



It's been a great first half of term for the Sports Department, with girls and boys producing some outstanding performances on the Netball Court and the Soccer pitch. What has been most pleasing has been the amount of teams that have played matches so far and the large number of children that have been given a chance to represent the School. In less than **7 weeks**, we managed to fit in **80** matches, **2** tournaments and a **Hockey masterclass!**



For the first time ever we have an Under 13 C Netball team; we have ABCDEF at Under 11 Soccer and still manage to field a Headmaster's Special Reserves team.

It's still sometimes a struggle to convince other schools to match our breadth of teams, but wherever possible, we do strive to put out as many teams as possible for each age group. Just this term our pupils have represented Pennthorpe in **9** Netball teams and **15** Soccer

to making sure that we arrange matches for *all* children where we can. We are increasing the number of fixtures we play each year, particularly at the lower levels. In 2007 for example, the girls played just **75** matches compared to **98** in 2011 and the boys played **115** matches, compared to **135** in 2011.

Yet our philosophy is still to combine **inclusion with excellence**. We will select what we feel are the strongest players for the A teams in each sport. We believe it is important that children get to play matches at their appropriate level, so we will choose the best for the best teams and as you can see from our impressive results, it seems to be working....



Inspiring Lessons

Pennthorpe pupils receive specialist coaching from an early age, the lead coach for each sport will have input from Pre Prep all the way through to first team, so that continuity of skills is assured. Within lessons, we are fully inclusive and all children receive the same input and care, regardless of ability. However we also offer

stretch the stronger games players with lunchtime specialist sessions and additional coaching opportunities.

Scorching Netball

Well done girls, a fantastic half term of netball! We had a very hectic first half of term. The girls have played **22** matches, **won or drawn 17** and scored **195 goals!** Every girl available to play has played from Year 5 – Year 8. Our U8 team (new to matches this term) have shown commitment in training and learnt enough about the game to win both of their matches. The U9 team have also been unbeaten and have really progressed with their attacking court play, taking opposition by surprise on more than one occasion.

The middle and senior teams have led by example. All the girls have been excellent team players and proved very versatile, swapping position





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when required to enhance the team. This is testament to our belief in developing the girls as rounded netball players with the ability to play a variety of positions on court.

It's just like watching Barcelona...

What a great start to our sporting year the boys have made! All 15 teams have managed to play some excellent Football, with teams at every level looking to get the ball down on the floor and play a good passing game. Many times we have managed to pass the other teams off the pitch. Goals have been flying in from all angles, with an amazing **221** goals scored in **61** matches. In those 61 matches, we have managed to gain **46 wins and 3 draws**.....awesome stuff boys! All teams should be proud of their efforts, but particular mention must go the 1st X1 who have managed to win 8 out of the 9 matches that they have played so far and played some superb Football along the way.



Added to that were 3 wins at the Copthorne 6 a side where

finals. Not to be outdone, the Colts D team have also won all 6 of their matches (conceding no goals!) and the Colts A team are also unbeaten, winning 7 of their 8 games and drawing the other. Winning Football played the right way at Pennthorpe. Fabio Capello would be proud!



Be prepared!

Rugby World Cup 2011..... might be over but it will soon be time to start **Rugby** at Pennthorpe. Years 4 to 8 will begin Rugby at the **end of November** so make sure the gumshields are ready and the safety studs are in your boots!

In the second half of the autumn term, the **U13 girls** will begin **hockey training** in preparation for matches after Christmas. Please can all girls have mouth guards and shin pads ready!

Representing Pennthorpe

But sport doesn't just go inside Pennthorpe.

Many Pennthorpe children represent clubs outside school in a variety



Hannah Quinn has become a County Gymnastics Champion for the second year in succession and we were delighted to see her and Rebecca Best perform in Chapel earlier this term. As you'll see below she is far from alone in receiving regional acclaim during 2010-11:

Athletics

IAPS Regional Winner

William Johnston 400m 2011 IAPS

IAPS Nationals Qualifiers

Patrick Smart Long Jump 2010

Byron Clark Discus 2010

Emily Watson Long Jump/300m 2010

County Champion

Cat Jamieson Javelin 2011

Cricket

Northern Knights District Squad

Patrick Chapman 2011

Will Crombie 2011

Jonathan Stanway 2011

Josh Tusler 2011

Sussex Girls Squad

Georgina Chapman 2011

Football

Sussex Elite Squad

Jonathan Stanway 2010

George Allen 2010

Will O'Halloran 2011

IAPS Regional Trials

Matt Penfold 2011

Squash

County U.12 Champion

Josh Attwell 2011

Gymnastics

County Champion

Hannah Quinn Floor & Vault 2010 & 2011

It's an impressive roster and we've probably missed a few too! The Sports Department at Pennthorpe has never been more inclusive and it's never produced more excellence. In 2010/11 we won or drew an amazing **75%** of all our fixtures. Sometimes statistics do speak for themselves!