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Boys Football Tournament - 15th October 2026

On Thursday 15th October, we were invited to compete in the ESFA Pokémon tournament at Woking Leisure Centre with other local schools. The boys were competing in the morning and the girls in the afternoon.

Our boys' football team enjoyed a highly successful session, showcasing remarkable resilience, tactical awareness, and clinical attacking play to top their group. The team consisted of Thomas in goal, Frankie, Finlay, Leo, Louis, Zak, Ewan, Quinn and Joshua.

The tournament began with a disciplined and composed performance, where the boys defended resolutely to secure a vital 1-0 victory, with Louis scoring our first goal of the morning against Pirbright.

Their second fixture, against St Johns, provided non-stop drama; after conceding early to go 1-0 down, the team showed immense character to fight back and equalise for a 1-1 draw thanks to Frankie. The match featured a breathtaking effort that nearly resulted in a goal from the length of the pitch from Ewan, alongside a frantic, last-second goalmouth scramble following an opposition goalkeeper infraction.



Capitalising on that momentum, the boys saved their most dominant performance for the final group game. They controlled the pitch from the first whistle, unleashing a clinical attacking display to cruise to a spectacular 4-0 victory, forcing an own goal through relentless frontline pressure and then goals from Leo, Frankie and Finlay.

This unbeaten run rightfully crowned them as Winners of the group, booking their place in the high-stakes knockout rounds. There, they faced a familiar opponent in one of our local neighbouring schools, Goldsworth. While our friends and rivals ultimately took the victory with a 4-0 scoreline, the match was played in a wonderful spirit of camaraderie and mutual respect between two schools that get on incredibly well.

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The afternoon session of the ESFA Pokémon Tournament belonged to our girls' team, and wow, did they make an entrance! Our team consisted of Abiya in goal, then Precious, Emeli, Lucy, Holly, Isla, Samantha, Daisy, and Emily. J.

The girls kicked off their tournament in the most spectacular way possible against West Byfleet, commanding the pitch from the very first whistle to secure an unbelievable 10-0 victory in their opening game! We had 7 goals from Holly and 3 from Emily. It was an absolute masterclass in attacking football, clinical finishing, and rock-solid teamwork that set the perfect tone for the rest of the afternoon.

The momentum carried directly into their second match with Pyrford. Maintaining their tactical discipline and fluid passing, the goals kept coming as the girls battled hard to secure a fantastic 3-1 win. Once again, 2 goals from Emily and Holly finished it off with another goal.



Their final match of the groups proved an absolute classic against strong opposition, Pirbright; the girls found themselves in an end-to-end thriller. Despite a magnificent, hard-fought performance where every player left everything on the pitch, the game ended in a narrow 3-2 loss. It was a testament to the team's character that they pushed and fought right until the final whistle.

After a phenomenal group stage, the girls advanced to the semis! Despite a tireless effort and fighting spirit, it wasn't to be, ending in a 3-0 defeat to a very strong side, Ottershaw.

A big thanks to Coach Frankie for sorting the boys and Mrs Akram for coming to support the girls. Also, thank you to the parents who came down to support and cheer on the teams; it is much appreciated and definitely gives the children a boost.

Many thanks,
Miss Paice