

Football Friendly Match vs Grimsdyke - Fri 14th October

On Friday 14th September, Stanburn Primary hosted a friendly match vs Grimsdyke Primary School. Some of the children couldn't wait to play as it was their first time representing Stanburn, Zayn (5 Violet) said, "I am so excited but nervous at the same time, looking at the players that have been selected, I am sure we'll do well." Mr Ehui and Mr Godfrey (Grimsdyke's Head of PE) decided to both have 2 teams to give more children the opportunity to play.

Both set of teams started very cautiously as not much action was happening early on in the half but once Grimsdyke opened the scoring, everyone suddenly loosened up and the goals started flying in. Although Team 1 showed real togetherness, they really suffered in defence and ended up losing their game 6-0 but Team 2 stayed strong and some cool finishing from Amar (6Dove) gave them a 3-1 win. The second set of matches was much more open and Team 1 showed their true colours. They displayed good communication and relentless attacking in large parts of the game but unfortunately that wasn't enough for the win. Despite the fact that Ethan (6 Pebble) and Khush (6 Silver) scored amazing goals, the final result was 6-5 in Grimsdyke's favour. Team 2's second match was a real tense affair until the final whistle: the score was 2-1 to Grimsdyke with Zayn Ali (5 Amethyst) coming extremely close to equalising just before half time. Stanburn pressured Grimsdyke in the second half coming really close to equalising on numerous occasions but that allowed the space for Grimsdyke to counter and make it 3-1 which ended up being the final score.

As a result, Stanburn came away from today's matches with 1 win out of 4. There is definitely room for improvement but there were so many positives to take out from today, everyone should feel confident that the boys will be ready for the next set of games.

Mr Ehui analysed the matches and had this to say: "It really was an eye opener for me and for the children. Both set of teams played extremely well today and although the results don't reflect the performances, I am really happy. The children gained valuable experience which they can now take into the league fixtures."

Squads: Team 1 – Dylan, Iqbal, Niam, Khush, Zayn, Hamid, Ethan, Caimron and Dhanvin.

Team 2 – Dhruv, Khai, Veer, Youssef, Aryan, Abid, Amar, Zayn Ali, Hussain.

Man of the match: Amar Mistry

