



St Edmund's Prep Tournament Reports 2019-2021



U11 Netball- Chigwell Tournament @ Chigwell School, 7th September 2019

U11A-W4 D2 L0 2nd Place (/20)

The U11A Netball team came second out of twenty teams at the annual Chigwell Netball Tournament. They won 8-2 v **Ursuline Prep** and 12-0 v **Oakdale** to progress as winners of their group. In the next round, against the other group winners, they Drew 2-2 v **St Aubyn's**, Drew 2-2 v **Brentwood** and then won 2-0 v **Bancrofts** and 4-0 v **Forest**. The team were unlucky not to win overall, losing out to the eventual winners in the end by just one goal.

U11B-W2 D0 L5 10th Place (/ 20)

The U11B team won two of their group matches to progress to the next round as runners-up against the other teams that had also placed second in their groups. Although a tough game against **Bancrofts A** finished in a 1-10 loss, the U11B team went on to win their next two games 2-0 v **St John Fisher B** and 5-0 v **St Anthony's A**. Although the next four games ended in defeat to **Chigwell A** 0-8, **Ursuline A** 2-8, **Highgate A** 0-5 and **Coopersale A** 2-6, the team's performances in the first round had guaranteed them a top ten finish and they finished overall in tenth out of twenty teams.

U11 Football- ISFA Regional Qualifiers @ Chigwell School, 28th September 2019

U10A-W3 D2 L1

The U10A football team competed at the annual ISFA Herts and Essex Regional Qualifiers in place of the U11 team who were in France on a residential trip. They were playing against teams that were a year older, although this team is particularly strong at their age group having won the annual U9 Forest School Tournament at the end of last year as well as all of their other fixtures in Year 4. The U10A team won 1-0 against **Heath Mount**, 2-1 against **Chigwell** and 4-0 against **Avon House**, before drawing 0-0 to **Loyola** and losing 0-1 against **Woodford Green Prep** and 1-3 against **Forest**. Up until half-time of the final match, the U10A team were winning the group and on their way to the semi-finals before losing their final game 1-3 to Forest.

Forest Netball Tournament @ Redbridge Sports Centre, 11th October 2019

U11A Netball- W7 D0 L0 1st Place (/20)

On Friday 11th October, the U11A Netball team travelled to Redbridge Sports Centre to compete in their annual tournament. Our first game was against **Berkhamsted**, a school that had won this tournament twice over the past five years and with a reputation of always fielding very strong teams. At half time, our girls found themselves behind but they managed to claw their way back into the game to win by a single goal, 6-5 to St Edmund's Prep. Next came a 9-0 win against **New Hall**, followed by a 7-0 victory against **Mossford** and a 3-0 win against a physically strong team from **Coopersale**. The U11A team won their group with an unbeaten record, scoring twenty five goals and only conceding five along the way. In the final round, St Edmund's Prep were placed with teams that had all won their groups and so were guaranteed a top four place out of the twenty teams that had entered.

The first match was against **Ursuline Prep**, another school with a very strong record in the competition having won six times since the tournament began in 2005. St Edmund's Prep carried on from where they had left off in the group stages by winning this game 4-0. Next came another tough match, this time against **St Aubyn's**, previous winners on three occasions and also last year's winners. This was perhaps the toughest match of all, but thanks to a late goal St Edmund's

Prep won 3-2. The final match was against **Widford Lodge** who had also won all of their games up to that point. Despite trailing to a very strong team at half-time, St Edmund's Prep came back to win 4-2 to secure first place and the gold medal position. In fifteen years of entering the competition, one that had only been won by five other schools since its inception, St Edmund's Prep finally managed to win to bring home the shield that had eluded us for so long.

