



SPORTS REPORT

22 March 2024

Y5 and Y6 Girls – Football Tournament – Cowes Enterprise College – Monday 18 March

Team:

(Y5) Libby, Seren, Ruby, Pandora
(Y6) Isla, Evie, Felicity, Georgia (C)

Result: 4th out of 8 teams

Report:

Game 1 v Lanesend B

Our first game of the tournament and we started strong. The team were ready and showed their practice was paying off. We dominated the possession, but struggled with the ball when it was in our attacking half. Georgia controlled her team, coaching them on, pushing the ball towards the goal and after a little bit of a fight, Evie scored, resulting in a 1-0 win.

Game 2 v Queensgate B

The team were still on a high after their win in the first game and were ready to play again. This time, Evie understood the need to stay high, allowing any balls that were passed up the pitch to be tapped into goal. Queensgate had a strong keeper, but after a few attempts Evie fired the ball in. A convincing 1-0 win to Priory.

Game 3 v Lanesend A

Next up, Priory faced Lanesend A, a very well-trained team who displayed great teamwork. Priory fought really hard in this game. Libby saved a strong penalty and several other shots. Isla worked super hard in defence playing the ball out of defence and keeping the pressure on the opposition. Unfortunately, Lanesend managed to break through and score, an unlucky 1-0 loss.

Game 4 v Barton B

Next up, we played Barton B. A very strong team who had clearly had lots of practice together. Our defence worked really hard in this game, Seren and Panda switched in for defence, tracking the ball and clearing it up the pitch at any opportunity, great work from both the girls. Priory had a few shots on goal, but unfortunately Barton's keeper was able to save them. After a very even game, it ended in a 0-0 draw.

Game 5 v Barton A

Next up, we faced Barton A. Another tough team with some very experienced players. Priory stood their ground, pushing through their defence and having multiple shots on goal. Ruby was by far our strongest player on the pitch for this game, she tracked the ball and kicked it back up the pitch towards their goal many times. Unfortunately, Barton managed to score a great goal from near the halfway line, resulting in a 1-0 loss.

Game 6 v St Blasius



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Our second to last game was a tough one against St Blasius. The girls worked so hard throughout the game, with many great tackles made. Libby saved numerous goals during the match, but just after halfway through the game, she was injured with a shot on goal (which she saved!) Unfortunately, this meant we lost our keeper and Felicity had to step in. This was another hard fight from the girls, but the disruption within our team meant St Blasius were able to breakthrough and score. A very unlucky 1-0 loss.

Game 7 v Hunnyhill

Our final game was against Hunnyhill. Felicity was the star player, stepping up to play goalkeeper, despite her lack of experience. The team worked really hard and had many shots on goal. The defence was really strong in this game, and Felicity made some great saves. Hunnyhill managed to score with 30 seconds to spare, an unfortunate and undeserved 1-0 loss for the team.

There was tremendous improvement within the team as the afternoon progressed. The girls worked really hard as a team, and it was great to see their development. No team managed to put more than 1 goal past the team, and even when they did score, the team did not give up. Great resilience and progression within this team throughout the afternoon.

Player of the match:

Libby Cottrell: It goes without saying, Libby is a fantastic goalkeeper for her age. She saved a strong penalty in one game and even tried to carry on after having a ball to her face. Great work Libby, keep it up!

Miss Mildenhall





S1 and S2 Boys – Basketball Tournament – Medina College – Tuesday 19 March

Team:

(S1) Cameron, Leo, Ollie
(S2) Will, Stanley, Toby

Report:

Game 1 v Carisbrooke

The team started the first game strong, working hard in defence where Tom used his height to stop multiple shots. Cameron stayed upfront, receiving any passes forward to create opportunities for shots. Stanley helped support in attack but took an unfortunate injury within the first game which took him out of the rest of the tournament. Will worked hard to mark Carisbrooke shooters but ultimately, they managed to push past and score. A great fight from the team but an unfortunate 2-0 loss.

Game 2 v The Bay

The team were ready to fight in the second game against the Bay. Cameron scored very quickly giving us a head start. Leo worked really hard in this game and made lots of interceptions. Despite having numerous attempts, we were unsuccessful in scoring another basket. Despite the hard work from Toby and Tom in defence, The Bay scored ending the game on a 2-2 draw; time for a shootout to decide the winner. Tom stepped up and just missed the shot. The Bay were successful in their shot, meaning Priory lost game 2.

