



SPORTS REPORT

17 November 2023

S3 and S4 Girls – Netball Match (v Ryde Academy & The Bay) – Ryde Academy – Wed 15 November

Teams:

(S3) Bluebell, Caris, Neve, Daisy, Lola, Jess, Millie

(S4) Hannah, Lydia, Amy, Eleanor, Mai, Laura

Score:

S3 V Ryde A: 9-0

S3 V The Bay: 7-3

S4 V Ryde A: 5-2

S4 V The Bay: 5-2

Report: Priory took two teams to a Netball Tournament at Ryde Academy on Wednesday 15 November. The team were nervous going in, with the S3 team missing two key defensive players and the S4 team only having six players.

Firstly, the S3 team played Ryde Academy. The start of the game can only be described as crazy; both teams were making poor passes, playing too fast and not playing to their strengths. After the first few minutes, Priory calmed down and started to play a more controlled game of netball. The attack dominated this game, with Jess as centre, moving the ball fluently down the court and always offering a pass to her teammates. Caris played WA, moving around the attacking third and passing controlled and accurate balls into the shooting circle. Daisy played GS, moving around the circle and had numerous successful attempts at shooting. Lola was the star of the show for this game, scoring seven out of nine of the goals. The opposition worked hard but Priory put up a fight and managed to successfully move around the defenders, resulting in a 9-0 win.

Secondly, the S4 girls played Ryde Academy. The game started and Ryde Academy worked hard to get the ball down the court, but our defence were ready. Eleanor played WD, marking the WA tightly and intercepting numerous balls. Amy worked hard as GD against a very tall GA, constantly intercepting the ball and forcing mistakes from the opposition. Hannah played GK, putting pressure on the GS to constantly move as Hannah intercepted numerous balls. A really great defensive effort in this game. The attack held strong and managed to push through to five goals, resulting in a 5-2 win.

Up next, our S3 team played The Bay. The Bay started off strong, moving the ball down to their end of the court multiple times. This was no match for Priory's defence; Bluebell worked hard as WD, intercepting balls and helping move them up the court. Millie played GD and put the GA under constant pressure to move, however Millie kept up and managed to turn the ball over into Priory's possession multiple times. Neve stepped in last minute for this fixture and made a great impact as GK; she worked hard to defend in the shooting circle. The attack held up strong, resulting in a 7-2 win to Priory - three wins and one game to go!

Finally, our S4 team played the Bay. The pressure was on this game, could Priory come away with all four wins? This game was down to the attack. Laura played WA, moving into space and offering great support to her teammates. Mai was in GA, and with great confidence Mai used every opportunity she could to shoot. Lydia was in the shooting circle as GS and played incredibly well to move the ball around to take as many shooting opportunities as they could. Incredible teamwork from these three girls, who have not had much experience in playing together. The defence kept the pressure on and Priory succeeded, the Game ended 5-2, Priory win four out of four!



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What an incredible achievement to win all 4 netball matches, the teams should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Players of the match:

S3: Lola Shaw - Incredible shooting, with 14 successful goals and a comment from the opposition 'Her shooting is just amazing!'

S4: Lydia Holt - Lydia has only started playing shooter very recently and is a very talented shooter as displayed in these games.

S3+4: Jess Smith - Jess played centre for both the S3 and S4 teams, she showed incredible determination and was a clear factor in both teams' success.

Well done all.

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Y5 and Y6 Boys – Football Match (home game v Arreton Primary School) – Thursday 16 November (held at Queensgate Artificial Turf)

Team: (Y5) Archie, Asanka (Y6) Marley, Joe, Rufus, Ted, Edinburgh (C), Huxley (GK)

Report: This was our home fixture for the junior football team, but due to the rain refusing to give us a break, we moved the fixture up to the Queensgate artificial pitch and slightly altered the team to play a 6-a-side game, as this is what the pitch is designed for.

