

Saints Foundation, on Wednesday 21st February, held a street soccer school tournament at Goals, Millbrook, Southampton. A prize of playing at the King Power in a free Saints kit was at stake, additional free accommodation, food and travel also came with the package for whoever won. Foxes entered two teams, an A and B team. Both sides enjoyed the day but sadly neither progressed through their group. I was in the A team and played striker and once in defence.

Our first game was at 11am against Mere School B. We came out on top winning two-nil. Eddie and I both scored. For my goal Samuel had two players either side of him so he back headed it through to me and I finished it with my weaker left foot which I was very happy with. The team felt good with an early win on Pitch 2, which was named after the Mexican national stadium, the 'Estadio Azteca'. Every pitch had a name and so after that we went and watched the B team play at the 'Stade de France'. Unfortunately they lost six-nil to St. Monica.

Whilst this was happening we were informed that Bassett Green, who we were to play next, had two Saints academy players and that they were a great side which we later on found out as we lost 4-2, we were still happy with the result as we managed to pull two goals. That was one of the many positives which we took from the match, along with playing as a team.

In the next game we fared less well as we lost a 'must win' game 3nil to Weston Park, Coach Sam's old school. Sam clearly stated before the game that "To have a chance of going through we had to win," but in the end he was bitterly disappointed. The team felt like we had let ourselves down. In the final remaining games we picked ourselves up winning both 6-2 to Swaythling B and 4-2 against Foundry Lane who lost all their games.

We had a fantastic day at the tournament and at the end of the day we were very proud of ourselves especially as we don't have a proper football team. We were still annoyed finishing in 3rd missing out on the quarter finals by two spots as only the team in first qualified. I scored three goals over the course of the day.

By Alex

On Wednesday 21st February 2018, Foxes class went to a Saints foundation footballs tournament in Millbrook (Southampton).

When we arrived, everyone was surprised at how many people there were at the tournament (430 children). Our first match was against a school called St Monica Primary. We lost to them 0-6. After we had finished the match, we along the busy path towards pitch 2 where team B were having a, let's say, more successful first match 2-0 to them. As we sat in the bar room we all thought that at least we could not do any worse, or so we thought... At least we had a great day and enjoyed it!

By Ava

Saints Football Tournament

On Wednesday the 21st of February, foxes class traveled to Milbrook, Southampton, to play in a football tournament.

Upon arrival we talked about tactics for the matches that we would play. Our first match was against St Monica Primary School, which unfortunately led to a defeat of 6-0 for us. Next we played Stoke Park A team, which also ended in defeat for us, but it could have been worse if I hadn't blocked 4 goals from them.

Fortunately our next match ended slightly better than the previous ones because Henry scored our one and only goal against Oliver Battery. When we faced Fairisle School I was subbed off for the whole match and lost 19-0. Coincidence?

Our next match was the last in the tournament, and was against Nettlestone Primary and we lost 5-0. After that we played a few friendlies and went home. We showed good sportsmanship throughout the competition.

By Charles

On Wednesday 21st of February, Foxes class went to a football tournament held by Saints Foundation in Millbrook Southampton. The prize was playing at the King power stadium in a free saints football kit. There were 54 teams, 7 of which weren't meant to be here. There were 8 children on a team including two subs, all together there were around 430 children. We entered two teams an A and B team, I was on the A team. The A team was on pitch two, and the B team was on pitch four. A game lasted 8-10 minutes, and there was around 8 minutes between each game.

Our first game started at 10:58, we were playing against Mere school B team. We won 2-nil one goal scored amazingly by Alexander and the other by Paddy. We then went on to watch the B team play St Monika Primary school, but the B team lost 6-nil. Then we were informed our next match had two academy players when Alexander heard he said "this will be a hard match" and it was we were against Green primary school it started at 11:26 we sadly lost 4-2.

In the next game we faced Weston park A, Before the match Sam said confidently "we have to win this match otherwise we may not make it to the semi or quarter finals." We lost 3-nil which none of us were very happy about but we still tried our best and had a lot of fun.

After that we had an hour to have our lunch and do anything else you wanted to do but most of us just watched other people play. We then had one more match against Swaythling primary school we won 6-2 which we all liked and all enjoyed.

At the end of the day I felt we did quite well compared to other teams. We came third out of our section, we were off by one point for coming joint second.

By Daniel

Match Report

On Wednesday 21st February 2018, foxes class went to a football tournament, in Millbrook Southampton, run by the Saints Foundation team.

When we got there, we went in a big hall where all the other teams were and waited for a while, then we went and warmed up by running around the area we were in and kicking a ball to our team members. After that, we watched other teams practice then team B was called up for there first match at 10:44 against St Monica primary, so we went to watch.

