

# Knutsford Schools' Sports Newsletter

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A cold afternoon didn't stop the running of another thrilling KSSP tournament, this week it was the Year5/6 football tournament at Egerton Youth Club with support from Egerton FC

## Year 5/6 Football Tournament

18 teams; 100 boys and girls took part in Thursday's football.

The 18 teams were split into 3 groups of 6 teams with each team playing each other once (5 games) to see who finished top of the group. The three teams that finished top in their group went into the semi-finals with the best second place team from all the groups.

45 group matches saw 80+ goals scored and some amazing teamwork; passing and moving; pressuring the ball; keeping a defensive shape plus wonderful individual displays of skill or strength and persistence.

If you were to look up teamwork and team ethic in the encyclopaedia; you would see a huge picture of Thursday night's KSSP football tournament. The amount of cheering and supporting each team gave they own or other teams was incredible. Not only did they give their support but they also volunteered assistances and advice and occasionally a player or two. To say the tournament was run in a positive, enjoyable and friendly environment would be to understate it, all the pupils should be so proud of themselves and their friends – well done one and all.

The tournament started with energy and enthusiasm and those habits never stopped, not even when the temperature kept dropping (unlike any of the players' heads). From the start it was noticeable that some teams were in it to win and they set the standard but as the tournament went on other teams grow stronger. Bexton Blue and Egerton Black made up of the KSSP football league title contenders showed the way but St Vincent's Orange were on the coat tails of the Egerton Blacks, pushing them all the way till the final league game. Whereas another St Vincent side were pipped to the best second place by a well organised Manor Park Green from Group A.

## The Semi-finals:

Bexton Blue vs Egerton Black;

Bexton started like it was their first game of the day and never looked back. Bexton took the semi 3-0.

Manor Park Green vs Egerton Ruby:

A close encounter saw Manor Park edge it 1-0 with a cool finish and a strong rear guard performance.

## The Final

Bexton Blue 1

Vs

Manor Park Green 0

Two well organised teams, both playing fast paced passing football clashed in the final.

The contest was end to end, with both sides having their chances to score.

A decisive passing moving and expert finish from George presented Bexton Blue with the trophy but Manor Park never gave up and kept the Bexton supporters on the edge of their seats right till the final whistle.

Congratulations Bexton Blue