U10 Football- St Aubyn's Football Tournament @ St Aubyn's, 6th November, 2019

U10A- W5 D0 L1 (2nd Place /8)

On Wednesday 6th November, the U10A Football Team travelled to St Aubyn's School to compete in their annual football tournament. They played some fantastic football in the groups stages, beating **Loyola** 1-0, **Bancrofts** 1-0, **Woodford Green Prep** 3-0 and **St Aubyn's 'B'** 4-0. Having scored nine and not conceded any goals, St Edmund's Prep U10A went into the semi-finals in confident mood. The Semi-Final was a short match versus **Chigwell** where our team just couldn't find a way through to score and almost got caught on the break a few times. The match went to penalties and St Edmund's Prep won 2-1 on spot kicks to claim their place in the final. The final was against **Woodford Green Prep**, a team that the St Edmund's Prep U10A team had played in the group stages. After St Edmund's Prep U10A scored early on in the game the opposition scored a late goal from a counter attack to level the match and send it to penalties. This was to prove costly in the end, our first goal conceded from open play in the competition in the final minute of the game. This time around, the boys lost out in the shoot-out and had to settle for second place.

U11 Sportshall Athletics- District Sportshall Athletics Competition @ Royston Leisure Centre, 28th January, 2020

U11A Boys- (2nd Place /5) U11A Girls- (1st Place /5)

On Tuesday 28th January, our U11 Indoor Athletics team travelled to Royston Leisure Centre to take part in the annual District Sportshall Athletics Competition. The field events took place first of all, with our boys and girls teams taking part in the foam javelin, speed stepper, vertical jump, long jump, triple jump and chest push throw. After the first round, we had claimed first place in the following events:

Foam Javelin (Boys)- Jesse Jeff Okoh, Thomas Preece and Fionn Noonan Crane

Foam Javelin (Girls)- Michelle Ogungbemi, Pippa Webster and Sienna Goodfellow

Chest Push Throw (Girls)- Michelle Ogungbemi, Pippa Webster and Siena Field

Triple Jump (Girls)- Amelia Rumalean, Isla Roberts and Zara Ferns

Speed Stepper (Girls)- Amber Smits, Zara Ferns and Sienna Goodfellow

Vertical Jump (Girls)- Thea Davis, Amelia Rumalean and Rebecca Sambridge

Going in to the track events, our girls team were leading after winning the majority of the field events whilst our boys team were trailing in second to King James Academy. Both teams needed strong performances in the running races and they were all very exciting to watch! The following teams won their track events:

Obstacle Relay (Girls)- Thea Davis, Siena Field, Charlotte Sambridge and Sienna Goodfellow

2x2 Lap Relay (Girls)- Amber Smits and Zara Ferns

When the final results were counted, our boys team finished in second place overall and our girls team finished as winners. For the first time, a team from St Edmund's Prep qualified for the County Sportshall Athletics Finals. Well done everyone!

U11 Football- Wix District Football Tournament @ King James Academy, 11th February, 2020

U11- (3rd Place /5)

Our U11 Football team braved arctic conditions to play in the Wix District U11 Football Tournament on Tuesday 11th February at King James Academy. The first match was against **St Mary's** which was very close for most of the first half, but our boys then began to create more goalscoring opportunities and finally made the breakthrough. After scoring a goal, the boys held on for a well-deserved 1-0 victory.

The next match was against **Ralph Sadlier**, a team that were physically strong and who imposed themselves on the game increasingly as it progressed. After looking as though we were going to hold on for a draw, the opposition scored from one of their few chances to condemn us to a 0-1 loss.

The final match was against **King James Academy**, a team that was held in high regard. This proved to be the case as our team struggled to keep up with the tempo and movement of the opposition. A superb goal won the match for King James Academy, a curling right footed shot that nestled into the far corner of our goal. Another 0-1 loss that meant St Edmund's Prep finished in third place with one win and two losses. However, it should be noted that many of the team were from Form 5, playing up a year, and that winning one match and losing by a single goal to two strong sides was still a great effort

U11 Girls' Football- Wix District Girls' Football Tournament @ King James Academy, 13th February, 2020 **U11- (1st Place /4)**

Our U11 Girls' Football team travelled to King James Academy to play in the Wix District Girls' Football Tournament on Thursday 13th February. The first match was against **St Mary's**, and after some fine passing moves we scored an early goal from long range. The next goal was almost identical, another long range strike that settled in the top corner to give us a 2-0 lead. We played very well as a team in this match, limiting the opposition to occasional forays into our half whilst keeping the pressure on them with some excellent attacking football. The match finished 2-0 to St Edmund's Prep and saw us off to a fantastic start.

