**Hockey Match Reports**

It was a busy week for the First, Third and Senior hockey teams. A Total of 4 matches played. Well done to the all the hockey players who represented St Mary’s in our warm-up matches. On Tuesday 18th October our Senior Team had a very successful match against Dominican, Griffith Avenue. St Mary’s definitely had the match under control and was on the attack from the start. There was great team work and play from the whole team and some great saves from our goalkeeper Chanice Dolan. This was their first match of the season. The team will look forward to the league games and promising results. The goals were scored by Megan Cluskey, Kelly Hayes, Gillian Fitzgibbon. The final score 4-0 to St Mary’s Glasnevin.

The Junior Team (3rd Year) also played against Dominican , Griffith Avenue. This was a more closely contested match. The play was end to end with good attacks and near misses from both teams. Our goalkeeper was definitely tested and had to make some fantastic saves to keep St Mary’s in the game. The Dominican team scored the first goal, however, St Mary’s kept going and finally the equalising goal was scored by Nicky to finish the match 1-1. A good day for hockey!

The First Year beginners team played against Mt Temple on Thursday 20th October. We played two eight aside matches and there was great excitement as Mt Temple arrived. Emma played in goal for the first time and made some excellent saves. The teams were under a lot of pressure from the more experienced Mt Temple players. However, they kept going and in the second half were more comfortable and eager to fight back. Unfortunately, the games ended with victory for Mt Temple. It is still early days for the First year team with only a few weeks of training completed. They are still learning and there is great potential going forward. The team look forward to their Leinster League matches after Halloween.

The Junior team (3rd year) also played a match against Mt Temple on Thursday 20th October. This was a great game, with St Mary’s dominating the game. Our goalkeeper Chanice Dolan had one vital save, but apart from that Mt Temple did not threaten our defence. There was great attacking play from our forwards and midfield. Karla Conway and Leah showing great skill and determination throughout. Despite all our possession and opportunities to score the team could not put the ball past the Mt Temple goalkeeper. They had various near misses. The match ended with a draw 0-0. The team will continue with training in the lead up to the Northside League. It was an enjoyable afternoon for all teams, regardless of the end results.

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