

TCES Group Inter-School Football Tournament 2018



Teamwork makes the dream work!

Wednesday May 9 heralded the return of the TCES Group schools and Create Services annual football tournament at the Brentwood Leisure Centre in Essex. This year the weather was kind: the blue skies and warm sunshine allowed for perfect on and off pitch conditions. Staff members' immense hard work and organisation paid off with the creation of a memorable day of great teamwork and sportsmanship for all who participated.

First to arrive in Brentwood was Ben Green from Activ8 Fitness Camp, a specialist tutor at ELIS, who showed how fit he was by singlehandedly moving goal posts into position on the pitches. The teams started to arrive shortly after, with ELIS and NWLIS pupils getting straight down to their impressive warm-up routines in preparation for the fierce competition the tournament is well known for.

For the first time, Create Essex fielded its own team who were notable for conducting themselves extremely well. The players were accompanied by AOT Faye and hub lead for Clacton, Sadie who were clearly delighted to be there, saying: "It's been a great achievement getting the team here. Although the pupils have been nervous and anxious about the tournament over the past week, they're also really excited about taking part. One player only joined us last week, but they're all pulling well together and it's so nice to see them playing as a team."

Throughout the day there were some great matches and exciting goals, demonstrating how teams were benefitting from their regular practice sessions leading up to the tournament.

"When we're in the flow of the game I get a rush of happiness and energy. Teamwork makes the dream work."

Hussein

"Whether we do well or not we will do our school proud. It's good to get to know other kids from other schools."

Nick



The EFS Clacton winning team



"I enjoy playing as a team in a competition. It's nice to get to know the others and meet other people."

Ryan

The results

Eventually it was a tense all EFS final between Clacton and Witham, resulting in Clacton, whose team included the only girl in this year's tournament, beating Witham into second place with a score of 3-0. Head Teacher of EFS, Cheryl Rutter said: "We're delighted to be champions at last and are enjoying our moment of glory after losing on penalties two years in a row. I understand that it was a great day all round with lots of examples of great sportsmanship from all the schools taking part. Another great success for TCES Group schools and services."

A special well done to NWLIS whose teams took third and fourth places, only losing out on a place in the final on goal difference.

At the end of the day all players received a medal, with two specific awards given to:

Sportsmanship Award: Kleberton (ELIS)
Player of the tournament: Nick (NWLIS)

Well done to all the players, who demonstrated admirable sportsmanship and teamwork, the referees and the staff whose contribution both on and off the pitch made the event possible.

Roll on next year!



Players from EFS Witham



"It doesn't matter if you lose, you can do better next time."

Lee

"When I learn I try to do my best and have scored twice."

Kevin

"Being part of the family is what is best about playing for my school team."

Hussein

"I like helping my team - I've been a key player in their performance. I'm a striker and also play for Harrow Borough and Kodak."

Nick



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