



SPORTS REPORT

29 September 2023

I would like to begin this week's Sports Report with a lovely write up of the Junior Girls Tag Rugby from Mr Woodward.

Y5/Y6 Girls – TAG Rugby Tournament – Ryde School – Friday 29 September

Team: (Y5) Elizabeth, Seren, Ruby, Pandora (Y6) Evie, Lyra, Felicity, Ann, Georgia

Report: Our first game was against Binstead. We were a little shy in how we started, and they had two very fast strong runners who roughed us up early on and scored two quick tries. Fortunately, Felicity reacted with determination and bravery and gave them some of their own medicine, creating a great opportunity which we just missed. Libby then linked with Panda giving Evie a try scoring pass to make it 2-1. Unfortunately, both sides made a few errors in attack. However, we became defensively impenetrable, and the game finished 2-1 to them.

In the second game, we met Bembridge. They were very good and had it not been for our stoic defence from the whole team, a 4-0 loss could have been substantially more. This was a great performance by the girls even though they were disappointed with the loss.

In game three, we played Carisbrooke. This was a really even match and both sides produced some excellent rugby. It was end to end stuff with Ruby, Evie and Ann all scoring. The score was 3-3 and this was in my opinion the best game off the day. The girls' teamwork and support for each other were amazing and every try we scored in this game was a team try. Throughout the day there were some super individual performances but these 3 were my best tries of the day.

Moving on to game four, we met Brighstone. This was very one sided in our favour and we scored six tries to their one. Our running and defence were excellent, and also worthy of note was our sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see, especially as we were much stronger. Led by Evie and Ruby, our girls started sticking the opposition tags back on their belts to help them.

It was Broadlea in game five. The girls really started to express themselves and played some creative and flowing rugby. Lyra and Seren both scored tries in this match and all the girls had a positive impact on a very good win, 4-1 to Priory.

Game six against Hunnyhill was a very tight game. In this game the girls really got their aeroplane wings going well and all of our runners, particularly Felicity, attacked from depth. Evie scored two excellent tries taking her tally for the day to five. Hunnyhill were strong out wide and had it not been for some great defence from Libby, Anna and Georgia we would have lost the game. Ruby ran in another try showing her excellent running lines and polished off a good day for her with her 3rd score. Priory win 5-4.

This was an excellent afternoon from the Priory girls. Well done everyone.





Y5/Y6 Mixed – TAG Rugby Tournament – Ryde School – Friday 29 September

Team: (Y5) Archie (C), Joseph (Y6) Evie, Rufus, Felicity, Ted, Georgia, Edinburgh, Huxley,

Report: Friday saw the second consecutive day of tag rugby for our Y5/6 team as we travelled to Ryde School for a inter school tournament against Greenmount, Ryde School, Binstead and Haylands. Each game was ten minutes with two-minute breaks in between.

Game 1: vs Haylands

Haylands got off to a quick start scoring a try within the first 30 seconds. Even after this quick setback the team showed resilience to hit back through a brilliant try from Archie who weaved in and out of the defenders to carry the ball over the try line.

Player of the match: Evie Benton - For harrying the defence of Haylands and showing endless bundles of energy to advance the ball up the pitch.

Game 2: vs Ryde School A

This was a closely fought game with some beautiful rugby showcased. Through Felicity's perseverance and constant want to drive forward through the defence line, she managed to score two tries to put us on the score board.

Player of the match: Archie Henley - For his persistent willingness to run down the sides of the pitch and tagging of the opposition players.

Game 3: vs Ryde School B

Moving onto a different pitch we were tasked with facing Ryde School again. This game was equally close fought with many lung busting runs through the defensive lines to score. We had two new scorers on the board, with Evie's perseverance being rewarded with a try and Rufus's lovely run down the right side of the pitch also resulting in a try. Again, Felicity scored another try.

Game 4: vs Binstead B

We got off to a quick lead through Felicity once again. Binstead hit back twice to take a 2 - 1 lead. Through great defence and attacking resolve, both teams took the scoreline to 3 -3. With 30 seconds to go, we had the ball in the middle of the pitch setting up our final attack at Binstead, however, due to an unfortunate knock on and subsequent pick up by a Binstead player they managed to hit us on the counter and steal the victory in the final ten seconds giving us no time to respond. An unfortunate loss.

Player of the match: Felicity - Her defensive work ensuring the opposition didn't get near our try line.

Game 5: vs Binstead A

This was a high scoring game with Georgia crafting two opportunities for herself to score tries. Again, Archie also picked up a try and we saw a new scorer in Huxley, who combined well with his teammates to carry the ball over the try line.

Player of the match: Georgia for two exquisitely crafted tries

Game 6: vs Greenmount B

Another game and another different pitch. This time we were playing up hill, nevertheless this did not stop our endeavour to keep scoring. Huxley once again got on the score sheet and a beautiful combination with Archie resulted in Edinburgh scoring his first try of the day.

Player of the match: Archie was a constant tyrant for the opposition, tagging at any available opportunity, ensuring the opposition couldn't advance up the pitch.

Game 7: vs Greenmount A

Our final game of the tournament after a hard fought tournament in hot conditions was upon us. We didn't get off to the best start and were quickly 2-0 down due to some fantastic wing play by one of Greenmount's players. However, our heads did not drop and we put on a valiant display with Huxley, Edinburgh and Archie getting their names on the scoresheet and ensuring that the game ended with a respectable 6-3 loss.



