

## SPORTS NEWS

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Boys Football Report

On Friday 8th December, the Eversley boys football team played the final of the ESFA Pokemon Football tournament, against Hazelwood at Edmonton County School.

The final was contested between the winners of the morning and afternoon tournaments to determine who would progress through to the next stage.

The game started with Hazelwood on the front foot and they made their early pressure count by taking the lead. The boys responded well and were unfortunate not to be level. Ledion's header hit the under side of the crossbar and bounced out which would have made it 1-1. Shortly after Hazelwood doubled their lead. The team responded again and should have pulled a goal back if it wasn't for a brilliant save from the Hazelwood goalkeeper tipping Ledion's effort on to the post.



Eversley knew they had to go for it in the second half, being 2-0 down and with ten minutes to produce a comeback. With the boys pushing to get back in the game, Hazelwood countered and made it 3-0. Hazelwood scored two unstoppable goals in the latter stages of the game and ended up as 5-0 winners.

This game was an example of the score line not reflecting the game and the gap between the two teams. On another day Eversley could have been level at half time, then it would have been anyone's game.

The boys can take great heart from this and reflect on an outstanding achievement to make it this far in the first place. Well done boys!!!

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to Anna for her brilliant support throughout the afternoon.

(Mr Halloran)

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