The next match was against **Ralph Sadlier**, a team that had just drawn with the hosts and looked to be in good form. Our game plan was simple, use the length of the pitch to our advantage by setting the ball back to our defenders and using long, direct balls forward and into space. The plan seemed to be working really well as we counter attacked with some excellent runs and crosses from wide positions. We almost snatched an early lead, but the ball just wouldn't quite sneak over the line when it seemed that the opening was there to be taken. However, we carved out further opportunities and scored two goals later on in the game to win 2-0 again.

Understanding that a draw against **King James Academy** would be enough to secure a place in the Wix County Quarter Finals, St Edmund's Prep set up quite defensively and the plan worked. Other than a few long range strikes, the opposition rarely troubled our goal and 0-0 was sufficient to see us through as the district champions. Two wins and a draw told part of the story, but scoring four great goals, conceding none and playing so well without our captain and main goalscorer made the success even more impressive. After winning, St Edmund's Prep qualified for the Wix County Quarter Finals against the other district winners from all across Hertfordshire.

Congratulations to our winning team-

Charlotte Ward, Sienna Goodfellow, Zara Ferns, Rebecca Sambridge, Roberta Scott, Charlotte Sambridge, Isla Roberts and Eva Olaiya (C)

U11 Netball- IAPS Regional Netball Qualifiers @ St Faiths School, Cambs., 27th February, 2020 U11A- W7 D0 L2 **(3rd Place /14)**

On Thursday 27th February, our U11A Netball team travelled to St Faith's School in Cambridge to play in the IAPS Regional Netball Qualifiers (Cambridgeshire). The girls had an early start with a long journey ahead of them, and it happened to be the coldest morning of the year too. With the ground covered in snow, we were all half expecting the tournament to be cancelled and were travelling more in hope of playing than anything else.

The first match was against the host school, **St Faiths**. The match was close but we made a great start to the tournament and won 5-3. The second game was against **St Albans Prep**. A team that were strongly fancied to do well and a very strong side. Our girls were leading twice in the first half, but went into half-time at 2-2. However, the opposition pinned us back in the second half of the game and we lost this one 3-6. The U11A Netball team were back to winning ways in their next match that ended in a 4-1 victory against **St John's College**. With three games to go, the group was looking very close and the next few matches were to prove vitally important to the final standings. St Edmund's Prep won all three, with a 1-0 victory against **Culford School**, a 4-2 win against **Kings Ely** and a 6-3 success against **Old Buckenham Hall**.

After all of the group games had finished, **St Edmund's Prep** finished as group winners and qualified for the quarter finals against fourth place from the other group.

The quarter final was against **Stoneyhurst St Mary's**. A match that was not for the faint-hearted. After trailing by two goals, the U11A Netball team clawed their way back to 2-2 to force extra-time. Five minutes were played for extra time,

with each school scoring twice more and the scores still level. This meant that the match went to Golden Goal. Incredibly, after trailing for most of the match and then showing such determination to battle back, we held our nerve to sink the decisive shot and win 5-4. This saw us through to a semi-final against **St Faith's**.

The winner of this match would qualify for the National Finals in Dorset. However, it wasn't to be for St Edmund's Prep, despite us winning against them in the first game of the day **St Faiths** were just a little too strong in the Semi Final and we lost 3-5. The girls all showed great character and resilience to pick themselves up again for the 3rd/4th Place Playoff against **Framlingham College**, a match that they won 3-2 to earn 3rd place overall and a bronze medal each.

