

## **Girls Football Update**

The girls' football team played Stanhope at home in the Gedling Primary School's football league in tricky conditions and on a pitch that was still feeling the effects of the snow. But, although the game was the teams' first since October it didn't stop the team racing into a quick 3 - 0 lead through goals from Ciara, Nicole, and Neve. More good play was rewarded at the end of the first half as Vanessa grabbed a quick-fire double to make the half-time score 5 - 0 to Sacred Heart. The second half was played in much the same fashion with plenty of good attacking play and hard running but there were no further additions to the scoreline. Final Score: Sacred Heart 5 - Stanhope 0.

Following the convincing victory over Stanhope the girls travelled to Richard Bonnington full of confidence and asserted themselves on the game in the opening minutes forcing the home goalkeeper into a couple of good saves. Richard Bonnington then scored two goals in as many minutes captailising on the break after defending well from corners. Neve pulled a goal back before half-time and then saw the goalkeeper make an unbelievable reaction save to prevent an equalising goal. Neve was not to be denied for too long as she weaved through the defence to tie the game at half-time 2 - 2. The second half panned out much the same way with Sacred Heart having good chances to score and Richard Bonnington playing on the break. It was the latter tactic that prevailed with a long-range goal being scored after Matilda made a crucial interception in goal. The girls' piled forward in search of another equaliser but found the home goalkeeper and defence in fine form once again. Final Score: Richard Bonnington 3 - Sacred Heart 2.

The girls' have three fixtures left to play this season and have produced some excellent attacking football showing they are growing in confidence and maturing as a team! Well done girls!

## **Boys Football Update**

The boy's side were back in action on Thursday having had numerous events postponed over the past few weeks due to the weather. They played a league fixture at home against a good Netherfield side.

The boys got off to an unfortunate start going behind within the first 2 minutes of the game when Harvey's kick was charged down and the ball looped over him and dropped into the goal. The boys responded excellently though, and were soon level when Dorian scored a superb goal from distance. The boys pressed on and were having the better of the chances without managing to find the lead. However, following a long kick by Harvey, Dean anticipated the bounce best and latched on to it first slotting away well to put Sacred Heart into a 2-1 lead. Both Ryan and Sam were causing problems down both wings, while Kyran W and Cameron were keeping things controlled in defence. The boys deservedly found a 3<sup>rd</sup> goal just before half time when Dorian's corner was meant by a header from Dean that found the bottom corner.

After a few changes at half time, Sacred Heart were still adjusting and Netherfield started the stronger pulling a goal back early with a well taken finish. The boys weathered a storm after

this and slowly started to take control of the game again, with Dorian finding more of the ball. The 4<sup>th</sup> goal wasn't far in coming. Great work by Zachary on at half time found Dorian who was then able to slide a ball through for Dean to complete his hat-trick. Soon after this Dorian found space on the right and curled the ball in to make the score 5-2. In between, Seb had made 2 outstanding saves having gone in goal, with Harvey supporting Kyran W and Kyran L in shoring the defence up. Credit had to go to Netherfield who never gave up and got themselves back into the game pulling a goal back with around 5 minutes to go. This still wasn't the end though and Dorian completed his hat-trick matching Deans when a shot from distance squirmed underneath the keeper to make the score 6-3. Netherfield again found another goal though late in the game to complete the scoring at 6-4.

Huge credit to the boys who worked superbly together all night and their teamwork enabled them to continue to pressurise Netherfield. The boys remain challenging to win their division having won all their games, however a busy week after Easter is ahead.