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# Sports News

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## **What a month of football!**

On Friday 23rd February, two of Eversley's second teams played their second round of football fixtures at Raglan Junior School with both teams playing three games each against Hazelwood and two Raglan sides.

Both teams played with great spirit and determination all afternoon in some really competitive games with the standout performances being a superb 1-0 win over Hazelwood and a very hard fought 0-0 draw with an impressive Raglan side. It was great to see 16 of our children playing football against other schools in the borough and being so proud to represent their school.

(Mr Robotham)



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## **Eversley Battle Back to Reach Semi-Finals!**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the Eversley girls' football team played their quarter final round tie of the borough knockout cup away at Hazelbury. The game got off to a fast paced start and Eversley were quickly pegged back by their opponents as the speed and power of their impressive striker proved difficult to repel. Despite growing into the game and launching some impressive attacks of their own, Hazelbury broke free on goal and even the determined efforts of Temidire could do nothing to stop Eversley conceding the first goal of the game.

The first half ended 1-0 to the home side but the tide soon turned early in the second half as Eversley started to use their pace to exploit the growing gaps in the Hazelbury defence. After going close to equalising a number of times, Eva finally managed to send in a fizzing cross from the left wing as Erin controlled superbly and tricked her way through the defence before unleashing a low corner finish to bring the scores level. Now in the ascendancy, the girls were looking back to their usual best and it wasn't too long before a long throw from Emma found its way to Mia who expertly brought the ball down to swoop home a finish past their opponent's keeper to give the girls a 2-1 lead. The girls were able to defend their one goal advantage until the final whistle to make it all the way to the semi-finals, which will be played after the Easter break. An absolutely fantastic achievement!

(Mr Robotham)



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## **Boys Football Tournament**

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, we took the boys football team to the Borough Best Team Cup/Plate at Edmonton County Power league. Their first game was against St Edmunds and after a quick goal from Stefan, they were able to follow it up with two more goals to secure a 3-0 victory. Next up was Grange Park and after a tight start to the game, a terrific long range from Chris gave them the lead before a Rishon goal doubled the lead to help win the game 2-0. This game was followed by back to back draws 0-0 draws against both Eldon and Raglan, despite best efforts in both with chances created throughout. The next match was against Prince of Wales and despite dominating the majority of the game; the boys were unable to find the back of the net which proved to be costly as a late goal from our opponents lead to Eversleys first defeat of the tournament. The boys put the result behind them and went into the final group game with confidence which showed as goals from Chris and Jack gave them another 2-0 victory.

The boys awaited the results of the group and were delighted to find out they had won and were through to the cup semi-final! Their opponents were St John's Prep and after an end to end game, it finished 0-0 and went to penalties. With both teams scoring their first two penalties, Baran made a great save to deny St John's, leaving Chris to calmly slot his penalty into the bottom corner and send the boys into final. Grange Park were our final opponents and despite beating them earlier, the game again ended 0-0 and went to penalties. Both teams missed their first penalties as the nerves showed before both scoring their next one. As Eversleys last spot kick



came, Chris was brave enough to step up however was unfortunately unable to convert it meaning the boys finished the morning as runners up. All the boys enjoyed their morning and can be proud of their achievements throughout. (Alfie Bougourd)

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### **Hockey Tournament**

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February we took three boys and three girls to the Enfield Quicksticks hockey tournament at Southgate Hockey Club. Eversley started off very brightly in their first match against Raglan with goals from Chloe and Lewis as well as two from Jensen we won the game 4-2. The next game was against St Johns Prep. The match was very even with both teams having chances but two late goals from Lewis were enough to secure a 2-0 win.

Our third match was against a very strong Salcombe side and despite a great effort from all the team, it was unfortunately not enough to prevent an eventual 3-0 loss. The final group game was against St Pauls and after an early goal each from both teams making the score 1-1, it was a very close game until late goals from Lewis and Anthony gave Eversley their third win of the day.

After all the group games were complete, Eversley found out they had made it into the semi-finals! Our opponents were Forty Hill and all the boys and girls were eager to try to make it into the final. Forty Hill were able to score a goal very early on however the team were still searching for the goal to get back in it. They showed great effort and determination however it wasn't enough as a late goal from Forty Hill ensured they won the game 2-0. (Alfie Bougourd)

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