

On Monday 10th October 2016 our mixed year 5 and 6 girl's football team experienced their first competition together. It was clearly noticeable that they were excited.

We were competing in group 2 along with four other schools and we played each other once. Our journey began against Holy Family, it was a close match and not a lot separated the girls, however we managed to win the game 1-0. Game number two we met King David and this was a step up from the first match proving to be a greater challenge and the girls lost the game 1-0.

After experiencing their defeat the mood was low and the girls had to manage to rally together and be ready for their next game, versus Hunts Cross. Mr Kirkwood announced the team to start and gave them a reassurance chat basically to forget the last game and move forward. Something clicked because the girls went onto the pitch and the football they managed to play was outstanding, it was noticed by all, the referee passed comment on how great they were. Mr Kirkwood was very pleased to observe such a brilliant performance. The passion and work rate the girls demonstrated was first class consequently they won the game 3-0.

Adrenaline from their previous win took the girls sky high and that was a good place to be as up next was Much Woolton, who actually went on to become the competition champions, our game with them was a very difficult one, the girls tried their best although unable to get close to their goal and received their second and final defeat by three goals to nil. Our final game was with Childwall Valley and we won 1-0.

Overall we played 5 games won 3 and lost 2. It was not enough to progress out of the group. However a good experience and now we move on to the girls next game a cup match, further details to follow.

Dovedale children have always expressed great passion in all their sports and at this competition the girls were awarded the School Games award for passion. This is an award that anyone, inclusive of the winners, can win. We are extremely proud to have stood out as a passionate team and bring the framed award back to school.

Well done everyone!

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