



Larne Grassroots Development Programme

Nurturing the game for a better future

Larne Kids go Nutty for Football



The first of Larne's Irish FA 'Nutty Krust' Summer Soccer Schools took place last week at Sandy Bay Playing Fields. Over 75 boys and girls took part in the coaching sessions, daily skills challenges and mini soccer matches. The week was organised by Larne's Grassroots Development Officer Jonathan Michael.

Speaking about the Jonathan said: "We have had a great week at Sandy Bay despite the occasional wet weather; all the children have really enjoyed the sessions. These IFA 'Nutty Krust' Summer Soccer Schools are a super way for all children regardless of ability to further develop their skills. It has been encouraging to see the children improve throughout the week and I hope that new friendships have been made.

Jonathan added "A big thank you must go to my team of IFA qualified coaches who worked so hard throughout the week. The team's enthusiasm and commitment has been amazing, in each session they have challenged every child to reach their full potential as well as making it enjoyable and great credit must go to them."

During the week the children took part in a daily skills challenge with the four winners meeting in Friday's final challenge. The winning finalist in each age category was presented with an Umbro Prize from special guest and Glentoran player Jamie McGovern. Jamie also presented most improved player prizes to children from the five age groups for their improvement throughout the week, hard work, helpfulness and good behaviour. All children in attendance at the week received an Umbro Football Pack containing an Umbro football and gym sack along with a Nutty Krust goodie bag which were well received.

Speaking about the week's activities, Jamie said "These Summer Soccer Schools provide children with a positive way to spend their free time over the summer holidays. It is fantastic to see so many young people from Larne being physically active, they seem to have had really enjoyable week and have learnt a lot."

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