

Knutsford Schools' Sports Newsletter

This week it was the girls' turn to show their footballing skills through a Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 tournament.

Year 3 and 4 football tournament

The Year 3's and 4's played 5 vs 5 just like they do in the league set up for their age group. There were 5 teams (BEXTON WHITE - YORSTON YELLOW - ST VINCENTS GREEN - EGERTON RED - BEXTON BLUE) participating in 12 minute matches with each team playing once against each other.

Due to the weather, the 3's and 4's didn't get to finish all their matches but, before the rain got too heavy, there were some wonderful displays from individuals and teams.

It was clear that there were players competing that had played before and players that hadn't played as much but by the end the enthusiasm and team spirit had brought all the players together and was an awesome sight to see.

As one player dribbled past two players from the opposition, the third defender stopped them but then the attacker's team mate stopped the stopper and restarted the attack. This happened again and again as all the players worked so hard with each other. Some great goals were scored and some great saves by the keepers were made. A little bit of confidence went a long way as players were instinctively smashing the ball into the back of the net like it was their day job.

Borrowed shin pads, football boots and football socks may not be returned to older brothers after some very enthusiastic performances- well done everyone.

Year 5 and 6 football tournament

Years 5 and 6 girls played 7 a side on a slightly bigger pitch just as their age group does in the Cheshire girls' league. There were 8 teams split into 2 groups of four teams with each team in that group playing each other once in a 15 minute match - YORSTON ATHLETIC - ST VINCENTS COUNTY - BEXTON CITY - EGERTON UNITED and ST VINCENTS HOTSPURS - ST VINCENTS CELTICS - EGERTON THISTLE - MANOR PARK RANGERS

The extra space and players helped the teams pass and move the ball around the pitch thus creating many opportunities for the teams to score.

I think Mark Sampson and Steph Houghton would have been very impressed with the quality of football performed by the Year 5 and 6 teams. If Sampson had sent one of his scouts down to see if any of the Knutsford school girls matched up to or could join his World Cup semi-final team, he would have had many player's names on the list of players to see again gauging by the skills, speed, power and energy on show. Even the heavy rain couldn't stop the enthusiastic girls from passing, shooting and creating many scoring occasions reminiscent of precise Fara Williams finishes or Fran Kirby dazzling footwork or thunderbolts like Lucy Bronze.

Each and every girl deserved their well-earned medal, which I'm sure they were all wearing round school today?

A big thank you must go to all the PE co-ordinators for selecting and preparing all the brilliant footballers and the Egerton FC youth leaders and referees for refereeing and leading all the matches with such a friendly and competitive environment.

Egerton FC would like to invite any girls interested in playing football or joining a football team to Saturday 9.30-10.30am or Wednesday 5-6.30pm training sessions at Egerton youth club for a taste of the football experience.