

Summary of Boys' and Girls' Games Spring Term 2007

GIRLS GAMES

Overall

Girls teams have done well this term:

Played:	21 matches
Won:	10
Drew:	1
Lost:	10

U9 Netball (KW) P4 W0 D1 L3 Goals: For **11** Against **20**

With just 7 x U9s, this was always going to be a challenging term's netball. Thanks to two U8s (Annie Henderson and Amy Strong) they were able to field teams for their 4 matches. After losing 5-0 in the first match against Akeley Wood, the team improved significantly in time for their second match against St. Hugh's, which they only lost narrowly 4-5. But, the most exciting match was their thrillingly close 6-6 draw against Swanbourne.

KW comments that 'the girls have thrived upon the challenge and made excellent progress throughout the term'.

Standards are awarded to: Laura Hope
Meg Dowthwaite

Most Improved Player: Emily Currie
Player of the Season: Meg Dowthwaite

U10 Netball (VT) P5 W3 D0 L2 Goals: For **33** Against **17**

Although the U10s had a triumphant start to the season with a 6-0 win over Beachborough we rapidly lost our confidence after playing at the Queen Anne's Caversham tournament. Here we came up against exceptionally good teams and we didn't win a single match. Never the less we soon recovered with a 10-0 win over Milton Keynes. Since then the U10s have been going from strength to strength. We have become fantastic markers with our defenders being particularly strong and adept at preventing the opposition from scoring. The attackers have become much better at supporting and trusting each other, and this coupled with lots of players thinking ahead has meant that we scored 40 goals overall and only conceded 17 during the season.

The definite highlight of the season was coming 2nd at the Swanbourne House Tournament where we were the smallest school attending that day.

Congratulations to all the girls for their hard work throughout the season. I have very much enjoyed coaching them and I know they will be even more successful next year.

Standards: Jemima Penfold
Lucy Potts
Chloe Ranson
Madeleine Rose
Purdy Sutcliffe
Sophie Hill
Hannah Fisher

Most Improved Player: Sophie Hill
Player of the Season: Hannah Fisher

Junior (U11) Netball P5 W3 D0 L2 Goals: For **41** Against **31**

The U 11's had a fine, winning season. From nervous beginnings they developed superb skills both as a team and individually, and by the end of the season were not only winning many of their matches, but were also strong enough to be able to 'lend' a few players to the U13/12s.

Junior Colours: Olivia Batchelor
Grace Debanks
Celine Rowley
Bethan Sennett
Isabel Taylor
Isabelle Masters
Camilla Hope

Most Improved Player: Isabelle Masters
Player of the Season: Camilla Hope

Senior Netball (JK) P7 W4 D0 L3 Goals: For **81** Against **63**

Mrs Kelly comments: "The girls have worked really hard this term and it has been a pleasure to coach them. They improved all round and, even though they have had mixed ages in their squad, players have intermixed very well indeed and proved to be very successful against much stronger opponents. She adds "Our strength this season has been in the defending circle producing great results in the matches played".

The Squad also played in three tournaments:

U12 Bloxham	P4 W4	1st
U13 Ashfold Invitation	P4 W2 L2	2 nd in group
IAPS U13 Regional	P6 W2 L4	4 th in group

Senior Half Colours: Rebecca Dale
Martha Foster
Chrystia Reynolds
Rachel Williams

Senior Full Colours: (R/A) Helen Adams
Molly Davison
Yemurai S-Gwatidzo

Most Improved Player: Rachel Williams
Player of the Season: Yemurai Soper-Gwatidzo

Girls' House Netball

The girls worked really hard preparing for their house matches which were only completed yesterday. Many of their matches were extremely close.

Overall Results were....

	Junior	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Overall</i>
3rd	Dragons	Gryphons	Gryphons
2nd	Lions	Lions	Lions
1st	Gryphons	Dragons	Dragons - winners

BOYS GAMES

Overall

Disappointing season losing far too many fixtures to rain, snow, waterlogged pitches and illness. I do congratulate all team players on remaining so upbeat despite this. Next year, with the Astroturf, we should have a far less affected soccer and hockey season.

On the Astro, I have excellent news. Earlier this week we signed the contract to build our astro and building work starts in just two weeks time and should be completed by the end of the summer term!

U9 Soccer (AJ)

Despite the fact that both their matches were rained off, the squad played with great enthusiasm and enjoyment throughout the term and put on a magnificent display in House Matches.

