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Sports News



Girls Move into the Final Round!

On Friday 17th January, Eversley girls' football team played in the Tottenham Hotspur qualification round of the Premier League Primary Stars Tournament. This year, schools were competing for a chance to play at Watford FC's Vicarage Road Stadium against all other successful schools in a national tournament in May.

The girls kicked things off with an excellent victory over Edmonton County after Erin slotted home an early opener before volleying home a sublime cross from Eva in what was one of the goals of the season so far. In their second game against Brimsdown, Shyla and Lily were putting on a passing masterclass in defence and managed to create several counter attacks as Erin produced three outstanding finishes to complete an impressive early hat-trick. However, the scoring didn't finish there as Millie grabbed her first goal of the season in a 4-0 win to secure back-to-back victories. Their third game was against St Matthew's who proved to be very stubborn and very tricky to break down until Eva cut in from the right-hand side to fire home the winning goal as the girls made it three wins out of three. In the last game against Raglan, the girls dominated from start to finish, but were unable to find a way through. However, Raglan very nearly produced a shock victory in the last few seconds as they launched a counter attack against the run of play, but Nicole was on hand to make a stunning save as Niamh and Elisia cleared the ball as the final whistle was heard to give the girls a 0-0 draw.

After three wins and one draw, the girls had done enough to secure top spot and to qualify for the next and final qualification round in February, where they will play against the other winning schools from Barnet, Haringey, Waltham Forest and Enfield to see who will receive the exciting opportunity to represent Spurs in the Premier League Primary Stars Tournament this year. Very well done girls! (Peter Robotham)

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Danone Cup Middlesex County Runners-up!

On Wednesday 22nd January, the Eversley girls' football team played in the Under-11 Danone Cup Middlesex regional finals after qualifying from winning their Enfield borough tournament earlier this year. They faced the winners of Barnet, Harrow, Brent and Haringey to see who would be progressing into the Southern Area finals of the competition later this year.



The girls got off to a fantastic start when they played West Lodge Primary School from Harrow as two goals from Erin and Eva, one of which was brilliantly assisted by our goalkeeper Nicole, gave the girls a very positive start to their tournament. They then faced Princess Frederica Primary School from the borough of Brent and Eva produced an early contender for goal of the tournament with a cheeky lob from outside the box. Another two goals from Erin were assisted by Elisia as the girls rounded off an impressive 3-0 win against a very tough side. Their third game was against Rhodes Avenue from Haringey, in what was likely to be the title decider as both teams had won their opening two games of the competition. The girls were outstanding in defence as Lily made two perfectly timed tackles to stop the opponent's striker being sent through on goal and superb pressing from Shyla and Millie gave Rhodes Avenue very little chances throughout the game. Just as the game was entering the final minutes, Rhodes Avenue managed to break through on goal with only Nicole to beat. However, she produced a magnificent save to deny the striker only to see the ball rebound back off an Eversley defender to concede a very late own goal to leave the final score 1-0 to Rhodes Avenue.



In the last game, the girls tried their best to finish on a high. Some good work from Niamh in defence allowed the ball to break to Erin whose deflected shot was bundled in to give the girls their third win of the afternoon.

This had meant the girls had finished as Middlesex county runners-up and could count themselves very unfortunate not to be progressing into the next round. They should be very proud of the outstanding football they produced all afternoon and still have many exciting things to look forward to this year.

(Peter Robotham)



Boys Trained by Spurs' First Year Scholars

On Thursday 23rd January, the Eversley boys' football team were given a training session with three of Tottenham Hotspur's first team scholars. Marqes Muir, Matthew Craig and Romaine Mundle coached the boys in three separate training sessions on dribbling, passing and shooting in what was a really fun and enjoyable afternoon for all the boys.

(Peter Robotham)

Boys Also Move into the Final Round!

On Friday 24th January, Eversley boys' football team played in the Tottenham Hotspur qualification round of the Premier League Primary Stars Tournament. Just like with the girls' tournament, schools were competing for a chance to play at Watford FC's Vicarage Road Stadium against all other successful schools in a national tournament in May.



The boys started off their afternoon with a routine 4-0 victory against Chesterfield as a goal each from Kevin and Marley was followed by a quick-fire double from Loucas, which set them off to a flying start. Things continued in a similar fashion with an excellent 3-0 win against St Matthew's after another two goals from Loucas, and a super finish from Marley as the boys were proving to be one of the teams to watch in the tournament. Grange Park were up next and they proved to be a very stubborn opposition; the boys couldn't find a way through their opponents as the game ended in a 0-0 draw. However, the boys got themselves back to winning ways after a fierce Kevin strike was enough to earn them a 1-0 win over Brimsdown to put them within touching distance to reaching the next stage of the competition. The final deciding game was against St Andrew's Southgate, which was a battle of the top two teams who both hadn't conceded a goal all afternoon. Needing only a draw to top the group, Loucas got the boys into a great position after a beautiful early strike, but the scores were soon level after a free-kick managed to find its way through to leave the boys facing a nervy last few minutes. However, some excellent defending from Zachary and Aydin followed by some excellent saves from Alex meant the boys managed to see the game out and get the draw they needed to finish top of their group!

The boys will now join our girls' football team as one of only eight successful schools from the boroughs of Barnet, Haringey, Waltham Forest and Enfield to reach the final qualification round in February to see who will receive the exciting opportunity to represent Spurs in the Premier League Primary Stars Tournament this year. Well done boys!

(Peter Robotham)

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Girls Finish 3rd in Futsal Tournament!

On Tuesday 28th January, the Under-10 girls' football team played in the Enfield borough futsal competition at Edmonton County. The team for the competition was Aleyna, Alara, Nicole, Shayquan, Lily and Millie.

They kicked off their tournament against Houndsfield, but as a new team still beginning to gel together, the girls struggled to find their feet in the early stages and lost their opening game 2-0 to a strong Houndsfield side. In their next game against St James', the girls were in much better form and two goals from Millie gave them a 2-0 win and their first points of the afternoon. This was quickly followed up by another 2-0 win against Raglan after another brace from Millie. The girls' third game ended in an entertaining 1-1 draw against St Andrew's Southgate after another goal from Millie and she added her seventh goal of the day against Oakthrope in the next game as the girls racked up yet another victory. Playing outfield for the first time, Nicole managed to grab her first Eversley goal in the girl's penultimate game against Edmonton County as the girls won 1-0 leading in to the decisive last game against Grange Park. Eversley only needed to win their last game to take the Enfield Futsal Cup home for the third year running, but they saw every shot blocked by their opponents and a late Grange Park goal saw them lose the game 1-0 and any chance of them retaining the trophy for the third time. However, this meant that they had still finished in 3rd place and can all be very proud of their efforts throughout the afternoon. Well done girls!



(Peter Robotham)