

District Handball: SILVER MEDALLISTS



It may be a Saturday and there may be snow on the floor, but that doesn't stop our devoted children from Hermitage playing sport. From 9am this morning, we had sixteen children from Hermitage participating in the annual Handball tournament at Oak wood School.



Our 2 teams had high expectations going in to this event, as many of our children have attended handball club since September and we clearly have some very talented players.

However, our B-team quickly learnt that there was also other good quality teams as they suffered defeats to Oak Farm A, St. Bernadette's A and St. Helen's B, but really upped their game to win their final group game against St. Andrew's

Hermitage A-team were also in action on the opposite court and recorded 4 straight wins in their group games against Hillingdon, Oak Farm B, St. Bernadette's B and St. Helen's A.

Our A-team were on fire, and this was clearly evident as they dismissed St. Bernadette's A team in the semi-final. The other semi-final saw Oak Farm beat St. Helen's in a penalty shootout.

The final game was set, Hermitage A V Oak Farm A. Once again our team started strongly and built a 6-4 lead by half time. Yet, Oak Farm had a better second half and made the score 8-8 by the final whistle.

The game went to 3 minutes additional time. Hermitage scored two early goals and thought they had won. Yet with just 1 minute to go, Oak Farm scored and were also awarded a late penalty. With the final throw of the game Oak Farm snatched the victory to make the final score 11-10.

Understandably, the team and I were gutted to have been so close to winning in the final to have it snatched away in the final seconds of the game. Yet upon reflection, the children should be incredibly proud of the way they played today, they were truly sensational and more than likely deserved to be winners today. Congratulations, on yet another medal Hermitage!