

MOVING MATTERS YEAR 5/6 FUTSAL COMPETITION REPORT THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2023

Last Thursday, 13 primary schools from Lambeth met at Ferndale Community Sports Centre in Brixton to compete in the 2023 Moving Matters Year 5 and 6 Futsal competition.

Our football and futsal competitions are always well-attended and highly competitive, and last Thursday's event was no different. As the schools and coaches arrived, the excitement began to build as the teams warmed up and prepared for the first fixtures to get underway.

The competition was arranged in 3 groups, with each team playing against each other once. In group 1, the overall standard of play was very high, with some well contested fixtures, as MM competition regulars Van Gogh and Richard Atkins competed in a close affair, while a couple of newer entrants Walnut Tree Walk and Christ Church also provided the spectators with some excellent futsal to enjoy. Group 2 was, according to MM's very own Kayne, "a joy to watch". Julians and Dunraven competed fiercely for top spot in the group, with Soho Parish, Paxton and Fenstanton playing some nice futsal as they grew into the competition following a rocky start. Finally, Group 3 also produced some top quality displays, in particular from Elm Wood, Julians and Dunraven who competed closely for top spot. An honourable mention to St Boniface who competed admirably throughout. Their superb attitude, commitment and workrate really stood out, despite not getting the results they desired.

Group 1: Walnut Tree Walk Van Gogh Christ Church Richard Atkins

Van Gogh progress to semi finals as group winners.

Group 2: Dunraven 1 Julians 1 Paxton Soho Parish Fenstanton

Julians 1 progress to semi finals as group winners

Group 3: Julians 2 Dunraven 2 St Boniface Elm Wood



Julians 2 progress to semi-finals as group winners. Dunraven 2 progress to semi-finals as best 2nd placed team.

In the Semi Finals, **Julians 1** took on **Dunraven 2** while in a fast-paced and high-intensity game with Julians 1 eventually coming winners, progressing into the final. In the other semi-final, **Julians 2 took on Van Gogh**, with Van Gogh winning comfortably to meet Julians 1 in the final.

This left us with the final between **Julians 1** and **Van Gogh**. The game started at a furious pace, with both teams scoring early and some impressive individual work from Micah from Van Gogh and Justin from Julians. At half time, the score was 3-1 to Julians, following some composed playmaking from Louis in the Julians midfield and excellent finishing from Justin. At the final whistle, Julians ran out 5-1 winners, as they dominated possession and remained composed throughout. This attitude was epitomised by Felix from Julians, who anchored his team's performance as the holding midfielder/defender, circulating the ball to his teammates, making timely tackles and interceptions and resisting the press from the Van Gogh attackers. A big congratulations to Felix, who came away with the player of the tournament award.

A big thanks must also go to MM staff Ash, Kayne, Levi and **Sonja** for their support in delivering the competition., See below the results of the semi finals and finals:

Semi Final 1:
Julians 1 vs Dunraven 2
Julians win and progress to the final

Semi Final 2:
Julians 2 vs Van Gogh
Van Gogh win and progress to the final

Final:

Julians 1 vs Van Gogh

Elm Wood win 5-1

Congratulations to Julians - Moving Matters Year 5/6 Futsal 2023
Champions

Special Awards:

Player of the Tournament: Felix, Julians Team of the Tournament: Julians Goal of the Tournament: Louis, Julians