

Girls' Hockey



1st XI

Played 7, Won 1, Drew 1, Lost 5

The 1st XI have continued to grow as a team this season, improving both their individual skills and their team work. It has been encouraging to see them play with greater confidence and determination, trying to implement the work we have been doing in our lessons and looking more structured as a team each week. The forward line, in particular, are realising the value of short passes to build up an effective attack and although they have not always been rewarded with actually scoring goals, they have been more forceful, putting greater pressure on the opposition and creating more opportunities for shots at goal. Annie Caffyn has been the top scorer of the season with great support from the very versatile Isobel Wingrad, Lily Canetty-Clarke and Dodie James, who all shared captaincy of the team. Goalkeeper, Rebecca Ingrouille made some terrific saves under pressure from strong opposition, sometimes at close quarters! Lily Hazael, Valeria Orozco, Romilly Ellis and Eliza Elliott have all improved in the midfield with Valeria showing great determination in both attack and defence. Kitty McGirr left at half term, leaving Harriet Green and Olivia Thompson to hold the fort at the back and both have improved the timing of their tackles and the clearing of the ball. Eleanor Judd played well and gained valuable experience in the match she played for the 1st XI this season. The team spirit and enthusiasm has grown throughout the season and I have enjoyed seeing and feeling the support for each other increase, both on and off the pitch. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the success of the 1st VII, comprising of a squad of ten players, reaching the final of the Plate competition at the East Grinstead Hockey tournament, receiving silver medals as runners-up.

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