

# OATLANDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Autumn Term – Sports Newsletter



*It has been a very busy start to the year with lots of weekly sports tournaments – we have had plenty of football teams out competing! Thank you so much to parents/carers who have come along to support and coach teams. We have also had a fun variety of after school clubs running this half term. Well done to the dancers who did a fantastic end of term performance with Harrogate District Dance Company! We have also had a successful Year 3/4 and 5/6 netball club, and Year 3/4 and 5/6 football club. At the netball and football clubs, we have been lucky enough to have some brilliant Sports Leaders from Harrogate Grammar's sixth form to do some coaching and officiating with the children too. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year. - Miss Bakes*

### Y5/6 Girls' Netball Tournament – Rossett High – 15/10/2024

In October, our Year 5/6 girls started us off with our first competition of the year at Sporting Influence's netball tournament. Our girls played brilliantly and improved massively as the games went on - we saw lots of very impressive passing and defending! They worked so well as a team and showed good resilience and sportsmanship as we came up against some players and teams with more experience.



### Y4/5/6 Girls' Football Tournament – Harrogate High – 16/10/2024

Next, we took two Year 4/5/6 teams to Harrogate High to compete in Sporting Influence's girls' football tournament. Following on from lots of success last year, our girls played amazingly together and showed impressive skills. Yellow Team finished 1<sup>st</sup> and Blue Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well done to Blossom, who showed great sportsmanship and was nominated for an encouragement award by one of the referees.





### Y3/4 Mixed Football Tournament – Harrogate High – 06/11/24

In November, we took two Year 3/4 mixed football teams weekly to compete in Sporting Influence football tournaments. The first week was at Harrogate High. Both teams played so well – Blue team won all of their matches, Yellow team won some, drew some and lost some. It was fantastic to have lots of children playing their first football match for the school, or ever, this week. Well done to Lenny who was nominated by one of the referees to receive a certificate for having good sportsmanship and respect.



### Y3/4 Mixed Football Tournament – Rossett High – 12/11/2024

The week after, two different Year 3/4 mixed football teams played at Rossett High to compete in a football tournament. It was lovely to see more children playing their first football match for the school (or ever) this week too! Miss Bakes was really impressed with the sportsmanship and skill displayed by both teams. Both teams were undefeated and won their pools, so they played against each other in the final. The teams were very evenly matched as the final ended 0-0, so both teams finished first. Well done to Wilf and Isaac who were both nominated for respect awards; both boys were kind and checked in on opposing players to see if they were okay after getting injured.





### Y3/4 Mixed Football Tournament – Rossett High – 19/11/2024

For the final Year 3/4 football tournament with Sporting Influence, we took 2 teams to Rossett High. Due to very cold weather, the final tournament took place in the sports hall. Both teams adapted quickly to this as the pitch was narrower and faster than they were used to. It was great to have some Year 3s playing their first ever football match for the school this week, or in general. Both teams had good teamwork; they passed around brilliantly and played well in different positions. The Blue team made big improvements to their play as the tournament progressed. The Blue team played in the final for third place and won, finishing third overall. The Yellow team were undefeated; they played for first place in the final and won the tournament. Well done to Bruce and Isaac who were nominated for good sportsmanship; they were awarded determination certificates for having excellent resilience, mindsets, and effort.



### KS2 Girls' Inclusive Football Tournament – Rossett High – 26/11/2024

Next, we brought three teams with a mix of girls from all year groups to compete in North Yorkshire Sport's girls' football tournament. This tournament was aimed at beginners and less experienced players, to get more girls into football. It was a joy to take these girls out of school for the tournament; they all had lovely attitudes, tried their hardest, and were really supportive of each other. We are unsure where the teams placed as only the winning team was announced (from another school), but the main goal was for the girls to get stuck in playing football and have fun – which they certainly did! I would like to give a special mention to our Year 6 captains: Alice G, Connie M and Rosie P. They looked after their teams well by giving lots of encouragement, they organised positions fairly, and they were excellent role models for their younger teammates.





## Y5/6 Mixed Football Tournament – Harrogate High – 27/11/2024

The last sporting event of November was Sporting Influence's mixed Year 5/6 football tournament. Similar to the Year 3/4 competitions, this was the first of three tournaments that ran weekly. It was brilliant to take some children who had not played a football match for the school before, or at all. It was a very cold night, but the children kept their spirits and enthusiasm high. They were really supportive of each other, communicated a lot, and worked well in their teams. The Yellow team finished second overall, and the Blue team finished third overall. Well done to Rosie who was nominated by one of the referees for a sportsmanship award for having a fantastic attitude and respect.



## Y5/6 Girls' Area Qualifying Round – Rossett High – 03/12/2024

The first competition of December was the qualifying round of a Year 5/6 girls' football cup. It was very competitive and of a high standard. The winner would progress to represent Harrogate in the area round. Both of our teams played excellent football; they came up against some tricky opponents, however the girls remained determined and positive, and both teams did brilliantly because of this. Our Blue team played for third place in the final against Pannal, who they had previously drawn against. Unfortunately, Pannal scored in the last couple of minutes, but our girls had an excellent game against them and did very well. There was some fantastic goal keeping and defending going on. Our Blue team did very well to play with 6 players and no subs for the tournament. Our Yellow team were undefeated and played against Saltergate in the final, battling it out to be Harrogate champions. They played their socks off, but Saltergate scored a last-minute goal in extra time, so our Yellow team finished as runners-up. However, the Yellow team played outstanding football as a team and did themselves proud, and the school, to have progressed so far in the competition also without any subs.





## Y5/6 Mixed Football Tournament – Harrogate High – 04/12/2024

The next day, we played in the second week of Sporting Influence's Year 5/6 football tournament at Harrogate High. It was another cold one! Again, Miss Bakes was impressed with the determination and positive attitudes of everyone who played. There was some excellent goal keeping, defending, and attacking, making both of our teams strong contenders. Overall, both teams finished third in their pools. Well done to Joshua who was awarded a sportsmanship award for fantastic resilience and determination as our goal keeper.



## Y5/6 Boys' Area Qualifying Round for the Utilitia Kids Cup – Rossett High – 10/12/2024

Next up in December was the boys' qualifying round of Harrogate Town's Year 5/6 Utilitia Kids Cup. We were only able to enter one team of 9 for this tournament. Like the girls' round earlier this month, it was very competitive and of a high standard. There were 12 schools in total battling it out to win and progress to represent Harrogate in the area round. Our team played 6 schools in their pool, beating 5 with impressive goal difference, and drawing to one team. They did not concede any goals. They progressed to playing Rossett Acre in the semi-final and beat them 3-0. The team then played Pannal in the final, who were a tricky opponent with lots of experience playing together. We lost 3-0 overall and finished as runners up. The boys played outstanding football all night and should be very proud of themselves for how well they played and how far they progressed in the tournament.





## Y5/6 Mixed Football Tournament – Harrogate High – 11/12/2024

The next day, we played in the final week of Sporting Influence's Year 5/6 football tournament at Harrogate High. It was a fantastic competition to end the term on; the children were so enthusiastic and gave 110% every game. They both worked really well as a team with excellent passing and formations. Overall, Yellow team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their pool, and Blue team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their pool. Well done to Rosie who was nominated by one of the referees for a sportsmanship award – she showed fantastic resilience when shooting.