U11 Netball- SNS South Regional Netball Qualifiers @ Priors Field School, Surrey, 4th March, 2020

U11A- W3 D0 L4

On Wednesday 4th March, our U11A Netball team travelled to Priors Field School in Godalming, Surrey to play in the **U11 SNS South Regional Netball Tournament**.

The first match was against a strong **Orchard House** team. Our U11A netball team were still finding their feet, whilst the opposition seemed to hit the ground running. We lost the first match 3-10 but were determined to get back on track in the next match. The next opponents were The **Royal Russell School**, and this time we were the team who looked more comfortable in possession whilst our opponents were struggling a little to move the ball down court. We won this game 4-1. Next up were **The Study**, who had just beaten our first opponents so we knew this game would be tough. We were drawing up until half time, but the game got away from us and we ended up losing this one 1-4. A great 4-0 victory against **Ursuline Prep** was the result from our fourth group match, before we went down to two straight losses to **Putney High School**, 4-5, and **The Roche**, 1-5. The performance against Putney was possibly our best of the day, as we only lost by one goal to the eventual winners and we had opportunities to score the deciding goal ourselves. The girls finished well with a 4-1 victory against **North London Collegiate**, although this result was not quite enough for our team to qualify for the quarter finals. Our final league position was fifth out of eight sides. The standard of netball was extremely good and it was a superb challenge for our girls to test themselves against teams from a notoriously strong area of the country for netball.

U11 Boys' Hockey- Felsted Hockey Tournament @ Felsted Prep, 13th March, 2020

U11A- W0 D2 L2

The boys' U11 hockey team played extremely well against some excellent teams in the annual **Felsted Hockey Tournament**. All four of their group games were very close and they were unlucky not to come away with a win to reward their efforts. The first match was against **Felsted 'A'**. During this match our team conceded an early goal but we then went on to score on the counter-attack to level the game. However, the opposition scored late in the match and we ended up losing 1-2. We drew our next game 1-1 against **Felsted 'B'** before also drawing 0-0 against **Howe Green** in a match where the ball just wouldn't go in! The final match was a very close encounter, against **Thorpe Hall**. Another late goal from the opposition meant that we lost our final game 1-2. We didn't quite manage to get out of the group stages, but having scored three goals and only conceded five the boys did very well indeed after playing some excellent hockey.

U11 Girls' Hockey- Felsted Hockey Tournament @ Felsted Prep, 13th March, 2020

U11A- W3 D2 L0

This year, the annual **Felsted Hockey Tournament** followed a round robin format with each team playing each other once. The first game was against **Felsted 'A'** and despite winning for most of the match a late goal from our opposition meant that it ended in a 2-2 draw. The next two matches both finished with 1-0 victories against **Alleyn Court** and **Woodford Green Prep**. The fourth match ended in a 1-1 draw against **Felsted 'B'** before finishing with a 10-0 victory against **St Joseph's In the Park**. Having gained the most points in our five matches, we were crowned as the winners! This was a notable achievement as St Edmund's Prep had never previously won this competition.

U11 Girls' Football- ISFA South Regional Football Tournament @ Ardingly College 14th May, 2021

U11A- W5 D1 L1(3rd Place /20)

After arriving at the beautiful grounds of Ardingly College, deep in Surrey countryside after a long journey, our girls got ready for a tournament that they'd long been awaiting after training for several weeks beforehand to prepare as a squad. They started off well, winning their group with 10 points taken from three wins and a draw. These came in a fantastic 2- 0 victory against **Royal Russell**, followed by a 0-0 draw against **ACS Cobham** and then a 1- 0 win against **Thomas' Fulham** and a dominant 2-0 win against **St Swithuns**. The quarter final was a nerve-wracking match, but our girls progressed after winning the penalty shootout against the hosts **Ardingly College** and deserved to do so after the opposition rarely got into our half.