A little while later team A was called up for there first match at 10:58 against Mere School B, as everyone stepped on to the pitch I could see that they were so nervous. Alex scored 1 and Paddy scored the other. Surprisingly we won 2-9! On our second game the scores were so close and we lost by 4-2! Oliwia said "it was a close match but we still lost." Hannah did some amazing tackling and defending even though she got hit on the stomach.

After our second match, we had a small break and then started to watch B team play there third match against Oliver Battery and then went to play our third match against Weston park A and lost by 3-0 Coach Sam said "it was a sad loose but we still need to be confident!" After our 4th match witch we won 6-2 and Hannah did some amazing tackling again, we had some yummy lunch After lunch, we went out play our last match agents Foundry Lane A.

In conclusion I was a bit upset that we didn't win but we had a great day at the football tournament, worked hard and together and had lots of fun.

By Hannah

Wednesday the 21st of February, Saints foundation held a football tournament for 54 teams with 8 players on a team. That's 432 players not counting the adults! It was based in Millbrook.

When we arrived, our team started to talk tactics and work out how we were going to play. It turned out that they were not useful.

Our first match was against St Monica witch we did not enjoy at all as we got destroyed 6-0. They had all the possession on the ball and was breaking our line of defense but hopefully things would get better.

we all said we were going to win at least one match but sadly every game was a disappointment our second game was 11-0 to Stoke park third match was 6-1 to Oliver battery but at least we scored a goal so thank you Henry . Fourth match was against Fairsle school and they won 19-0 and our last match was against Nettleston primary (IOW) which was 9-0

It was a big disappointment for us but we all had fun playing and showing off the school and encouraging young footballers. We all thank Henry for scoring our only goal. And as Ava said " Things can get better"

By James

On Wednesday 21st February 2018, Foxes class were invited to a football tournament at Millbrook Southampton by Saints Foundation. When we got there, we watched other teams play before warming up.

After that, B team went to their first match, which was at 10:44am, and A team watched them for a little bit. Team A went to pitch 2 at 10:58am. Alex scored once and then in the second half Paddy scored. Our goalie, Timmy, was amazing at stopping the other team from scoring. We ended up with a 2-0 victory! In our next match, we played Basset Green Primary. Eddie scored and so did Sam but Basset Green Primary managed to score 4 goals against Timmy. (His goal keeping wasn't as good that match). Hannah said "it was really close, but we still lost."

After our second match, we had a small break to have a drink then went to watch B team, who were playing Stoke Park A, unfortunately the loud horn went and we had to go to pitch 2 so we could play Weston Park A. Oliwia did some amazing defending even though she got hit in the arm by the ball. Sadly, we couldn't beat the great team, who scored 3 goals.

We had an amazing day at Millbrook even though we didn't get any awards we had great time. We would definitely all want to go again and try to win something. We tried really hard but if we go again we will definitely try really hard.

By Oliwia

Match Report

Saints Foundation, on the 21st February, ran a street soccer tournament, in Millbrook, Southampton, for fifty-four teams consisting of eight players each. We were in Division two, which had six teams in, all from the Southampton area. Upon arrival, we were informed that our first game was at ten-fifty-eight, which meant we had to wait for a while, against Mere School B. Luckily the B team, our other team, were in action before us: so we watched them play until our game.

When I first stepped onto the Astro turf, a rush of excitement and nerves hit me. Everyone knew that we had to put up a fight or prepare to lose. The other were good, but we outmuscled them. We safely headed to a 0-2 win over them; with Alex and Eddie scoring both. When the final whistle went, everyone leaped in the air with joy and relief. Now all we needed was for the other teams to lose.

Later on, our next game was against Basset Green Primary. We knew that they were good. Early into the game we went 0-1 down to a low range effort. We had to change our plan, quick. 1-1, Sam had scored. As soon as they scored again, we realised that it has going to be a tough, physical game. We pegged it back to 2-2 but it didn't last long. The final score was 2-4 to them. However we weren't phased by this game because we fought hard and worked as a team. Coach Sam said, "It was a close game, you should be proud".

The best moment of the day was in the last game against Foundry Lane. I scored 3 goals (a hat-trick) helping us to a 2-4 win. Even though it didn't secure our place in the finals. However a man came up to Mr Bogan and congratulated us on our sportsmanship and kindness. Another great moment was at the end when I met the Saints player, Jérémy Pied.

We tried and worked in a team really hard. Narrowly missing 2nd spot. Most importantly, we all had a lot of fun and enjoyed ourselves.

