



SPORTS REPORT

2 February 2024

S1 and S2 Boys – Rugby Match – The Island Free School – Tuesday 30 January

Team: (S1) Aubrey, Cameron, Leo, Sam N-N, Sam R, Rowan, Ollie
(S2) Tom, Will, Isaac, Stan, Toby, Josh

Report:

GAME 1

As expected, TIFS were out in force to avenge their defeat the week before. Quite naturally our boys wanted to play down the middle, route one, after the success they had with Joshua and Tom last Tuesday. Credit to TIFS, they countered this from the start, putting both of our boys on the grass before they could reach terminal velocity. Although we had discussed pre match playing a wider game, three early tries from the opposition made it hard for the boys to adjust. However, led by Ollie and some great play outside from Will and Sam, we managed to open up their defence. This resulted in a quality try from Stan on the left wing; he is a gifted player, and although he hurt his knee scoring, a quick ice pack and was back on like a flash, demonstrating great commitment to his team! Tom our (MVP of the day) was awesome in attack and in defence. He was so committed in one tackle that he knocked Sam Russell over as well. Play was good and from a rugby perspective, it was some of the best breakdown rugby we have played and shows how well the boys are developing. A special mention must go to Samuel N-N for his first fixture and credit to him for fitting into the team really easily and showing skills and bravery when he was on the pitch. Tom and Josh scored a couple of tries to level us up. Sadly, a few of the boys were struggling with fitness, which meant we were leaving holes in our defence. They capitalised on these opportunities and scored some easy tries taking the score to 7-3. Aubrey and Tom with Ollie linked up well putting Tom in for a try and then Joshua stormed over to make it 7-5 to TIFS at the final whistle. A fair result but also a very good game to watch.

GAME 2

A strong team talk and a thought process of getting the ball wide, but mostly working as a flat line, seemed to do the trick. We started well with a fantastic run from Leo, who showed balance and genuine pace, as he danced round a number of players. Unfortunately, our passing let us down and we didn't score. They broke and a bit of timidity cost us the first try. To his credit, Joshua bounced back well and scored a good try after a lovely off load from Ollie. Then the golden duo, Sam and Will, out wide broke from our 22 and Sam outpaced the winger resulting in an excellent try. Cam and Rowan battled hard in the midfield and to their credit they threw everything they had to close TIFS down. Unfortunately, they scored 2 quick tries making the score 3-2 TIFS. This is where Tom really earns his most valuable player award. He was dynamic, scoring a lovely try, showing real awareness around and hitting gaps at pace. Josh followed suit with his second wind and started to show his skills, not just as a battering ram but a player who 'gets' rugby and sees lines. The final try went to Ollie, who as he did last week, showed he has true skills. A great win at 5-3.

Another wonderful day and a real learning curve for these boys. Will and Sam deserve an additional mention for maximising everything they do. Their attitude is faultless as is their positivity. We have a number of fixtures after half term and I'm excited about what rugby they can produce.

Mr Woodward



S4 and S5 Boys – Handball Match – CTK College – Wednesday 31 January

Team: (S4) Finlay, Joe, Ethan, Tom, Taylor
(S5) Joe, Joshua, Adam, Caelen, Wilf,

Report:

The first official handball fixture for Priory School against a very experienced Christ the King team.

The CTK team are a practiced and well-oiled machine and provided us with a really tough game, straight from the whistle.

Team Priory have been working hard to learn the game and took their positions well. Handball is a fast, high scoring game and goals for each team came immediately. We worked hard to press forward and kept the game in their half, but CTK know how to turn the ball over and attack quickly. Priory tried to get quick goals, but the CTK defensive line was strong and quick turnovers were our enemy throughout the game. We showed great game play passing down the wings with Caelan and Joshua setting up Wilf in the pivot position. (Pivot is similar to a forward in football.) Wilf had countless shots on goal, but an experienced CTK goalkeeper worked hard and we were shooting too high at goal; the aim in handball is a jump and to shoot downwards towards goal. This is something we have trained, but we just lack using the skill in a competitive setting.

Our lack of match practice was the only issue we had throughout the game. The boys should be very proud of themselves, they did exactly what was asked of them. The passing was exceptional, positioning was great pushing forwards; we need a little more practice in how to defend a full pace game but that will come with match experience and Adam in goal should be proud of his efforts.

Joe A, Joe K, Ethan, Tom, Finley and Taylor worked hard at the back as rotating subs and should in no way let the score reflect their efforts. The final score was 33-11 to CTK, but with the high scoring nature of the game I would equate this to something like 3-1 in football, which, for a first time outing against an experienced team, is very respectable.

