



St Edmund's Prep Tournament Reports 2022-2023



Friday 23rd September, U11 ISFA Regional Football Tournament @ Chigwell School

U11A Football- Won 2 Drew 2 Lost 2- (**Semi-Finalists**)

On Friday 23rd September, the St Edmund's Prep U11A Football team travelled to Chigwell School to compete in the annual ISFA Regional Tournament for a place in the National Finals. We started really well against a very strong team from **Brentwood**, a team that went on to win the competition. After going behind early in the game, we equalised with a fantastic goal of our own. Unfortunately, the opposition scored again late in the game and we lost 1-2. The second match was against **Woodford Green Prep**. We played really well in this match and won 7-0. The performance gave us great belief and confidence, whilst the number of goals that we scored was to prove pivotal at the end of the group stage. Our next game ended in a 1-1 draw against **Duncombe**, with their team scoring against the run of play after a dominant performance by our side. The final group match ended in a 2-2 draw after **Bishops Stortford College** pegged us back twice after we had led for large spells of the game. We finished on the same points as three other teams but were awarded second place due to our superior goal difference.

Second place in the group paired us with **Gatehouse** in the Quarter Finals. The St Edmund's Prep U11A team gave an incredible performance and were superb in and out of possession when attacking. They won 4-1 and were building momentum with some dominant displays. The Semi Final was against **Loyola** and what a match that turned out to be. With both sides level at the end of full time, we were just one minute away from penalties when the opposition scored a late goal from a long range strike. With both finalists going on to represent Essex in the National Finals at St George's Park, against all of the other regional finalists, we came so close in the end. The boys all did themselves, and the school, proud with such superb performance.

Tuesday 11th October, St Aubyn's Football Tournament

U10A Football- Won 4 Drew 2 Lost 0- (**1st Place/10**)

On Tuesday 11th October, the St Edmund's Prep U10A team travelled to St Aubyn's to play in their annual football tournament. The first match was a typically close encounter against **Loyola**. Despite having the majority of chances, we couldn't quite break through and score a goal with the game finishing at 0-0. The second game was played against **Bancrofts** and this time we were outstanding in attack to score 4 goals and win 4-0. The third match was a goalless draw against **Woodford Green Prep**. The boys couldn't quite finish off their chances with the opposition defending in numbers. However, a 5-0 win against **St Aubyn's 'B'** followed to secure second place in group B and a semi final spot. The semi-final was against **Chigwell**. They looked a physical team and had won their group. We played some fantastic football and created lots of chances to score. Eventually we took the lead with a great finish from lovely passing move. However, Chigwell hit us on the break and, with their first attack, won a corner late in the game. The opposition scored from this corner to force penalties. Showing great composure, we scored all three of our penalties and our goalkeeper saved the last of theirs to win the shootout and go through to the final.

The St Edmund's Prep U10A team were really dominant in the final. They controlled possession and looked very dangerous on the attack. We scored two goals without reply to win the final 2-0.

A great performance and the St Edmunds Prep U10A team fully deserved to lift the trophy after playing such superb football all afternoon.

Tuesday 8th November, NE Herts District Competition

U11A Girls Football- Won 3 Drew 1 Lost 0- (2nd Place/5)

The U11A girls football team started off strongly with a convincing 3–0 win against **St Mary's**, Royston. In the next game against **Edwinstree**, another win followed after two quick goals in the early stages of the game. The third game against **King James Academy** was much closer and although we had most of the attack and the ball remained in the opposition's half for the majority of the game, it looked like we might not score a goal to win the game. However, shortly before the end we scored a super goal from a cross to claim victory 1 – 0. In the final game, we knew that we had to win to qualify for the county round. **Ralph Sadleir** had also won all of their games but had scored more goals. The opposition scored first but our team's heads did not drop. We scored a goal to equalise and then spent the remainder of the match trying to find the winner. Unfortunately this did not arrive in time before the final whistle. This meant that although we were unbeaten on the day we did not qualify for the next round based on the amount of goals scored. The girls played very well throughout the afternoon, scoring some great goals from quick counter-attacks and defending solidly. Our goalkeeper also pulled off some spectacular saves in the final game.

