

SPORTS NEWS

Netball Cluster League Fixtures

Throughout the school year, local schools have met to play netball in our 'cluster league'. Across 3 dates (October, February and April), the following have met at Eversley or Merryhills to face each of the competing schools: St Monica's, Grange Park Prep (GPP), St. Michael-at-Bowes (SMAB), Oakthorpe, Merryhills and Eversley

On Monday 24th April, Eversley faced their final two opponents in the local cluster league - SMAB and Merryhills. Each match consisted of two 8-minute halves, with a quick drinks break before swapping shooting ends and returning to play.

First up, we played against SMAB.

Despite SMAB having the first centre pass of the game, Eversley went out fighting. They soon gained back possession and looked really strong on court. Throughout the first 8 minutes Eversley were in control. Kira coolly took the opportunity to score our first goal of the match, which spurred everyone on further. Esmee and Kira alternated their goal scoring responsibilities throughout the 1st half, scoring two goals a piece, meaning we went into the half time break at 4-0 up.



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In the second half, Louisa subbed on into Wing Defence and made an immediate impression; SMAB took the first centre pass and Louisa's excellent interception gave possession back to Eversley. She kept up this fantastic defence work throughout the remaining half and in the second game too. While no more goals were scored by Eversley in the second half, SMAB didn't manage to get off the scoreboard at all. This was largely thanks to Orla, (who played Goal Defence and worked tirelessly in the centre third and defensive third) and Jasaiya (Goal Keeper, who barely let the ball enter SMAB's shooting circle!).

The first game finished with a 4-0 victory to Eversley.

Next, our final game of the cluster league was against Merryhills. Alex stepped into the Centre position to take over from Amelia. Both girls did a fantastic job covering the full court and switching constantly between attacking and defending and adapting to the team's needs.

Again, Kira and Esmee shared the daunting task of shooting and by the end of the first half Eversley were 5-2 up. Our 5 goals would not have been possible without Havin's persistence in Wing Attack to feed the ball into the attacking circle ready for the shooters to score. She positioned herself brilliantly around the circle edge to provide support to our two shooters.

In the second half, whilst Merryhills scored another goal, we scored a further 3 meaning the final score was a well-earned 8-3 to Eversley. Merryhills kindly voted a 'Player of the Match' which went to Orla - very well deserved, well done!

For an overview of all of the 6 cluster games (split across 3 dates):

- Beat GPP, lost to St Monica's
- Beat GPP, beat Oakthorpe
- Beat SMAB, beat Merryhills

We therefore have won 5/6 of our games and are eagerly awaiting the final results to find out our overall finishing position! No matter where Eversley finish in the league, we are so proud of the girls and the progress we have made since the first fixtures back in October is staggering! The support from the parents has been lovely to see and I know it makes a huge difference to the girls to have their cheerleaders on the side!

Miss Boothby and Miss Kilkenny

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Girls Football Report

On Wednesday 26th April the Eversley girls football team played the final round of their cluster league games at Southgate school.

Up first for the girls was St Andrew's. The game had a very cagey first half with both defences on top and neither side able to create clear chances. Some confident goalkeeping from Esmee to deal with long throw ins into the box kept the game level. Just before the break, Ava went on a fantastic run before her effort was deflected wide. Into the second half and St Andrew's took the lead. Their standout player went on a fantastic run, before she finished expertly to put them 1-0 up. The girls rallied and tried everything to get an equaliser, unfortunately they were unable to and St Andrew's held on for a 1-0 victory.



The team's second game was against De Bohun. The girls knew they needed a response after losing their first game and it wasn't long before they got it. Good link up play between Laura and Dilara ended with the ball at Ava's feet, she worked it onto her right foot before firing a powerful shot into the bottom corner to put Eversley 1-0 up. Shortly after it was 2-0. Chloe's long throw in caused a mistake in the De Bohun defence, Isabella was there to capitalise to double the team's lead at half time. The second half followed a similar pattern to the first with the girls in complete control. Kayla had a couple of chances to add to the team's lead but her effort's went marginally wide of the post. With only a minute left, Lily passed the ball to Kayla, who's excellent long range strike went in off the inside of the post to give the girls a comfortable 3-0 win.

This has been a brilliant campaign from the girls. They have won three, drawn two and only lost 1 league game. Well done girls!!!

Niall Halloran

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