With lessons learned from this game, we look forward to playing again!

Mr Byrne





Y5 and Y6 Mixed – Football Match – Godshill Primary – Thursday 1 February

Team: (Y5) Libby (GK), Ruby, Archie
(Y6) Marley, Joe, Felicity, Georgia, Edinburgh, Huxley (GK)

Report:

Something different this week for the sports report. Rufus Hallam (Year 6) was due to play in this fixture but picked up an injury the day before. He was very much looking forward to playing, but instead wrote a report of the action from the sideline. The following is from Rufus:

It is meant to be a mixed game, but Godshill have turned up with an all-boys team, which may pose a threat to Priory. Warming up, it looks like Godshill have good precision with their passes, but Priory aren't doing bad with theirs.

Kick off and it's already a throw in against Priory, they pass to a player and the ball has been dribbled into our half. They are putting the pressure on, they go for the shot but miss. Huxley passes to Joe with the goal kick and Joe boots it up the pitch. Unluckily it goes out and it's a throw-in to Godshill. With that throw-in their player dribbles the ball but gets tackled and gives us a foul. It's a Priory free kick. The kick is intercepted by a Godshill player, who takes a shot and scores. The score is 1-0 to Godshill. Godshill intercept our kick off immediately, but Priory tackles and we are back in control. We are pressured out and it's a throw-in. They take the throw, a nice bit of dribbling into the goalie's box and they score another goal. The score is 2:0.

Another kick off, but Edinburgh gets tackled by Godshill, they kick it out and Marley takes the throw-in. Marley passes back to Edinburgh, he makes a run up the field but is tackled. Godshill are now passing up the pitch, a nice tackle and the ball is out, it's a corner. A beautiful save by Huxley. He passes to Felicity who starts to dribble up, some good footwork, but a tackle from Godshill, they shoot but it goes over. Huxley takes a goal kick, Marley collects the ball and kicks it up, but a Godshill player takes control, Felicity tackles and knocks it out.

Half Time.

Priory discuss tactics, while Godshill practice passing.

Godshill kick off, and Priory are ready. Godshill get pressured out and it's a throw-in to Priory. Godshill intercept, dribble up and score. The score is 3-0 to Godshill. Priory pass but get tackled again, they shoot but it goes over Huxley's crossbar. Goal kick but Godshill tackle Joe, shoot and score. It's 4-0. Huxley takes the goal kick, Godshill try to tackle Archie, but end up booting it out, Priory throw-in. They intercept and shoot but miss. Libby is now in goal. She passes to Edinburgh, who dribbles up the pitch and passes to Archie, who scores a rocket, it's now 4-1. Kick off, Ruby tackles a player but sadly kicks it out, it's a throw-in. Joe intercepts and passes to Eddie who gets the foul, it's a free kick. Edinburgh takes it and scores, it's now 4-2. A corner to Godshill but Ruby deflects and it's a goal kick. Libby passes to Marley but he couldn't control it and the ball goes out, throw-in but before they could take it, it's full time.



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Thank you to Rufus for his detailed report. Priory played really well in this game, we were expecting a mixed team, but Godshill came over with a full experienced boys' team. We worked hard to counter their play and rotated our keepers constantly between Libby, our girls' team keeper and Huxley, our boys' team keeper. The Priory team did not allow the Godshill boys' experience to intimidate them, and the result was a very even sided game. Godshill just had one slightly stronger forward, who managed to break through a few times.

Players of the match Joe G and Ruby.

Mr Byrne (and Rufus!)



Y5 and Y6 Mixed – Sports Hall Athletics – Ryde School – Friday 2 February

Team: (Y5) Seren, Ruby, Archie, Asanka, Joseph
(Y6) Evie, Felicity, Theo, Ann, Georgia, Edinburgh, Huxley

Report:

On Friday, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in an indoor athletics fixture at Ryde School. Each pupil took part in 1 field event and 2 track events.

We started with the field events. First up was ball toss, where Felicity and Archie were tasked with seeing how far they could throw the ball against their competitors; both pupils put great effort into this event. Next, Ann and Edinburgh stepped up for a 'soft' javelin throw; both pupils demonstrated a good technique for this event. Standing vertical jump was next, where Ruby and Huxley showcased their practice within lessons and were able to gain a good number of points for the team. Joseph and Evie were up next on speed bounce, where both put in an impressive performance and demonstrated all their practice for this fixture. Standing long jump followed, where Asanka and Seren demonstrated the correct technique and displayed a great understanding of the event. Finally, for the field events, Georgia and Theo competed in one of the most complicated events, the triple jump. Priory team put in a great effort in the field events and came out with their head held high ready for the track.



