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## SPORTS REPORT

9 February 2024

### S1 Girls – Netball Match – Ryde School – Tuesday 6 February

**Team:** (S1) Lauren, Indi, Alicia (C), Lexi, Violet, Bonnie, Evie, Poppy, Florence

**Report:**

Priory's U12 netball team travelled to Ryde School for a friendly match in preparation for their upcoming tournament. Score: 12 - 4 to Ryde.

In defence, Lauren started as goalkeeper, where she was able to use her height to her advantage and reach up and intercept passes from the opposition. Lauren showed great game understanding and was able to gain possession for the team many times. Violet switched into goalkeeper at half time, where she was also able to demonstrate great understanding of the game and marked her player tightly, forcing the opposition to make mistakes. Alicia played goal defence where she used her excellent jumping skills to intercept many balls and was able to read the other players' movements and predict where the ball would be passed. She has clearly improved in her netball skills greatly, especially being able to follow the footwork rule during game play. Finally for defence, Evie played wing defence. Evie's confidence within a game has improved greatly, she was able to display lots of movement and a much greater understanding of the game.

Moving onto attack, Lexi played centre, where she was able to control the game and played calm and controlled netball. Lexi was playing against a very skilled player from Ryde and was still able to hold her own, with lots of movement and game control. Poppy played wing attack, where she was able to feed fast and controlled balls to the shooters, as well as demonstrate a new technique she has learnt in Games about supporting around the shooting circle. Indi played her usual position of GA, where she was able to demonstrate a large range of movement and receive multiple balls over the opposition defence. Indi worked well with her fellow attackers to move the ball around the goal third in order to create shooting opportunities. Finally, Bonnie played goal shooter. Bonnie's confidence improved greatly throughout the game, and she was able to move away from her defenders, creating space to receive a pass and shoot from.

Overall, the team greatly improved throughout the game, particularly with their communication. It has been a while since the team had played a netball fixture, so they took a short amount of time to get used to playing again. We look forward to more practice in preparation for the team's Hampshire tournament after their success just before Christmas.

Player of the match: Lauren Ayres - Lauren's defensive skills have greatly improved, and she demonstrates this well in the game. Keep it up Lauren!

Miss Mildenhall



## **Y5 and Y6 Mixed – Football Match – (home game v Wootton Primary) – Friday 9 February**

**Team:** (Y5) Libby, Ruby, Archie, Asanka (C)  
(Y6) Isla, Marley, Joseph, Rufus, Felicity, Theo, Georgia, Edinburgh, Huxley

### **Report:**

Last Friday saw the final fixture before half term with a team of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils taking part in a football fixture against Wootton. Whether the game took place was touch and go, due to the bad weather we all endured in the previous 24 hours. However we decided to give it a go.

We started the game in a 3-3-1 formation with Joe and Marley sitting either side of Felicity in defence. Theo acted as our anchor in midfield with Archie and Edinburgh playing either side on the wings. As a lone centre forward, we had Rufus and in goal we had Huxley and Libby rotating.

The game started off cagey with the teams figuring each other out. Wootton's attacking play was impressive, however our defence stood strong and the team was brilliant in keeping its defensive shape. An unlucky ricochet saw Wootton take the lead. It was time to regroup and with a few tactical reminders, Rufus started to see the ball more. Huxley and Libby showered precise distribution to the flanks, however we were struggling to get the ball to advance further up the pitch. Both teams were very good at closing each other down and intercepting the ball, which resulted in Wootton converting two further chances. A brilliant clearance by Joe saw us increase the pressure and forcing their goalie into a mistake by him picking up the ball outside the area. Rufus stepped up for the free kick and whipped the ball across the goal, but unfortunately none of players could make strong enough contact despite their best efforts.