We began the game strong; the boys had learned a lot from the last game and put themselves into a good formation. Priory immediately pushed forward, forcing Arreton to defend from the whistle. The first 5 minutes was end to end play with some excellent passing from our boys moving through the Arreton defence. Arreton would then counter and push back against our defence. The first break came from Arreton as they pushed against an attack from Edinburgh and Rufus, countering our movement and putting the ball in the back of our net, just sneaking past Huxley. The Priory boys did not allow this to dishearten them, they regrouped and pushed once again. A blast from the Arreton number 7 from some distance flew past our defence and goalkeeper in a shot that an adult keeper would have struggled to stop. Priory were a little shocked by this and Arreton pushed us into our own half from the kickoff. But a nice tackle and move involving Ted and Marley moved the ball to Archie, who cleared the ball back to the Arreton half, onto the feet of Rufus who worked past the defence and a lovely strike into the back of the net. 2-1 and half time. As the Arreton team kicked off again, the number 7 began showing his true skill and caused us all kinds of problems everywhere on the field. He took on most of our team alone and put the ball past Huxley for 3-1. This rattled our boys and their attention on him saw gaps open elsewhere. Another 2 goals in quick succession for Arreton dented our confidence and the game finished 8-1 to the opposition. Now our first half is where the focus will be for Priory, we played some good football and all our players showed they are learning their roles on the pitch well. For the second half we need to remember not to panic if there is a situation that we feel we cannot handle and keep our heads, concentrating on how we can play well.

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Y5/Y6 Girls – Football Match (home game v Godshill Primary School) – Friday 17 November (cancelled)

S4 and S5 Girls – County Netball Tournament – Seaclose Netball Courts – Friday 17 November

Team:

(S4) Hannah, Lydia, Amy, Eleanor, Francesca

(S5) Maya (C), Amelia, Charlotte

Report: On Friday evening our S4 and S5 girls took part in the Island County Netball Round of the England Schools Competition against Ryde School and Cowes Enterprise College at Seaclose Courts. Our first game was against Ryde School. We started the game off strongly, putting pressure on the opposition and forcing them into several uncharacteristic mistakes. Francesca saw a lot of the ball, picking out accurate passes to both Amelia and Maya who worked tirelessly to find space against their opposing players, who both had a clear physical advantage with their superior height. In defence, Amy, Charlotte, Eleanor and Hannah worked brilliantly together to restrict the space available to the opposition to receive the ball. Lydia, playing as GS, ensured she constantly kept their GK busy by moving around the shooting circle and was extremely unlucky to constantly hit the rim of the basket when shooting, luck just wasn't on our side today.



Our second game was against Cowes. The game began evenly with both teams showing some nerves with some frantic play. Soon the game settled, and both teams got into their stride. Cowes were the first to get on the scoreboard taking a quick lead in the game. After a few encouraging words and tactical regroup at the break, the girls came out fighting. Amelia combined beautifully with Maya and Lydia, dictating play around the outside of the shooting circle to provide us with the shooting opportunities we deserved. Maya produced two beautifully composed shots to get us on the scoreboard and narrow the Cowes lead. Our defensive players used their physical presence to make quick interceptions and turnover the ball. The game ended in a narrow loss, however the netball that the girls produced was lovely to see.

A special mention also to Amelia B who gave up her time to come along to be our scorekeeper and support the team.

The continued improvement from last week was remarkable and each member of the team should be extremely proud of themselves for how they played, they were a credit to the school. Well done girls!

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Sports Stars of the Week

It has been another wet week underfoot, but thankfully not wet enough to stop us in PE and Games.

On Monday, the field resembled a lake, so basketball was the sport of choice.

On Tuesday, we made use of the artificial turf at Queensgate for rugby skills and a touch-rugby game for the boys, while the girls remained at school to prepare for the next netball fixture.

By Wednesday, the field had dried out, so it was rugby at school for the older seniors, once again practicing skills and formation, so non-contact games all afternoon for the boys. Most of the girls had gone over to Ryde Academy for their netball fixture, with the remainder staying behind to practice for next time.

On Thursday, KS1 continued with throwing and catching lessons, while the older juniors worked on their rugby ball handling skills. The junior boys football team played a 6-a-side fixture against Arreton at the Queensgate artificial turf.

On Friday, it was basketball again for PE, as the rain had once again taken the field out of action. On Friday evening, we had a county netball fixture at Seaclose.

Please see reports for more information on our fixtures this week. Let's hope for less rain and a drier field this coming week!

As far as the Sports Department can remember, we have a first in our **Sports Stars** this week. Our first pair of siblings are the sports stars for the Junior and Senior School. **Junior Sports Star is Ted Steventon** and **Senior Sports Star is Stan Steventon**. Both boys have joined Priory and immediately got involved in our sports. Ted has been in our junior football squad for both our fixtures, putting in a great shift in defense. He works hard in PE and is improving his skills each week. Stan has been pushing his fitness work hard the last few weeks and absolutely smashed the circuit on Tuesday. He has shown huge improvement in rugby and is fast becoming a great player. Very well done to the Steventon boys!

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