

## Sports News



### **Boccia Tournament**

On Thursday Niyah, Leandro, Zeni and Martin represented Eversley at a Boccia tournament in Enfield. Boccia is a precision ball sport similar to Bowls whereby each player must remain seated. They played a great game and picked up the rules and technique quickly. It involved a lot of patience and cooperation, as they had to wait for other schools to play their rounds, and only three children from each team can take part

at any one time. They won against one other school but were just short of making it to the semi-finals. Well done team!!  
(Rachel, Patricia and Niall)

### **Eversley vs Grange Park**

On Tuesday 19th November, Eversley took two football teams to play two friendlies against Grange Park. The teams were:

BLUE – Dylan, Emre, Sajan, Zdravko, Tony, Stav, Sans

YELLOW - Vedat, Harry, Luke, Anthony, Christian, Pani, Jesiah



The blue team started strongly, but unfortunately fell behind just before half time and went into the break 1-0 down. The second half was a much tighter affair before Grange Park doubled their lead midway through the second half. Eversley pulled a goal back with an excellent strike from Dylan and the blue's dominated the closing stages, but were unlucky not to get a draw from the game.

In their second game, the blue's started brightly and were rewarded for their efforts with a well-taken goal by Emre. The boys continued their domination up to half time and went into the break deservedly ahead. The second half was a mirror image of the first with Eversley continuing where they left off and added a second just after the interval when Emre and Dylan linked up before Dylan slotted the ball past the Grange Park keeper to double the blue's lead. Grange Park pulled one back before Stav scored the standout goal from the day hitting a perfectly timed right foot strike past the keeper and into the top corner. Further goals from Emre and Dylan secured a comfortable 4-1 victory and the boys were chuffed with their performance.

In their first match, the yellow team started brightly and Vedat tapped in from close range to put Eversley 1-0 up. Grange Park responded instantaneously and the game was level heading into the break. The second half was more open and expansive with chances at both ends. Grange Park got their noses in front before Harry fed the ball through to Vedat who



took it round the keeper before slotting into the empty net. Heading into the final 10 minutes it was nip and tuck until Vedat completed his hat trick latching on to a loose ball before firing it past the Grange Park keeper. Just when the boys thought they had won the game Grange Park got a last gasp equaliser with the last kick of the game to salvage a draw.

In their second game, the yellow's were dominating possession without being able to make a breakthrough. Just when it looked like it was going to be goalless heading into half time, Vedat turned in from a corner to give Eversley the lead at the break. The second half sparked into life when Grange Park equalised just after the break to make it 1-1. With chances at both ends, the next goal was vital and the yellows managed to get their noses in front again with Vedat scoring his second of the game to put the boys 2-1 up. With only minutes remaining, Grange Park were piling on the pressure which left gaps for Eversley to exploit on the counter attack. A corner to Grange Park quickly turned into a two on one attack for the yellow's with Luke squaring the ball to Vedat who completed his second hat trick of the day and the boys ran out deserved 3-1 winners.

All the boys represented the school well all afternoon and showed great sportsmanship throughout.

(Niall Halloran)

### **Enfield Tournament Winners!**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019, the Eversley girls' football team played in the borough 7-a-side tournament at Enfield Power League. The girls were given a tough group at the start of the tournament, but managed to get off to a blistering start with a 5-0 win over Highfields, after goals from Elisia, Shyla, Eva and a brace from Erin. They next faced Hadley Wood in a game where they hit the post on



more than one occasion, but just couldn't find a way through. However, thanks to an unbelievable save from Nicole and a double block from Millie and Shyla right at the end of the game, the score ended 0-0 to give the girls a hard fought draw. Their third game against St Andrew's Southgate was another close affair and some excellent defending from Millie and Niamh ensured the game remained goalless and gave them back-to-back draws. The girls soon got back to their winning ways after a 1-0 win over Starksfield, thanks to an excellent finish from Eva and this was quickly followed up with another 3-0 win over Enfield Heights after Erin, Shyla and Eva gave the girls an excellent chance of qualification into the knockout rounds.

