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# SPORTS NEWS

#### Enfield Primary Schools Cross Country Championships

On Friday 6 June, the Eversley Cross Country Team took part in the Enfield Primary Schools Cross Country Championships at Forty Hall.

The team was Dilara, Lola, Theo, Emir, Eren, Ben, Sashin and me. The team had been training on Tuesday mornings with Anna so we were looking forward to putting our training into practice and having a race!

It was a beautiful sunny day, which meant the course wasn't too muddy, but meant it was hot weather to run in! The course at Forty Hall was very hilly, with a big hill to start and one to finish. There were over 100 runners in each race from lots of different Enfield schools.





After our warm up, it was time for the first race: Under-11s Girls. Lots of children who were racing had to drop out because they were so tired, but the whole of the Eversley girls' team did really well and we all got around the course with no problems, running all the way. I had a good run on the day and managed to win the girls' race.

Next it was the boys' Under-11s race. Again, everyone did brilliantly, running really strongly all the way around. Theo finished first of the Eversley boys in 11<sup>th</sup> place. The boys' team score (all the places they finished in added together) was really good and the team just missed out on a medal.

Overall, it was hard work but really good fun. Thanks so much to the sports team for their help and advice, especially our coach Anna for training us before school each week, and to Anna and Mr Halloran for taking us. We couldn't have done it without them! Those of us who are in Y5 will be back to have another go next year!

Alice - Year 5



#### **Boys Football Report**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October the Eversley boys football team kicked off their league campaign at Southgate school.

The team were going to play three matches against De Bohun, Grange Park Prep and Hadley Wood.

Up first for the boys was De Bohun. Eversley took control of the game from the kick off and could have made their early pressure count when a fine save from the De Bohun goalkeeper thwarted Ledion's effort. The team managed to get the breakthrough shortly after when some nice intricate play between Jeron and Ledion, before the ball was fed through to Alex who finished expertly to put the boys 1-0 up. Shortly after Eversley doubled their lead. A brilliant team goal which started with a pass from Heath in the Eversley goal found it's way to Jeron inside the De Bohun box. He turned the ball in from close range and the team had a comfortable half time lead. Into the second half and the pattern of the game hadn't changed with Eversley in complete control. Jack and Cameron were introduced and they made an instant impact. Jack picked the ball up just inside the De Bohun half before he played the ball into Cameron who's deflected shot flew past the keeper and into the bottom corner. Some assured and composed defending from Pavlo and Sashin ensured the boys ran out comfortable 3-0 winners in their opening game.



The team's second game was against Grange Park Prep. This match followed a similar pattern to the first with Eversley completely dominant from the start.



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The boys were playing some excellent stuff, building attacks from the back and showing great composure on the ball. The team should've gone ahead early on when Eren's thunderous strike was denied by a superb save from the Grange Park goalkeeper. However, moment's before half time the boys relentless pressure paid off. Another excellent team goal which Pavlo started with a superb long range pass was converted by Alex to put Eversley 1-0 up at the break. The second half started and the boys knew they needed a second goal to make the game safe. Jack and Ledion linked up nicely down the left side before Ledion fired in from close range to double the team's lead. In the final minutes, Eversley rounded off the game in style. Sashin played the ball into Cameron, who put Jeron through on goal. His composed finished made it 3-0 and the boys had the perfect start to their league campaign.

Last up for the boys was Hadley Wood. Once again the boys exerted their authority on the game from the first whistle. Eren and Alex were both denied by excellent saves which prevented the team from taking the lead. Eversley came in at half time wondering how they weren't ahead, with Heath pretty much a spectator for the entirety of the first half. The message to the boys was to remain patient and they will hopefully create that one moment to win the game. The second half followed a similar pattern to the first with Eversley in complete control. With the game heading into the final stages Eversley were pushing for a deserved winner. Unfortunately it didn't arrive and the game finished 0-0.

The boys can be immensely proud of their efforts. Two wins and a draw, with three clean sheets is a brilliant start to the season. Well done boys!!!

Mr Halloran



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#### Netball

On Monday 9th October, Eversley hosted the first of 3 netball cluster tournaments. Six other schools in the area comprising of St Michael's At Bowes, Grange Park Prep, Merryhills, St Monica's, Oakthorpe and Wolfson Hillel joined us after school.

This year, all games follow the 'High 5s' structure, which means there are only 5 players on court (instead of the usual 7) and up to 2 boys can play at a time. Our Eversley team consisted of Alex S, Alex P, Cicely, Zoe, Heath and Ben.

In the first leg of this tournament, Eversley played only one match against Wolfson Hillel.

In the first half of 7 minutes, Ben and Zoe took the role of shooters while Heath and Alex P stood in defence. The standard of play was very high and Wolfson managed to pull away with a 4-0 lead by half time. The team came together during the half time discussion and took on board the advice amazingly. Cicely remained in the Centre position and Alex S came on ready to defend. The whole team showed fantastic Eversley values of resilience and determination and worked hard to up their game. They kept their heads held high and held their nerve. In this half, Wolfson scored just two goals, and Eversley achieved their first goal of the 2023-2024 season - well done Ben! The final score therefore was 6-1 to Wolfson Hillel. We are so proud of the team's efforts and attitude, particularly when considering they have had just one training session so far! They came up against a very strong team, which has given us some clear direction for where to focus during our upcoming training sessions. Well done all!