Standards: Ben Woollard
George Wood
Max Thompson

Most Improved Player: Joseph Debanks
Player of the Season: Max Thompson

Colts A & B Soccer (P 4 W 0 D L 3 Goals For: 1 Goals Against: 17)

Colts A (AB)

When they were able to play their only match, it was against an experienced Davenies side and they were beaten 2 - 0. However, Mr Bentley writes that "there were some good individual moments this season, but the lack of match practice meant that we were always one step behind".

Colts B (AD)

Colts B managed two fixtures, although with illness laying many key players low, they struggled somewhat being soundly beaten by both Davenies and the Josca's. Mr Downie comments however that "they gave, pretty much, their best with Charlie Davison proving to be a revelation in goal, and Charlie Parker never stopped running".

Colt's Colours: James Adams
Samuel Alexander
George Rush
Bradley Sharp
Edzai Soper-Gwatidzo
Charles Shipperley
Charlie Williams

Most Improved Player: Charles Shipperley
Player of the Season: Charlie Williams

2nd XI Soccer (DV) P 3 W 1 D 0 L 2 Goals for: 7 Goals against: 9

The Second XI proved to be unlikely heroes – particularly in the match against Akeley Wood where, after being 3 - 0 down at half-time, they came back to win 4 – 3. Darren Christie led the side well from between the posts and with great defensive work from Tom Miller at the back, and goals from Max Birden and Ollie Penfold up front, the Second XI did not let themselves or the school down.

1st XI Soccer (DV) P 4 W 1 D 1 L 2 Goals for: 10 Goals against: 14

Mr Venn comments: "After a heavy defeat by St Hugh's right at the start of the season, things looked up. Once our first goal was scored, we always looked capable of getting more in every game played – Will Millett and Toby Chilman combined very skilfully upfront, well-supported by Elliot Jones and Dominic Bradbrook-Taylor. Sean Rowley led the side well bringing strength and commitment to our midfield. Will Fulwood was the central plank of our defence and with the Fifth formers available next year, we should be able to more than hold our own. Indeed, it is a measure of our relative success this year that we beat Akeley Wood (5 – 3), drew away to Davenies (3 - 3) and finished as 'Runners up' in the Plate Trophy at the Davenies Tournament.

Half Colours awarded: Nicholas Paine
Kristian Wood
Dominic Bradbrook-Taylor
Simon Eastham
Elliot Jones
Peter Leslie
Nicholas Gonnella

Full Colours: Toby Chilman
Sean Rowley
William Fulwood
William Millett

Most Improved Player : Nicholas Gonnella
Player of the Season : William Millett

Soccer House Matches

Played this year at U8, U9, Colts and Game 1 level, there were lots of matches and the result could not have been closer.

	U8	U9	Colts	Senior	*Overall
3rd	Gryphons	Lions	Gryphons	Lions	Lions
2nd	Lions	Dragons	Lions	Dragons	Gryphons
1st	Dragons	Gryphons	Dragons	Gryphons	Dragons

*(With both Gryphons and Dragons both winning two of the age groups, but with Gryphons coming third and Dragons coming second in the other agegroups, the final result is)

Hockey House Matches

Played this year at U9, Colts and Game 1 level, there were lots of matches and the result could not have been closer

	U9	Colts	Senior	*Overall	
2nd=	Lions	Gryphons	Gryphons	3rd	Gryphons
2nd=	Gryphons	Lions	Dragons	2nd	Lions (on goal difference)
1st	Dragons	Dragons	Lions	Winners: Dragons	

The Wigan Run

Fortunately the weather improved for the Wigan Run and in almost perfect conditions for Cross-country running, massed ranks of apprehensive runner gathered at start line. It was great to see everyone who took part giving of their all, in particular I would like to congratulate William Higgins and Cory Flanagan. It was great too to see so many staff and parent supporters encouraging the runners.

Standards are awarded to those who, this year, reached the times at each age group as follows:-

Junior (16 mins)

Max Thompson	
Alex Leech	Third
Ben Munday	Second
Harry Thomas	Winner

Middle (20 mins)

Charlie Shipperley	
James Adams	Third
Jacques Tasker	Second
Samuel Alexander	Winner

Seniors (30 mins)

Tom Miller	
Oliver Penfold	
Sean Rowley	
Kristian Wood	
Rebecca Dale	Fastest girl
Elliot O'Brien	Third
Toby Chilman	Second
Elliot Jones	Winner (comprehensively 40 seconds ahead of the rest of the field)

Wigan Run House Competition results were:

	Junior	Middle	Senior	Overall	
3rd	Gryphons	Dragons	Dragons	336 points	Lions
2nd	Lions	Lions	Lions	315	Dragons
1st	Dragons	Gryphons	Gryphons	306	Gryphons