Game 3 v CTK

Another tough but well fought game for Priory. The team worked really hard in defence within this game, making multiple interceptions. Tom used his height to this advantage, blocking any shooting opportunities from the opposition. Leo made a fantastic shot, which skimmed around the rim 3 times and popped back out, how frustrating! The game ended 0-0, another penalty shootout. Luck was not on our side, and we missed both our opportunities; CTK win.

Game 4 v Ryde School 8-0 loss

Our final game was a tough one; we were up against Ryde School. The team managed to hold off any shots for the first 2 minutes and worked really hard to push the ball up the court. Cameron and Ollie both made great movements up the court and tried very hard to score. Despite the great play from Priory, Ryde won the game 8-0.

Some good play from the team, who were able to work together and improve throughout the afternoon. Some unfortunate results, but it leaves the team with areas to work on for future tournaments.

Miss Mildenhall



S3 and S4 and S5 Boys – Handball Match – Christ the King College – Wednesday 20 March

Team:

(S3) Raymond, Henry, Austin H, Brogan, Toby, Victor, Dougie
(S4) Finlay (S5) Joshua

Result: CTK 39 – 30 Priory

Report:

A great game played by all. Incredibly fast back and forth from both teams, with Priory only being edged out by game play experience. We have been working hard to develop handball throughout the senior school, and this group have been top of the class in our Games sessions.

Priory came into the game confident in their ability and understanding of the game. We scored from our very first attack, which boosted the boys even further, and immediately defended the CTK turnover. A great start.

As I've mentioned previously, handball is a fast game. Players are constantly sprinting up and down the court, as one of the boys put it, 'it's like doing a 25-minute bleep test', and this results in goals being scored at an impressive rate. Goals were constantly taken back and forth from each team, even with top class defending from both sides. Team Priory were passing well, hitting goals, working the turnover to defend and generally playing like an experienced side. The one thing we have not been able to practice is a full game, each half is 25 minutes. Even with our team being made up of experienced football, rugby, basketball and cricket players, nothing compares to the brutal constant sprint of a handball game and by the 15-minute mark, Team Priory faded with the pace. We lost our defensive line and allowed silly mistakes to creep in. CTK took advantage and a lead of 7 goals quickly appeared. Thankfully a second wind from a great Raymond attack spurred the boys back to life. Our pace increased again, and our defending returned to a good level.

At half time, the CTK lead remained at 7 goals. Drinks and team talk. Goalkeeper Brogan was disheartened that he had allowed so many goals, but this was due to him not realising just how high a scoring game handball is. Centre back Henry gave some great coaching points to the team, and we were encouraged back to confidence.

We needed to use the wing more in the second half and take advantage of the older boys, Joshua and Finley, on the outside. Due to our restrictions in training at school, and the narrow 5 a side pitches at the Queensgate astro turf, we tend to develop the habit of playing only down the middle of the court. When it comes to fixtures, we really have to think to push out to the wing. Thankfully this is something we did very well from the whistle and team Priory quickly closed the gap in goals. Toby, Dougie and Victor were doing a great job in keeping the set defensive line in place and the height of Toby really saved us against one CTK player trying to constantly go over the top. The pace remained high in the second half and Brogan had to deal with goal attempts being fired at him with every attack. The CTK keeper had the same from us, as Raymond used his great basketball skills to dribble the ball to a fast attack. Austin was working hard to defend the ball and made some good turnovers to the wing to Joshua, pushing forwards to create opportunities. The goals were still creeping up, but the lead was small. But we had a few minutes of fatigue. Our defensive line broke down and we were not attacking quickly enough to work through CTK's own



defensive line. CTK took advantage and increased their lead once again. Finley encouraged the team and Henry, who had subbed off, was doing a great job coaching on the sideline. The boys boosted the team, and we found our third (or fourth?!) wind. The final 5 minutes were played at the pace of the first 5 and we gained ground. The final whistle and a final score of 39 goals to CTK against Team Priory's 30.

Not bad at all. The boys should be very proud of themselves; they worked hard, took on board all of the training from the last few weeks, and now truly understand the game. The speed of the game was first rate, and it is just lack of full game time experience that allowed CTK to push slightly ahead of us today.

I would usually pick a player of the match to conclude, but I do not honestly think it would be fair on this team to pick just one player. They all deserve recognition for just how hard they have worked to get to this point, and all played impressively.

CTK are keen to play regular fixtures, and I can see this becoming a fantastic sporting rivalry. A really good afternoon's work. Well done boys.