Player of the match: Joseph Grugeon fought through tiredness and a knock to put on a brilliant defensive display, tagging players left, right and centre.

The whole team should be incredibly proud of their display in very hot conditions and constant play.

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Sports Stars of the Week

Every week in PE, the Seniors alternate between the mile run (seniors) and the multi-level fitness test, also known as the 'bleep test'. The Juniors run a half mile. This week we ran the mile/half mile and a 'very well done' goes to pretty much the entire school. Best times were equaled or beaten in every class, showing the entire school is getting fitter every week. If you would like to see the times and levels of our fitness work, they are displayed along the Senior School Corridor.

Our first full fixture week of the term has been a good one, some matches with results going our way and some with lessons taken away for next time. The week began with preparation for netball fixtures in Senior PE lessons with the boys providing opposition for the girls to practice on. The boys did well with the rules and the girls didn't beat them too easily. The first netball fixture was on Tuesday (report below), with those not involved staying behind for rugby and basketball practice.

Wednesday comprised rugby and hockey for senior boys and girls respectively. With one of the school minibuses out of action, the rugby took place on the School Field and not the Polish Field. This allowed for extra training, which can only mean one thing – a Mr Byrne special strength and conditioning fitness session! The boys worked very hard, and all enjoyed the extra work.

Junior fixtures finished the week (report also below) with extra rugby practice on Thursday. Friday's PE lessons were used for hand hockey. Hand hockey is a preparatory game for rugby, teaching players how to handle the ball and move into space without the worry of contact or rugby rules, which can be confusing for the younger years.

The **Junior Sports Star** this week is **Lauren Grace**. Lauren always pushes herself in PE and Games. This week has been no exception and Lauren worked particularly hard in the tag rugby practice. She used space incredibly well, took some very well-timed tags and scored four excellent tries. Her ball handling skills were great and her passing was quick and precise. Impressive work from Lauren.

Senior Sports Star goes to **Indi Cohen-Bird**. Indi is a super netballer. She leads the team by example in PE and Games, and on the court in fixtures. Details of her performance can be found in the netball report, but an outstanding display rightly gives Indi the Sports Star award.

S1 Girls – Netball Match – The Bay C of E School – Tuesday 26 September

Team: (S1) Katy, Lauren (GD), Indi (GS), Lexi (C), Bonnie (WA), Poppy (WD), Evie (GK), Florence (GS)

Result: 15-1 win

Report: As this was the first time the S1 girls were taking part in a Senior School netball game, nerves were understandable. These nerves quickly disappeared when the game began, with the girls making an instant impact on the score line to take an early lead in the game.

Lexi controlled the game in the center of the court working hard to find spaces to turn any defence into attack. Evie and Lauren dominated their opponents in defence ensuring the opposition were limited to a handful of chances. Katy played amazingly, helping the team both in the attacking phase and defensive phase, finding space in the wide positions and marking tightly to ensure the turnover of possession.

In attack, Bonnie and Poppy did a fantastic job in utilising the sides of the court and supplying our two attacking threats in Indi and Florence. To say Indi and Florence dominated the opposition defence would be



an understatement. With Florence working hard in the shooting circle, she helped provide Indi with chance after chance, amounting to Indi scoring a fabulous total of 15, with the final score a whopping 15 -1. All of the girls should be absolutely delighted with their performances and the skills they showcased, representing the school in the best possible way.

Player of the match – Indi Cohen-Bird. Indi put on a shooting masterclass, scoring 15 goals and it could have been more!

Miss Mulligan

S2 Girls – Netball Match – The Bay C of E School – Tuesday 26 September

Team: (S2) Adelyn, Elsa, Bella, Delphina, Alicia (S1), Melaina, Lilly, Eliza (C), Emma,

Result: 10-5 loss

Report: The S2 girls were prepared and ready, starting with a positive attitude ready to give it their all. Priory started strong, making precise and purposeful passes with Eliza working hard as Centre. Lilly, Adelyn, Eliza and Elsa worked hard to feed the ball into the shooting circle, where Emma was patiently waiting for the ball. Unfortunately, the very tall opposition defence made life difficult, intercepting and winning the ball back.

Delphi and Melaina worked hard in turns as Wing Defence to obstruct and block their opponent. Alicia played well as Goal Defence, intercepting and disrupting successive attacks. Bella stood firm as Goalkeeper, marking the Goal Shooter who was almost a foot taller than her! Bella and Alicia worked hard in the opposing shooting circle to defend the goal and managed to block several shots.

The score was fairly even for the first half of the game, with Priory scoring, quickly followed by The Bay. Emma attempted a wonderful shot from the edge of the shooting circle and popped it into the net perfectly. Lilly supported Emma in the shooting circle, with both getting shots on target.

The Bay started to pull away during the second half of the game, using their height advantage to pass the ball over our players. Despite this, Priory never gave up and pushed themselves to keep in touch. There were many great intercepts made by Priory, and the control of the passes improved greatly throughout the game.

Each player should be incredibly proud of their attitude and performance. The team got stronger as the game progressed, with some of the team playing competitive netball for the first time. The game did not feel like a loss and all of the girls left with their heads held high, and deservedly so.

A special mention goes to Alicia Feather for playing for the Year above.

Player of the match – Bella Chiverton. Bella marked a player almost a foot taller than her and never gave up, she pushed herself to her limit and was very impressive. Miss Mildenhall.



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