

## **Thame Primary Schools Girls Football Tournament Sports Report**

Wednesday 17th January, 2018 arrived .The girls collected the St Andrews team kit and chatted excitedly about what the afternoon might hold in store!!

A beautiful sunny, cold day beckoned as the children made their way to Tetsworth Green where the tournament was taking place.

Once there and warmed up, the tournament organiser explained to all the teams the rules, expectations, and order of play.

It was time to begin and the St Andrews squad were all fired up and ready to play, ably led by their Captain Ella Olliffe.

Five schools attended the tournament; each team would have five games, playing eight minute matches, and substitutes rolling on and off.

Game one - St Andrew's versus St Joseph's- after kick off the girls soon got into their stride, playing a very attacking game with goals coming from Ella (2) and Sophia (1) and winning the match 3 - 0. After thanking the referee and shaking hands with the opposition, they had a short rest before the next match versus John Hampden.

Game two proved to be a very even game with both teams having an even amount of time with the ball, making it a very tense game for the spectators!

Tia , as goalkeeper , made some brilliant saves , and it was her excellent goal keeping skills that very much contributed to winning this game, coupled with Sophia making a last minute determined attack to drive the ball into the back of the net to make the final score 1- 0 , a second win for St Andrews!

Excitement was mounting, the girls rehydrated and it was into Game 3.

Game three versus Aston Rowant - kick off ensued and St Andrews quickly took control and began to dominate the game. Goals coming rapidly from Katy, whose persistence and endeavour produced a great goal, closely followed by Sophia, and finally Ella scoring a hat trick. A great win 5 - 0!

Mr Smith's coaching points definitely reaping rewards in this five goal win!

Into the final game versus Tetsworth, the host school. St A's had to contain their excitement, knowing that if they could win this final game the Winner's Shield was in sight. Again this was a closely contested game with Isla, and Eve defending well and

Tia's safe hands proving invaluable again. As the game neared its conclusion Katy stormed down the pitch , working the ball with Ella to score the only goal leading to a 1-0 win .

A fantastic afternoon for the team and their supporters. The girls had played with enthusiasm, skill, and determination to win all their games. They all represented the school and themselves in a very positive way during the event - they must be proud of themselves. After thanking the referee and opponents for the final time all the players and supporters gathered together to hear the overall results.

The results were announced in reverse order and the roar went up when first place went to St Andrews School - a thrilling afternoon of football and a reminder to everyone how valuable sport is for the development of all children with the values of fair play, teamwork, encouragement and confidence building .

1st - St Andrew's

2nd - Tetsworth

3rd- John Hampden

4th - Aston Rowant

5th - St Joseph's

Congratulations to the team who were thrilled to receive their medals and certificates and return the Winners Shield to St Andrews again.

The triumphant team players were :- Ella Olliffe, Eleanor Jones, Tia Woolgar, Katy Brown, Isla Merchant, Sophia Bliss, Elodie Morris-Edwards and Evelyn Howe.

A big ' thank you ' to all parents/carers and friends who supported the team.

Mrs Baker/Mr Smith