However, their last game was against Cuckoo Hall, who hadn't conceded a single goal leading up to their last fixture and were still in with an excellent chance of qualifying themselves. In a very tense game, Eversley couldn't quite find a way through until the last few seconds when Eva unleashed a thunderous strike that nestled its way into the top corner to give the girls a 1-0 victory and a place in the semi-finals.

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In their first knockout game, they faced Freezywater St George's and a determined performance gave the girls an excellent 2-0 win after goals from Elisia and Eva, which secured their place in the final against Oakthorpe.

After getting to the same stage last year, the girls were all set on going one step further to finally lift the trophy, but they were up against a very talented side as both teams pushed each other right to the final whistle as the scores ended 0-0. With the game into extra time, Eversley poured forward on the counter attack and an excellent cross from Lily gave Eva the opportunity to volley home and win the borough tournament!

After coming so close for the last two years, this was an incredible achievement for the girls who will now go on to represent Enfield in the London Youth Games against the best teams from across London as well as entering the Middlesex round of the Danone Cup next week for a chance to take part in the national finals later on in the year. Well done to Nicole, Shyla, Millie, Niamh, Lily, Elisia, Eva and Erin – very proud of all of you!

(Peter Robotham)



### **KS1 Gymnastics Festival**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Amelia, Lana, Isabella, Theo and Anish took part in the KS1 Gymnastics Festival at Southbury Leisure Centre. All the children had worked incredibly hard on their routines and produced some excellent floor work in front of the judges to give them a combined total of 120.4 points! This was the first ever gymnastics festival Eversley have entered and we look forward to entering many more in the future.

(Peter Robotham)

### **KS2 Gymnastics Festival**

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, Lillie, Sophia, Tyanna, Christopher and Oscar took part in the KS2 Gymnastics Festival at Southbury Leisure Centre. After taking part in the vault event, which consisted of performing a variety of jumps from a spring board, as well as performing very challenging floor routines, Eversley had racked up a total of 123.5 points, which was an excellent combined score. Well done to all the children involved and working so well together as a team throughout the afternoon.



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### **First Tag Rugby Games!**

On Wednesday 27th November, the Eversley Tag Rugby team had the first round of their cluster league games at Merryhills Primary School. Eversley's opening game was against Salcombe; it was a very close contest which was end-to-end throughout. However, a last minute try by Jesiah secured victory for the team. The boys and girls

second match was against Merryhills Blue's, which was another enthralling game with chances at either end. At half-time Eversley went into the break with the scores level. The second half was nip and tuck with the score tied at 4-4. The next try was crucial and unfortunately it went the way of Merryhills who claimed victory by the slimmest of margins.

Up next for Eversley was Grange Park, by this point the rain was pouring and the pitch was very muddy and both teams to their credit handled the conditions very well. Tries from Marley, Jesiah and Erin kept the team level at the break. With the second half very similar to the first, Eversley managed to get their noses in front. However, in the last play of the game, Grange Park scored a try and claimed a last gap draw to deny Eversley the win. Heading into their final game against Merryhills Red's, Eversley had won one, lost one and drew one so victory in their final game would have been massive for the team. They started really brightly and attempts from Jesiah and Kevin gave the team a 2-0 lead at the break. Merryhills pulled a score back after the break and heading into the final few minutes Eversley were leading 2-1, until Marley received the ball and weaved in and out of the Merryhills defence, before scoring and the team ran out 3-1 winners in their final game. The girls and boys showed excellent sportsmanship and values throughout and can be really pleased with their start to the tag rugby season.

(Niall Halloran)

### **Boys into the Quarter Finals of Cup!**

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, the Eversley boys' football team played in their second round match against Wilbury Primary School. The boys faced a very tough and physical team but let their football do the talking as two goals from Loucas S and another from Lucas G gave the boys a 3-0 lead at half-time. The second half continued in much the same way as Loucas S completed a well-deserved hat-trick after Aydin, Zachary and Luka all got themselves on the score sheet too. Despite going down to six players for most of the second half, the boys defended bravely and only conceded one goal to leave the final score 7-1 as they eased into the next round of the cup. They now face Raglan in the quarter finals in what should be an excellent encounter between two top sides. Well done boys!



(Peter Robotham)

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