



Larne Grassroots Development Programme

Nurturing the game for a better future

On a roll in Islandmagee



The second of Larne's Irish FA 'Nutty Krust' Summer Soccer Schools took place last week at Islandmagee Football Club. Over 40 boys and girls took part in the coaching sessions, daily skills challenges and mini soccer matches. The week was organized by Larne's Grassroots Development Officer Jonathan Michael in partnership with the Islandmagee Community Development Association and Islandmagee Football Club.

Head coach for the week, John Grant, spoke of an enjoyable week saying "There has been a great atmosphere over the five days, the kids have had lots of fun and it has been encouraging to know all of them have been developing their football skills. These IFA / Nutty Krust Summer Soccer Schools are a super way for all children regardless of ability to improve their football skills and I know many of them have developed strong friendships as well.

John added "Thank you to Islandmagee Football Club and Islandmagee Community Development Association for their support as partners in the week. Without their help this week would not have been possible. I also want to thank Elaine Roden, Colin Roden and Damien Magill who coached the groups. Their coaching sessions are always enjoyable and challenging and I know the groups appreciated their expertise this week."

Each day the children took part in a skills challenge with the winners meeting in the final on Friday. Alex Tweedie, Reece McMurtry and Andrew Thomas won their age group finals and each received Umbro Player of the Week awards. All children in attendance at the week received an Umbro Football Pack containing an Umbro ball and gym sack along with a Nutty Krust goodie bag which were all well received.

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