Thursday 1st December, NE Herts District Competition

U11A Football- Won 3 Drew 0 Lost 1- (2nd Place/5)

On Thursday 1st December, St Edmund's Prep U11 A football team travelled to King James Academy in Royston to compete in the North East Herts district qualifiers football competition. The first match was against **Edwinstree** who went on to win the competition. It turned out that the winner of this game would finish in first place. We were desperately unlucky as we were leading for the majority of the game, we were 3–2 up with around five minutes to go but their team stepped up a gear and scored two goals in the closing stages and we lost the game 3–4. The second match was against the hosts, **King James Academy**, always a tough team to play against! On this occasion we were fantastic, pressing high up the pitch and not giving the opposition any time at all to settle. We won this game 3–0 to underline our dominance. The next match was a 7-0 victory against **St Mary's** from Royston. Our team put on a great attacking display and scored lots of superb goals. The final match was against **Ralph Sadleir** to determine second place in the competition. We scored a good goal early on in the match and held on to claim a deserved 1-0 victory. There were some very good teams at this competition, not least the team that won, but we would have been equally deserving after our display of football. A great team performance from our side to claim second place and cap off an excellent season.

Wednesday 8th February, Heath Mount Hi-5's Festival

U11A Netball- Won 3 Drew 1 Lost 1

U11B Netball- Won 3 Drew 0 Lost 0

Our U11Netball A and B teams travelled to Heath Mount to play in a Hi-5 Netball Festival. The results weren't formally recorded in order to give out final positions, but our results were as follows:

U11A:

Won 2-0 v **Bancrofts 'A'**

Won 6-0 v **Heath Mount 'B'**

Won 2-0 v **Brentwood 'A'**

Lost 0-3 v **Heath Mount 'A'**

Drew 1-1 v **Stormont 'A'**

U11B:

Won 4-1 v **Stormont 'B'**

Won 4-0 v **Stormont 'C'**

Won 7-0 v **Heath Mount 'C'**

Tuesday 14th March, St Aubyn's Rugby Festival

U10A Rugby- Won 4 Drew 0 Lost 0

Our U10 Rugby A team travelled to St Aubyn's to play in a Rugby Festival. The results weren't formally recorded in order to give out final positions, but our results were as follows:

U10A:

Won 7-0 v **St Nicholas 'A'**

Won 5-2 v **St Aubyn's 'A'**

Won 5-0 v **St Aubyn's 'B'**

Won 8-0 v **Loyola 'A'**

Wednesday 22nd March, Manor Lodge Girls Football Festival

U11A Girls Football- Won 3 Drew 1 Lost 0

Our U11 Girls Football A team travelled to Manor Lodge to play in a Girls' Football Festival. We won our first game 2-1 against **Westbrook Hay 'A'**. After taking the lead with a goal following a super passing move, we were pegged back by the opposition. However, we soon managed to get the winning goal after some sustained attacking pressure. Our next game was a superb 4-0 win versus **Manor Lodge 'A'**. We worked really well in this game to create lots of scoring chances in a one-sided encounter. The third game was a very tight 1-1 draw against **Radlett 'A'**. We scored first but they equalised from a direct free-kick. St Edmund's Prep finished with a 1-0 win versus **Beechwood Park 'A'**. The girls played really well as a team and their positional understanding is really developing too. As this was a festival, the results weren't formally recorded in order to give out final positions.

