

Ashgate Girls' Football 2017-2018

End of Autumn Term résumé.

It has been a busy and successful term for our girls' football teams. In addition to attending weekly training sessions after school, the girls have taken part in the following festivals and competitions:



13 September - Nottinghamshire FA Football Festival for Y3&4 girls held at Nottingham Trent University. Here the girls enjoyed a wide variety of activities like workshops focusing on different

skills, meeting Nottingham Forest Ladies FC players, playing in some 5 a-side matches with other schools and the very popular face-painting and hair-braiding.

5 October - Mini Soccer Tournament for Y5&6 girls at Steve Bloomer Racecourse. Ashgate finished runners-up, which qualified us for the County Finals on 9 November.

12 October - Another brilliant event, this time for our older pupils, who travelled up north for the FA Football Festival for Y5&6 girls at Shirebrook Academy. The girls played in 5 a-side matches with other schools, took part in a referee workshop, goalkeeper workshop, speed cage, target shoot, freestyle workshop, skills workshop, met Women's Super League players and also had their hair braided and faces painted!



9 November – A trip up north again this time to Tibshelf Community School for the Derbyshire U11 Mini Soccer County Finals involving teams from all over Derbyshire. Ashgate reached the semi-finals and after extra-time and a penalty shoot-out our Y5&6 girls ended up in 4th place in the whole of the county. The team was a credit to the school and a whisker away from stardom! (Team: Lola, Gabriela, Mea, Maggie, Xantia, Ivana, Stacia, Antonia, Ellie, Ava).

23 November –Back down to earth for a Y5&6 Football Festival at Moorways Stadium, organised by Derby City Schools Sport Partnership. These are excellent occasions where teams from different schools get the chance to play friendly matches without the intense competition and less interference from teachers/coaches!

Special thanks to parents for supporting these events and to Mrs Forte and Miss Lammond for their invaluable help.

Mr Odell

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