By Paddy

Match Report

Saints foundation held a football tournament on Wednesday 21st February, foxes class split into two teams, A&B and played matches on different pitches, against other teams.

After we got signed in we got called to our first match, in division 4, against St Monica Primary. At first we did pretty well but after a while Xander got tripped up and we got a free kick. The final score was 9/0, we lost but with all of us hopping to redeem ourselves we might win the next one.

Next we played against Stoke Park and lost 8/0. Then we played Oliver Battery and this time we finally scored 1 goal although the over team got a free kick and scored 1 more goal. Sadly the finished score was 3/1 to Oliver Battery.

After that we played against Fairsle Junior School (Who were the toughest team so far.) They also won 19/0. Next we lost again against Nettlestone Primary.

At the end I felt disappointed and frustrated that our team didn't win any games but we did score 4/2 on our fun games at the end. Which was much better then at the start.

By Victoria

On Wednesday 21st February 2018, Foxes class went to the Saints foundation football tournament in Millbrook Southampton.

When we arrived, we went in a big hall. Once we sat down lots of other school started to arrive. After a few minutes we were allowed to go outside and have a warm up before we started playing. Then, team B, my team had to get ready for our first match. The first team we played against was St Monica primary. We didn't score any goals on that game, but we still have four more games. We kept going. At the end of the game we lost 6-0. Ava said: "There is always room for improvement."

The third game we played was against Oliver Battery. On that game I think we improved a little as Henry scored a goal for us! We kept trying to get another goal but we didn't, and the other team scored two more goals. So after that game we didn't win, we lost 2-0. After we got back to the hall we had lunch.

After all of the games, I felt really tired and I needed to have a big drink. I was not very happy because we lost all our matches. But at least we tried. After we had a drink and had a rest we went back outside to play another game. We drew 1-1 which was good because we lost all the other games. But that didn't count in the scores because it wasn't a proper game it was just a fun game.

I had a really fun day, although I was very tired it was really exciting!

By Molly

Saint Foundation, on 21 of February 2018, held a football tournament at Millbrook, Goals where 54 schools attended in. Itchen Abbas primary school A team were in division 2 with 6 other teams: Bassett Green primary, Foundry Lane A, Mere School B, Swaythling Primary B and Weston park A.

Our first game was at 10:58 am against Mere primary B, which we one 2-0! Eddie scored the first goal from just outside the box, then Alex scored another from inside. Timmy, our Keeper, made some great saves to keep us from losing.

The next game we played was against Bassett Green, which, sadly, we lost 4-2. I scored a goal in the game. After the game Timmy said "don't worry boys." which cheered us up.

I think the best game that we played was against Swaythling Primary B, which we won 6-2 thanks to me (I scored a hat trick) Paddy, Alex and Eddie. Paddy and I scored from the half way line!

At the end of our group stage games we came third in our division. Even though we didn't qualify our team were proud because we don't even have a football team in our school. After the tournament we played a friendly which we won 4-2.

At the end of the day I was proud of my team and think we should have got to the quarterfinals. Hopefully next year the year sixes will do better.

By Samuel.

On Wednesday 21 February 2018 Foxes class and a few Otters went to a great football tournament at Goals.

Our first match was against Mere school B team, we had won 2:0 to us thanks to Timmy Gay and his amazing goalkeeping was in the game (and a few other people in our team.)

When we went to play Swaythling we won 6:2. I saved 4 goals and I threw the ball to Sam and he had a great goal, I also did this for Paddy, it hit the wall and Paddy volleyed it, catapulted it into the back of the net!

We found out that we were not going to the final we had a great day at the tournament.

By Timmy

Saints Foundation, on the 21st February, held a football tournament in Millbrook. On the day of the tournament, we arrived and were all ready for the matches.

It all started when we were called to our first match against St Monica. As we walked on to the pitch, we prepared for the battle ahead of us but were still confident that we could win. Halfway through, I fell to my knees after being stuck down by an opposition player and was rightly awarded a free kick. Sadly, the free kick was safely gathered by the keeper. Despite our greatest efforts, we still lost 9-0 but I was proud of our performance.

Later on, we played our 3rd match against Oliver Battery. Even though we lost, we had a great game because Henry scored our first goal. They had obviously trained hard but we still tried our best. A teacher of another school said we were the kindest team to show sportsmanship over the whole tournament. I felt frustrated even though I knew I tried my hardest. Ava had missed a few games due to her arm being hit by the ball and being made to be subbed off halfway through the game! However, we all supported each other through the heavy defeats we suffered. Our defence was good but the other team's attack got the better of us.

At the end of the day we were all happy with our performance even though we hadn't won a single game but we tried!

By Xander