

Knutsford Schools' Sports Newsletter

This week saw the Year one and two pupils partake in a fabulous football festival.

Year 1 and 2 football festival

After a long Easter break, the KSSP returned with a bumper football festival involving over 100 boys and girls playing.

Thursday afternoon saw 18 teams of boys and girls from all five Knutsford schools playing in football matches.

The 18 teams were made up of children either from Year 1 or Year 2 or a mix of both years. Those teams were five players per team playing normal football rules: goal kicks; throw-ins; the helpful retreat rule; corner kicks. The one rule the children were allowed that the pros might not always be allowed was the flamboyant goal celebration- there were some very creative celebrations and some that the pros made definitely be happy to use next time they score.

Talking of scoring goal, there was some super goals scored but even more superb passing, dribbling, tackling and teamwork. If you didn't know any different, watching some of the matches you would of thought Messi, Ronaldo, Kante, Kane, Alli, Lallana and Sterling were playing on the 3G pitch at Egerton FC ON Thursday afternoon in the bright April sunshine.

Each team played 5 other teams in matches that were 8 minutes straight through, allowing enough time for roll on/off substitutions but not for a half –time team talk unfortunately for some of the more enthusiastic, reactive and passionate players and team managers. All the teams played all the time with back-to-back matches all the way through the festival, obviously allowing for a drink in between matches and time to sort who was playing in which position in the next match.

Talking of enthusiasm, I don't think a KSSP event has seen such fantastic enthusiasm, energy, enjoyment and most of all huge smiling faces.

The matches were non-competitive, no scores were kept and all the participants received a certificate with their name on, a well-deserved reward for their efforts and skills.

To be involved in Thursday's event must make you very proud because each and every player played for their teammates, listened and supporting their opposition plus worked superbly with the referees, thus making every game run smoothly and full of fun and enjoyment.

Once again a very well done to all the boys and girls that played and all the adults that supported them in such an enjoyable festival.

Next week the Year 3s and 4s are taking part in a badminton taster session with the following week the future Rooneys, Agueros and Walcotts are playing in the Reception Year football festival.