The semi-finals were against **Blackheath Prep** who were a very talented team and the game was thoroughly fast-paced and competitive. The match finished 0-0 and again went to penalties. This time we lost and went out at the semi final stage to the team that would go on and win the competition. Up to this point, we had not conceded a single goal all day and were just a penalty shootout away from progressing into the final and gaining one of the two qualifying spots for the National Finals! After a tearful end to the semi-final match, the girls regrouped and won the 3rd/4th Place Playoff against **Hornsby House**, 2-1.

U11 Netball- Norfolk Netball Tour, 9th-10th July , 2021

U11A- W2 D0 L0

On Friday 9th July, the day after we had finished school and the girls had completed Form 6, we travelled to Norfolk for a netball tour. We met in the centre of Norwich and gathered ready to play **Norwich School**. Their grounds were impressive to say the least and we were taken on a short walk to the sports ground through some beautiful walled gardens. On arrival, we were welcomed warmly by our opposition. The hall was alive with music being played loudly through a stereo and everyone was feeling pumped up and ready for the game. The match was very exciting to watch and ended in a 26-6 victory for St Edmund's Prep. After the match, we all visited a lovely Turkish restaurant for a celebratory meal where we gave out special awards to the whole team to mark their incredible record of never having been beaten as a netball team in the Prep School... up to that point! That evening we stayed in a Holiday Inn that overlooked Norwich Football Club.

On Saturday, we all travelled to the University of East Anglia to play **Norfolk United**, a club team and another level of challenge for our talented squad of girls. The girls started strongly and were equally impressive in their second game. They won by another large margin with the final score 45-3. The girls were very emotional at the end of the game, as their tears fell to the court, they were left to recall many great memories of their times together as '*The Unbeatables*'- a record that may never again be matched at St Edmund's Prep. Their final record was **Played 34- Won 34** (from Form 3 to Form 6)

U11 Football- Blackpool Football Tournament, 16th-18th July , 2021

U11A- W2 D0 L0

On Friday 16th July, a week after the school year had finished, the U11 Football team met in Blackpool to play in their annual football tournament. The whole area had been taken over by football teams and the atmosphere was fantastic. The local hotels had been booked out to accommodate football teams from all over the North of England and their families. Our first night was inevitably spent on the Pier, with the boys enjoying the arcades and all of the bright lights along the promenade.

On Saturday morning, we were up early and made our way to the pitches by minibus. The boys were excited and couldn't wait to get on to the pitches. As a school team, we had played 7-a-side but as this was a club competition, we had to make the step up in number to 9-a-side. With such a talented group of boys, surely this wouldn't be a problem? We started strongly with a fantastic 3-1 win against **Wyke Wanderers**. This was followed by an 8-0 victory against **St Patrick's Gold** and then a 2-0 win against **Walshaw Allstars**. First day...undefeated!

On Sunday morning St Edmund's Prep U11A completed their group games by winning 10-1 versus **St Anne's** and then 2-1 against a very good **Rutherford Swifts** side. These final group game results meant that we finished the groups stages unbeaten with a very strong goal difference. We were then given a quarter final tie against **Walton Vale**. This team were very well organised and a young Everton academy defender who captained their side was very impressive indeed. The

match went into half-time goalless but after a small tweak to our formation we came out for the second half strongly and won 2-0. This meant we were in the semi-finals against a team we'd been keeping an eye on, **Prescott Cables**. They had won their group and most of their games by double figures! They were the tournament favourites at the halfway stage and had won their local league and several tours previously. The match didn't start well, we gave away a penalty in the opening moments... but they missed. The game was then end-to-end and not many chances went either way. However, we had one chance and took it. A fabulous goal to send us through to the final and the whole team were elated! We won the final 3-0 against **Discoveries**. By then, we were unstoppable!

What a way to end for this talented bunch of footballers, their final record from Form 3 to 6 was:

Played 38- Won 35 Drew 1 Lost 2