

### **23<sup>rd</sup> March U11 Leeds Yellow v Sheffield**

In very blustery conditions Leeds U11 Yellow took on the league leaders Sheffield. A first half of dogged determination by Leeds and strong efforts all over the pitch the game remained scoreless. Riley Wilkinson nullified the Sheffield danger man and between Ben Robinson and Jude Collings the Sheffield powerful front line was thwarted. Keeper Bobby Williams pulled off a couple of outstanding saves but in general the half-time score of 0-0 was a fair reflection of the game. A strong midfield battle showed the Yellow at it's best and Ethan Halliday. Zak Tate and Tom Wilkinson were a constant barrier to the Sheffield attack. As the game entered the last quarter chances came and went for both sides until a miskick from Leeds allowed the Sheffield striker a chance to open the scoring.

Harry Haveron and Ralph Rudkin were constant thorns in neck for the Sheffield defence with both players going close to equalising on a few occasions. Oli Keddie and Ralph Woodward joined the action and both players strove to give the Sheffield team problems at both ends of the pitch. Sadly for the Yellow Sheffield went further ahead with a top corner strike from a free kick before Haveron carved out a chance when through on goal but the uneven surface dealt him a cruel blow. Wilkinson and Rudkin both had opportunities but unfortunately were unsuccessful before Sheffield scored a third from a goal mouth scramble after a corner. A tough defeat for the team as the game was much closer than the score suggests but spirits after the game were still high as supporters acknowledged a sterling effort against the league leaders and the team can now look forward to the forthcoming Tyneside tour over Easter.