Mr Byrne





Y5 and Y6 Boys – Football Match – Lanesend Primary School – Thursday 21 March

Team:

(Y5) Archie

(Y6) Sidney, Marley, Joseph, Rufus, Theo, Edinburgh, Huxley (C),

Result: 12-1 loss

Report:

An unfortunate loss for our U11 football team in this fixture. Despite going into the game with a positive attitude, the boys could not get control of the game.

Huxley was captain for this game and communicated well to his team. He instructed them where to stand and how to move around the pitch. Huxley made some great saves towards the end of the game despite the opposition's strong shooters.

This was Sidney's first fixture for Priory, and he worked hard in defence. He made some great tackles and tried really hard to stop Lanesend progressing up the pitch.

Rufus played midfield but ended up running up and down the pitch with the play to support his team. He worked very hard, making some great plays of the ball into our attacking half but unfortunately no one was there to follow up the ball. Theo, like Rufus also worked hard in midfield, again playing the ball up to our attacking half. Theo's football ability has improved greatly, and he became more confident in his tackles during the game.

Edinburgh was playing upfront, controlling the game. Unfortunately, he became caught up in defending and did not stay high enough to take a shot, a good effort from Edinburgh but it was not his day. Marley played in defence, putting pressure on the opposition and turning the ball around to our attackers.

Joe was also in defence, working hard to stop the opposition's attack with some great clearance of the ball. Finally, Archie was a striker, holding his position upfront and moving around the defence, resulting in our goal.

It was a really unfortunate score for the team; when they listened to each other, they worked well as a team and progressed the ball up the pitch. The opposition had a few strong players, who clearly had lots of football experience and the team let this get to their heads, feeling the pressure.

The team have come away from the fixture with points to work on to be better prepared for next season.

Miss Mildenhall



Y4 Girls – Football Match – Lanesend Primary School – Thursday 21 March

Team: (Y4) Neave, Bea, Harriet, Lovella, Autumn (GK), Evie

Report:

An away friendly for our girls' team against Lanesend Primary. We arrived at a small 5 aside pitch, which the girls knew would play into their hands. This team has paid attention to the detail of formation within a football team and like to play as such. A small pitch means that as we move up with the game, our defenders and midfield are still within touching distance of the forward players. They stay as a tight unit, working their positions and trying to move within certain areas.

The kickoff immediately showed our girls' intentions of playing this way. Harriet and Lovella standing fast at the back, Bea and Evie in midfield and Neave pushing ahead up front. The strong hands of Autumn in goal, and a smaller goal than she is used to in training, means these girls are ready to take it to any team. And they certainly did that here. Evie and Bea picked apart the first attack, getting the ball to Neave who took the ball to the wing and back into the centre with ease. She was already running circles around the opposition. A good initial save from the Lanesend keeper denied Neave, but a poor clearance away from her area and Team Priory attacked once again. Neave powered through the back line and powered a shot into goal. 1-0 Priory. Lanesend kicked off and they tried to take it to wing, avoiding the skillful Neave. But a good tackle from Evie and a cross from Bea took the ball back to Neave's feet and she once again dribbled the ball around every tackle attempt. A shot and slightly wide. Keeper's ball and a good kick to the halfway line, another good tackle from Evie and back to Neave. She charged at Lanesend and sent a rocket into the back of the net. 2-0 Priory. From kick off there was a lot of movement of the ball, a few Lanesend dads



turned up and spurred on the girls. But no matter what they tried they could not make it to goal. Harriet and Lovella put in some great work defending the back line, and the midfield of Evie and Bea took the ball back to Neave at every chance. Another goal from Neave and a hat trick to finish the first half.

The second half and more of the same. Good attacking and defending from Team Priory. Another goal from Neave and she was hungry for a second hat trick. Lanesend dads had huddled some of the girls and they changed the way they played. A stronger attack, and a good shot at Autumn, but she stood strong. Another attack from Team Priory, but some good defending sent the ball back to our half. A determined midfield player ran at our goal and a great shot flew into the back of the net. 4-1. Our girls were not happy Lanesend had managed to break them down and a good attack resulted in another Neave goal. 5-1. The girls on both teams began to get tired and a few scrappy minutes meant another Lanesend goal. 5-2. Team Priory woke back up and defended everything that came our way. Some good attacks, but no more strikes landed on goal. The final whistle and strong 5-2 win for the Team Priory girls.

