

Perse Tournament - Sunday 17th October

On a bright Sunday morning Cambridge City U12 boys travelled to the Perse school to defend the Title from last year. In the first match they played Saffron Walden B and, considering it was a new team, the side soon started playing some good attacking hockey and with goals from Matthew Mitcham, Finn Carmichael and Jonathan Lankfer, the final result was an excellent 6-0 win. In the next two games the team played two of the home teams. Against Perse C the flowing hockey of the first match was missing, but with Poppy Gurney in commanding form in goal, eventually a penetrating run from Jonathan led to the award of a penalty flick which was coolly converted by Matthew. Theo Harris and Charlie Wright created lots of opportunities from both the right and left wings and the team were awarded plenty of short corners which lead to further goals from Matthew and Jonathan. The second game was won 2-0 and in the third the team was looking more balanced with Finn, Sam Miller and Ben Middleton controlling the midfield and pressure always on the opposition. Another 2-0 win put the team into the semi finals against Spalding. With the style of play based on moving the ball quickly and with Matthew stifling many opposition attacks the team moved the ball around well creating lots of scoring opportunities. Again, goals from Matthew and Jonathan led to a reasonably comfortable 3-0 win. This put the team into the final against Perse B. Encouraged by the girls coming second in the girls U12 section, the boys wanted to go one better. The team started well and were deservedly leading 3-0 at half time. All players worked hard for each other ensuring that the opposition had little opportunity to attack although one excellent shot from the Perse forward line led to Poppy conceding her only goal in the whole tournament. There was still time for one final goal and a 4-1 win for Cambridge City.