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U13 Netball

Won 3, Drew 1, Lost 5



Selection for the U13's netball team this year was tightly contested, with a plethora of talent competing for centre court positions. Most games saw at least 9 players taking part, joined towards the end of the season by Natalya Chapman who showed the most improvement over the two terms and earned herself a place in the IAPS squad in March. Our best result was the 25 - 5 win over Bodiam Manor School in December, and our worst result was losing to Ashdown House 29 - 10 just before the Lent Half-term. Our tightest game of the season was once again against St Andrews, resulting in a drawn match 8 - 8.

Christobel Edgar had an outstanding season at GD, making vital interceptions. Olivia Jeffes and Ginny MacLean (GKs) supporting her work at the defensive end of the court, and Charlotte Mursell supporting the defence from the wing. Charlotte's scholarship commitments meant she was unavailable for the IAPS Tournament and she was sorely missed on the day. Georgie Mair, Eliza Baker and Claudia Weston were reliably interchangeable for the centre court positions, and Molly Buchanan, Harriet Colderick and Sophie Petzal competed strongly for the shooting positions. The girls were very supportive of each other throughout the season showing good team spirit.

Eight matches were arranged for an U13 B team this year resulting in 3 wins and 5 losses. Their best performance being a 21- 3 win at Newlands. These arrangements enabled every girl in Year 8 to represent the school at netball.

Well played everyone, and I hope you will remember that, even on the coldest day, netball is about having FUN!



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U12 Netball
Played 8. Won 6 Drew 1 Lost 1



This was an extremely successful season for the U12 A team. With eight matches played the team lost just one in a close game against Holmewood House. Only two matches were scheduled for the Michaelmas term against Benenden and Ashdown House. The Ashdown House match was cancelled due to the weather, but the team began their season well with a 10 - 7 victory over Benenden. The Lent term saw weekly matches and the team played well as a unit with strong defensive play from Nell Maudslay and Poppy Smallwood, steady midcourt play from Catriona Flint, supported by Georgia Beattie or Hannah Boshier and sound attacking skills from Sophie Pugh and Frances Mavor. The team played every match to win and showed great determination to achieve this.

Sophie Pugh was voted team player of the season and her play was certainly of a very high standard in every game. She read play well and made terrific interceptions to regain possession for the team.

It was a shame that this strong A team could not go as a unit to the IAPS tournament as they would have stood a very good chance I will be expecting to hear that they win it next year good luck!

Louise Bateman





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U11 Netball



U11A



U11B

The squad showed great team spirit and enthusiasm throughout the season. Although the results were a little disappointing there was some determined defending by Rosie Nicolson, Alexandra McIntyre and Lucy Baker and energetic mid-court play by Harriette Blackstone and Marie Cotten Rhein while, in the circle, Beetle Gage, Eleanor Hazael and Louise Garner scored some excellent goals. Sophie Oulton also played.

U10 Netball

Played: 12 Won: 6 Lost: 5 Drew: 1



The U10s had a successful season and played with great enthusiasm. What they lacked in stature, they compensated for in teamwork and tenacity. Team members were Jenny Bolden, Lucy Blackstone, Lily Canetty-Clarke and Kirstin Mair in attack. Alice Reid, Kitty McGirr and Isobel Wingrad played in defence with Olivia Thompson and Imogen Bassett also regular team members. Thanks to all parents who came to support and helped with transport.

A. Cheevers



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IAPS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The U13 netball squad attended the annual IAPS Netball Tournament held at Roedean School, Brighton at the beginning of March. We played some very close and entertaining matches against Cranleigh, Junior Kings, Brighton College, Cottesmore, Great Walstead and Duke of Kent School. Cottesmore eventually coming to the fore and moving into the playoffs. The weather was a little kinder to us all this year, with the seafront winds moving the rain clouds on at great speed before they dropped on us! The days schedule proved to be exhausting, but a very happy squad of players and coaches returned to school the richer for the experience. Well done girls, you played some excellent netball during the day and some spectacular goals were scored in less than perfect conditions

Linda Callard

