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## Sports News



### Into Poland!

All the children in KS2 that attend running club have continued strongly in the last few weeks on their run to Tokyo.

Since they started the boys and girls have run an incredible 7344 laps, the equivalent to 1468km,

bringing them all the way to Warsaw, the capital of Poland!

The children continue to show in great numbers and we are sure they'll reach their goal by the end of the year.

(Alfie Bougourd)



### **Netball**

On Monday 11th March, Eversley played two netball matches against Forty Hill and Hadley Wood to earn the right to represent Enfield in netball at the London Youth Games 2019. The team were: Alex, Diyon, Mia, Elena, Allanah, Charlotte and Elisa.

First up was Hadley Wood and after a strong start, Eversley managed to go two goals clear before being pegged back both times by our opponents, making the score 3-2 to Eversley at half time. The boys and girls were determined to add to their

lead and they did in what proved to be a more comfortable second half as they eventually won the game by an impressive 6-2.

Next up were Forty Hill and Eversley knew that at least a draw would be enough to seal the qualification. They did however play with an intent to win the game which showed as again they managed to score twice early on to give themselves a comfortable lead. Despite rotating the teams and playing in more unfamiliar positions, it didn't affect the team as they continued to attack and limited the opponents chances to win the game 9-2.

The team were pleased with their afternoon and excited for the London Youth Games!

(Alfie Bougourd)



### London Youth Games

On Thursday 28th March, Eversley represented Enfield in netball at the London Youth Games. The event was held at Redbridge Sports Centre.

Heading off to the event, the team were all excited for the day ahead. When we arrived it was time for the opening ceremony which included speeches from former England netball captain Pamela Cookey and current England netball player Kadeen Corbin. Once the ceremony was over, the team got the chance to have a photo with both players before it was time to start their own matches for the day.

After a long warm up, it was time for the first game. Eversley started slowly and an early lapse of concentration allowed our opponents to go 2-0 up within the first two minutes. It didn't take long before Eversley got into their rhythm with numerous blocks from Elena and a goal from Charlotte keeping them in the game. As they were searching for an equaliser late on, it was in fact the opposing team who were able to score a late goal to help end the game 3-1. Heading into their



next game the team were encouraged by their previous performance and despite going 1-0 down, they kept fighting and two great goals from Mia and Diyon helped them to their first victory of the morning! Eversley knew that they had to win their final group game and immediately created many scoring chances and solid defending from Elena, Mia and Diyon helped prevent the opponents from creating any meaningful attacks. After Allanah broke the deadlock, it was all Eversley and another goal from Allanah and one from Elisa meant Eversley won the game with a very convincing 3-0 scoreline.

Due to their performances in the group, Eversley had qualified for the knockout draw in the afternoon session. In their first game, Eversley again started slower than usual and immediately went two goals down. A goal by Alex narrowed the gap but they were unable to stop the opponents who scored another to win the game 3-1. The next opponents were very quick in their passing and defending and despite Eversley playing well and managing to score two goals themselves thanks to



Mia and Charlotte, it wasn't enough to prevent a second successive loss of the afternoon. Despite the previous results, all the children remained upbeat heading into their final match of the day and were determined to end on a high. They attacked right from the first centre pass and Allanah was able to immediately give Eversley the lead. The opponents soon equalised, however a double from Diyon ensured the team won the game 3-1.

It was later announced that Eversley had come a very impressive 13th place out of all the boroughs in London! All the boys and girls were pleased with how their day had gone and it was topped off the next day when they found out that they had won the 'Respect The Games' award, an award voted by all adults on the day of the event given to the school who showed the most respect and sportsmanship towards opponents, staff and officials throughout the day. It was a huge honour for the children and the school and it also meant they won a netball signed by Pamela Cookey and Kadeen Corbin!

(Alfie Bougourd)

**Enjoy, Persevere and Succeed**