The half ended and it was time for a quick team talk and substitutions. The second half saw the introduction of Asanka, Isla, Georgia, and Ruby into the game. With the game restarting it took a few minutes for our team to settle, meaning Wootton scored their two early chances. As the half progressed, our team began to



put more pressure on the opposition players, allowing them minimal time on the ball and produced some counter attacking football with Marley's effort going marginally wide. With the ball back down the other end, a corner to Wootton saw us concede a penalty for handball. As their player stepped up to take the penalty, Huxley produced a phenomenal save with an outstretched dive to his left. Both sides continued to probe with Wootton looking like luck was on their side today with a goal from the halfway line. Our players heads did not drop and with determination we pushed on to try to grab a consolation goal. The final score was 8 - 0 Wootton.

The whole team should be extremely proud of themselves for their perseverance throughout the game. The improvement they showed since their last game is commendable and we look forward to our next game.

Player of the Match: Huxley for his brilliant penalty save.

Miss Mulligan



## Sports Report

A busy week ruined by the weather for the Sports Department. We had several fixtures postponed and our planned lessons were moved inside towards the end of the week. Hopefully the week of half term will bring clearer weather.

On Monday we began with more cross-country preparation, with the course marked out once again around the perimeter of the school grounds. The S2 and S3 groups ran very well and the team finished feeling confident for the cross-country run at CTK later in the week. After the Seniors finished, we had a slightly relaxed game of handball to wind down.

Tuesday had our first fixture of the week, with an away game of netball. The team prepared during our Games session, while the boys had their first full lesson playing field hockey. The group adapted well to the new style of play on the grass and after the netball team had finished preparation, the boys were joined by the S1/2 girls' hockey team. I say joined – but challenged would be a better word! The girls are a confident team and put the boys through their paces. The pupils have taken to the challenge of field hockey incredibly



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well and I am very proud of what they have achieved in a small space of time. Please see the netball match report for more details on the fixture.

On Wednesday the older Seniors walked up to the artificial turf for a rare chance to play football. We do not play much football in the Senior School but occasionally have a game at the end of a half term. They played a mini tournament of 5-minute matches, with 6 teams competing against each other. Good skills were evident and good fun was had by all.

The weather turned on us during Thursday resulting in the cross-country fixture for the Seniors and football fixture for the Juniors being postponed. This also meant the afternoon lessons were in the Hall. Key Stage 1 had a good apparatus-based lesson on Wednesday morning, so Thursday was back to ball skills. The older Juniors joined KS1 for the second part of the lesson to hear about and prepare for a visiting GB athlete. Junior school pupils should all have a sponsorship form to participate in a circuit training session led by Jessica Roper, a GB champion kickboxer, in March. More information on this to follow when we return to school. After KS1 group returned to class, the older Juniors also worked on ball skills before playing games that encourage jumping and movement in space.

Friday morning still had unkind weather so more indoor ball skills for PE before the afternoon cleared slightly to allow the afternoon PE lesson to move outside for interception and marking games on the playground. One game we played involved passing and blocking, and Priory Sports Captain Joshua Byrne was watching:

“I was very impressed by the skill of one player, he was moving around the area blocking the ball and marking excellently. I would like to name **Austin Roman** as the **Priory Sports Captain Player of the Week.**”

Our Junior mixed football fixture took place on a very wet and muddy field to finish the week. See the report for details.

The mixed football fixture produced a fantastic effort from our boy's team goalkeeper. Huxley Wight stepped up to face a penalty kick after a handball in our own area. He stood his ground firmly and made a truly impressive save. The opposition congratulated Huxley on just how good his save was, and the opposition coach singled him out at the end of the game to say once again just how great the save was.

**Huxley Wight** is our **Junior Sports Star of the Week.**

Our **Senior Sports Star of the Week** goes to **Violet Ogundiya** for her hard work and commitment in the netball fixture. Violet used space well, making some excellent passing moves and defending against opposition movement. Violet was also a great example to others, working very hard in the fitness portion of her PE lesson.

Very well done to Huxley and Violet this week.

Have a good half term everyone.

Mr Byrne