There were multiple relays for the track, including 1 lap, 4 lap and 6 lap paarlauf. Credit must be given to all the pupils on this fixture, as most had never used a turning board before and all had to use one whilst competing in the running events. All the pupils competed in 2 running events and were able to demonstrate great effort in these.

Although, as a team, we did not place in this fixture, the pupils did incredibly well in each event, especially since they had only trained outside for this indoor event. Each pupil should be very proud of the role they played in this fixture.

Miss Mildenhall



Sports Report

A really busy week for Team Priory with a lot of preparation, fixtures and lessons.

We began on Monday in S2 PE with boys playing basketball and the girls field hockey. Some good skills from both groups, with the girls particularly developing their teamwork and game preparation. It was S3 later in the afternoon, and we decided to keep the heavier footed (older) seniors off the field to save the ground for our fixture later in the week. A very competitive lesson of outdoor bench ball with tennis balls developed their throwing and catching skills, as well as marking and blocking skills.

On Tuesday the first fixture of the week saw most of the S1 and S2 boys at a rugby fixture. The remaining boys and girls stayed at school and did cross country. I marked out a track around the very edges of the school grounds. They ran for 30 minutes, and the group displayed heart and determination to complete the



task in readiness for our cross-country fixture next week. We then split into 2 groups. We have a netball match coming up soon, so the team took to the court to work on skills, while the boys and rest of the girls once again played field hockey, working on passing and close stick control.

Wednesday morning had the Key Stage 1 group continuing to work on their throwing and catching skills, remembering to use their 'butterfly' technique. In the afternoon the seniors walked up to the artificial turf for touch rugby work while the handball team travelled over to CTK for the first Priory handball fixture. Please see the report.

A busy Thursday began with the S4 and S5 GCSE pupils leaving school first thing to spend the morning filming for their practical work at the Sandown athletics track. We began the session with warm up laps and stretching, before the first event of the morning, the 400m. Racing and filming complete and we moved on to the 300m. While I was setting the pupils up, Island discuss athlete Nick Percy came to the track to train. He offered to hang around after his session and give some professional athlete advice to our javelin throwers. It was very much appreciated by the GCSE boys and they learned a great deal from listening to his experienced advice. Filming complete for the morning and time to head back to school, a big thank you to The Bay Academy for allowing us to use the track during school hours and thank you to Nick for the help.



Back at school, the KS1 group continued ball handling lessons, working on how to use power in controlling the distance of a throw. They also worked on accuracy with targets set out at varying distances. Later in the afternoon the older juniors began warming up for the football fixture and then skills practice in preparation for the match. We were joined by Godshill Primary for our home fixture. Please see the attached report for match details. The match was during school time and our Priory Sports Captain, Joshua B, was watching on.

“A really well played match for the home boys and girls. I was very impressed with the defensive line; I saw the left back putting his foot in several times and making great tackles.”

Joe G is the Priory Sports Captain Player of the week.

Friday was all about the sports hall athletics for Year 5 and 6. PE was used as a final technique session before we travelled over to Ryde school for the event itself. Please see the report.

Junior Sports Star this week goes to Ruby H. Ruby was in the football team on Thursday and the athletics team on Friday. On Thursday Ruby was the bravest player on the pitch, she took the ball to the face at point blank range in trying to prevent a goal and then later in the match took a rocket of shot to the



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stomach, once again in defending the goal. Both times Ruby bravely got up and played on, continuing to work hard. She was great with her feet and made some beautiful tackles to stop the Godshill attack. Then on Friday she represented the school in athletics, working just as hard as Thursday and impressing with her sprint ability. A great week for Ruby.

Senior Sports Star goes to Beatrice W. In field hockey, Beatrice worked hard on her skills. She listened to all points given to her to improve and implemented them in the game very well. Beatrice's stick skills have improved hugely in the last few lessons and her passing skills were excellent this week. Beatrice also worked very hard on her running during our cross-country training. She impressed with her running pace for the entire 30 minutes and completed the session excellently. Great work from Beatrice.

Another busy week coming up before the half term break!

Can I please remind everyone that studs must be in school for every PE and Games lesson, thank you.

Mr Byrne