A really good match. These girls played well because they listened to their instructions. They took on board all coaching points and put them into action. A few weeks ago, we spent a good 30 minutes with a white board discussing how to play the game on a rainy games lesson. They remembered every detail and played exactly as we had discussed. A good strong junior girls' team. Hopefully we can get a few more friendly games in during the summer term.

Well done girls.

Mr Byrne





Sports Report:

Another full week of fixtures for Team Priory, and almost a full week of no rain.

Monday began with PE for the S2 group training for their basketball fixture. The boys' team struggled a little with using the space on court, so we used the lesson to put them up against the very good girls' netball team. We took away the ability to dribble so they would focus purely on position and space. The girls did a great job making them work before we moved onto dribbling skills and game set up. When S3 came out for PE, Miss Mildenhall and I had to travel to Cowes for a junior girls' football tournament, so Miss Mulligan gave them a choice of sports. They chose to play Danish longball, a game that is proving very popular throughout the school.

Tuesday had the wet day of the week again, the poor S1 and S2 groups seem to always be the ones getting wet. The boys left for their basketball fixture and the remaining group split into training for an upcoming netball fixture and a game of hand hockey on the field. As the rain soaked into the field, we switched the hand hockey to make a start on the summer's cricket training on the playground with some fielding work.

Wednesday gave the KS1 class their final indoor apparatus of the school year (well we hope so, a nice summer please!) and the seniors walked up to the astro for a handball tournament to finish their term off. We also saw a team of S3/S4/S5 boys travel over to CTK for a handball fixture.

Thursday was a long day for the PE Department. The morning began taking GCSE pupils over to the track at Sandown for practical exam filming. We worked on sprinting drills, starting drills and crossing the line technique. We filmed races and then moved on to javelin training. Again, filming various drills and techniques for the throw. We travelled back to school in time for lunch break and into afternoon lessons. KS1 were out first for a ball game lesson, then a fixture for the Year 3/4 girls' team and the Year 5/6 boys' team at Lanesend. The remaining juniors stayed at school for various ball games and skills.

After school the PE Department, joined by Mr Lloyd, Mrs White and our Sports Captain, Joshua Byrne, attended the Island Sports Awards at Medina. This is an event to showcase the wide range of talent across various sports all over the Island. Priory was fortunate enough to be nominated in both the Primary School category and Senior School category for 'Outstanding Sporting Achievement'. The evening is for all finalists, so we were up against other schools for the final decision and award on the night. Unfortunately, this time we did not come away as overall winners, but it is a great testament to the effort all our pupils put into their sport that we, as a small school, can stand against the big schools who tend to have more children in one year group than we do in the entire school. We work very hard as coaches to push our teams, and it can be very difficult as Priory pupils have to be adept at a variety of sports and play against teams who solely focus on that one sport. We are very proud of all our teams, some we win, some we lose. But we always play with pride, determination and skill. The PE Department thanks you all for your hard work that got us into the finals on the night.

Friday meant the final lesson of the term for the PE groups, and we decided a fun day would be a good reward for the hard work put in this term. We played Danish longball, football rounders and some basketball games to round off a busy week.



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On Monday this week, sports captain Joshua was talking with the PE staff about the previous week's fixtures. 'We were talking about the netball game last week and I was very impressed to hear how hard **Lauren G (Year 6)** had worked. I would like to name her my **Sports Captains Player of the Week.**'

As it is the end of term, we now move to the Sports Stars of the Term. Both of these pupils have played in various sports and worked hard in training to achieve high standards. **Junior Sports Star of the Term, Libby (Year 5)**, has played in football and netball numerous times this term. She is the strongest goalkeeper we have seen in junior school football and is not scared to make the hardest of saves. Libby has earned the title of junior girls' captain for football and works just as hard in netball. She is committed in lessons and gives her all to anything we play.

Senior Sports Star of the Term is Stan (S2). Stan works hard in all lessons and improved his running skill hugely over the term. He is determined to better himself and applied this across all sports – basketball, rugby, hockey and cross country, where Stan qualified for and ran in the Hampshire team. Stan will only get better with his positive attitude, and we look forward to his athletics season!

A rewarding week for the PE Department. Thank you all for working hard and achieving great things.

We have some requests please. If you have any old football boots (all sizes) and/or shin pads laying around at home that could be donated to the school, please see me. We always need spares to cover any forgotten kit. They don't need to be perfect, just usable!

And juniors please return any of the school's football kit you may have at home.

Thank you.

Have a good weekend, and we will see the lower seniors for the last few lessons next week.

Mr Byrne





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