Friday 21st-23rd April, ESF Festival of Football @ Butlins, Skegness

Boys U11A Football - W3 D1 L1

Girls U11A Football- W3 D2 L0

After arriving in Butlins at Skegness on Friday afternoon, our U11A Boys and Girls football squads enjoyed the slides and waves at the swimming pool, before heading out to eat together and finishing off the evening at the arcades. On Saturday morning, we focused ourselves on the football tournaments that we would be playing in and set off in our separate teams. The U11A girls played their matches in the morning and started off with a wonderful 2-0 win against **Lymm Rovers**. The next match ended in a 1-0 victory against **Hebburn Flames** in an encounter where our side were equally as dominant in possession. The final match of the day finished with a 0-0 draw against **Harborough Team 1** which meant that we finished the first day in joint second place in our group with them. The U11A boys' games were in the afternoon and they played **Thorncliffe Villa** first, a team that would go on to win the whole competition. However, we enjoyed an equal amount of possession and were arguable the better team. After falling behind in the first half, we battle back to earn a 1-1 draw with a spectacular, late equaliser. The next match ended in a 2-1 victory against **Discoveries** and our final match of the day finished with a 1-0 win against **Ayr Boswell**. After the first day, the U11A boys were sitting in joint 1st place in their group. The U11A Boys were fully focused on completing our group matches and qualifying for the next round as we prepared for our Sunday morning matches. We won the first match 3-2 against **Newcastle East End** to set up a tantalising final game. This was played against **Silcox Villa**, knowing that a draw would be enough for us to progress. In this tense game, we went behind very early on but managed to snatch an equaliser. At half time, we knew that we had to hold on and gave everything in the next half to do so. Unfortunately, we conceded another goal and lost 1-2. This meant that we finished in joint second but lost out on a semi final place with a lesser number of Fair Play points that we had accumulated. The U11A Girls team started off on Sunday afternoon where they had left off the day before, playing really well as a team and winning their first match 1-0 v **Bury FC Lightning**. To progress to the semi finals we knew that a victory would be essential in our final game. This was against the group

leaders, **Coventry City Girls**. With two impressive teams battling it out for first place, the game ended in a 0-0 draw. This meant that we finished in second place overall in Group 1 with only the top placed team in all three groups, plus the best runner-up, going through to the semi finals. Unfortunately, we narrowly missed out on the best runners-up spot but were very proud of our performances and results throughout the tournament nonetheless.

Friday 19th May, ISFA Regional Qualifiers

Girls U11A Football - W2 D1 L1 (**Semi Finalists**)

Our U11A Girls Football team started off strongly, winning their first match 3-0 against **Aldenhams**. A 0-0 draw against **Stephen Perse** followed in a game between two good sides. We won our next one 3-0 against **Chigwell**, with some excellent goals to add to our impressive tally. We finished the group stage in first place without having conceded any goals. The next match was against **Highgate**, a team who we had seen playing very well and earning equally as impressive results as ours in one of the other groups. We set up to try and keep the game level and win with a breakaway goal or on penalties. This plan worked, in part, as we stopped a very talented opposing team from scoring whilst having a few chances to score on the counter-attack ourselves. The game went to penalties but we didn't manage to win the shootout. We ended as losing semi-finalists in a competition where the top two teams went through to the national finals, so were desperately unfortunate to miss out on qualifying by just a few spot kicks!

Wednesday 14th June, Bancrofts Cricket Festival @ West Grove

Girls U11A Cricket - W2 D0 L2 (**5th Place /7**)

Boys U11A Cricket- W2 D0 L3 (**6th Place /12**)

Plate Winners

On Wednesday 14th June, St Edmund's Prep U11A Boys & Girls Cricket teams travelled to play in the annual cricket festival at Bancrofts School. We spent the day in blazing sunshine and had great fun playing against lots of school-learning lots about the game in a quick, shortened format and spending time together as a team. Our results were as follows:

U11A Girls Cricket Results @ Bancrofts Festival

Group A Results

Won by 5 Wickets v Gatehouse

Lost by 10 Runs v Heath Mount

Lost by 36 Runs v Bancrofts

Plate Final

Won by 4 Wickets v New Hall

U11A Boys Cricket Results @ Bancrofts Festival

Group C Results

Won by 1 run v Forest

Won by 4 wickets v Avon House

Lost by 5 wickets v New Hall

Plate Results

Lost by 25 runs v St Aubyn's

Lost by 1 run v Heath Mount 'B'