialise as they physically mature. To this end our girls were fantastic, always willing to grab a bib and get going, once they've asked where they are allowed to move! And it gave Sophia a chance to excel at Centre as well as Elina and Grace beginning to use their physical presence in defence. It was debutant, Estelle, who stole the show as she became a huge thorn in the side of her opposite number with some exceptional defensive awareness.



Miss Jade Preston, Mr Phil Holmes and Mrs Hannah Nichol



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In the bright afternoon sunshine, the boys took part in a fiercely contested House event which saw close results and a lot of goals scored. The hotly fancied Newby didn't disappoint as they managed to score first in 3 of their 4 matches and then held together defensively to nullify many of the threats offered by their opponents.

Harewood had their chances to really push for the title but failed to convert pressure into goals; sometimes guilty of players going for glory rather than work as a team and supply a player in a better position. However they had enough in reserve to claim second place.

Beningbrough may consider themselves slightly hard done to, matching both houses in their style of play and possession, only to concede through minor mistakes or have their own, goal bound shots, saved on the line.

A huge amount of fun for all concerned and a fitting way to sign off a busy football season.

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It was fantastic to watch the girls compete in house netball to conclude the season. They demonstrated excellent movement, accurate passing, and strong defensive play, working together as a team to ensure every house was well represented in the battle for the House Netball title.

Harewood set the tone early with dominant performances in the first round, securing a 7-0 win against Newby and a 7-3 victory over Beningbrough. In the second round Newby picked up the pace and managed to score more goals. Beningbrough worked the ball through the court but just couldn't capitalise.

After some great contests, Harewood emerged as the overall winners. Well done to all the players on a brilliant season!

Miss Jade Preston