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## SPORTS REPORT

26 May 2023

### S2 and S3 Rounders Tournament, Ryde School, Tuesday 23 May

#### Team:

S2: Georgiana, Bluebell, Daisy, Jessica

S3: Finlay, Hannah, Lydia (C), Joe, Eleanor, Ethan

**Result:** 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 6 (won 3 out of 5 games)

**Report:** On Tuesday 23 May, a group of S2 and S3 pupils attended a rounders tournament at Ryde School. This is the first rounders tournament of the year, and with little practice (due to athletics fixtures) the team exceeded all expectations.

We faced Cowes in the first match, and the team used this game to familiarise themselves with the rules and tactics of rounders, as well bonding as a unit. The team managed to field all nine Cowes players out with balls to spare, eventually winning the game 4-2. A special mention must go to Lydia for catching a player out on first base.

For game two we faced Ryde School. We made a strong start with our batting, but strong fielding by Ryde held us to 2.5 rounders. Despite strong batting of Ryde, the team managed to field out several players and Ryde only managed to score 4 rounders. This was a very good game. Bluebell was the star in this game, being thrown in at the deep end as backstop and performing incredibly well in this position for the remainder of our games.

Our third game was against Medina College, and the team really played to their strengths in this game. Ethan bowled consistently well, whilst Hannah, Finlay, Georgiana and Eleanor worked together as outfielders to stop balls and return them to the bowler. Jess, Daisy, Lydia and Joe worked well on the bases to stump players out and communicate where the ball needed to go, and Bluebell coordinated affairs from the backstop position. This game showed a great improvement from the first two and Priory took the win. Game 4 was really where the team showed how much they had learnt in the previous games, with a 12-1 win. Priory fielded first and consistently put The Bay under pressure, only letting two of the team score half rounders. Jess and Daisy worked well to stop the ball, even catching balls to get opposition players out. Joe, Ethan and Finlay showed their strongest batting in this game, with Joe and Ethan scoring a full rounder from all of their bats. To cap things off, there was great communication between team members during this game.

Our final game against Christ the King was a tough one, and despite our previous strong work it was clear the team were tiring. CTK had very strong batters who managed to slip past our fielders. Priory didn't let this dishearten them and everyone showed great perseverance, losing only 3.5 rounders to 0.5.

Overall, the team should be very proud of themselves. Many members of the team had played little to no rounders before, and the team had never competed together. Thanks to Lydia for stepping up as captain and to Georgiana, Bluebell, Jess and Daisy for stepping up last minute for an S3 fixture. Well done team!

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### **Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Girls 6-a-side Football Festival, Smallbrook Stadium, Friday 26 May**

#### **Team:**

Y3: Neave, Ava, Beatrice, Evie

Y4: Libby, Ruby, Pandora

Y5: Georgia

Y6: Lauren, Alicia, Lexie, Bonnie, Evie, Florence,

**Result:** Year 3 and 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> place Year 5 and 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Report:** On the last day of Easter Term, Priory fielded two teams in the Island Girls' 6-a-side Football Festival. Our Year 3 and 4 team came up against 4 other schools who all played each other once, while our Year 5 and 6 team were placed in a group with 3 other schools. In total there were 4 of these groups making 12 Year 5 and 6 teams altogether.

Year 3 and 4 started off extremely well winning their first two games 2-0 and 1-0. Goals came from Neave, and she was supported well by Evie and Ava in midfield. Our defence of Beatrice, Ruby and Pandora remained robust throughout all games. Libby is normally a defender, but this time stepped up bravely to play in goal and she did a fantastic job. The Year 3 and 4 team lost their last 3 games 1-0 and had many chances to equalise. They should be proud of themselves for the way that they performed, especially as most teams consisted mainly of Year 4 players.

Year 5 and 6 found it hard to find their rhythm at first due to the short nature of each game; they were only 6 minutes long. Their first two games were 0-0 draws against Newport and Nettlestone, followed by a 1-0 win against Broadlea. The two draws and win meant Priory won their group and advanced to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals they played Ryde School and won by a convincing margin, 3-1. Two of these goals were free kicks, executed exceptionally well by Alicia. Once again, the team found themselves in a final. A shaky start saw Gatten and Lake score two goals in quick succession, and despite a goal from one of Alicia's goal kicks, the team could not find the equaliser and thus lost 2-1 in the final. The team have been outstanding this year and should be proud of what they have achieved.

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This week's Sports Star Awards are given with great sadness as our 3 stars are moving on from Priory School. We are going to miss them all a great deal.

**Senior Sports Star Awards go to Edward Bartram and Georgiana Bartram, and the Junior Sports Star Award goes to Beatrice Bartram.** All 3 Bartrams have represented the school in various sports, including rugby, hockey, football, netball and athletics, and several more between them. Edward will be an asset to any school's rugby team and Georgiana is a wonderfully talented athlete, particularly on the track. Beatrice has been a most valuable player in several junior sports and always keep us entertained in PE lessons! This is but a small glimpse of what this family have done for Priory School and the Sports Department is very sorry to them go. Good luck as you move on, Bartram family. Please keep in touch.

Mr B, Miss Boynton and Miss Mildenhall