

Children Who Played In An Inaugural Disability Football Tournament Tour Arsenal's Training Ground

The article below was featured in the Hendon and Finchley Times recently - Reporter Ruth Halkon

Disabled youngsters have been treated to a tour of Arsenal FC's training grounds.

Football-mad students from Hendon School in Golders Rise and Oak Lodge School in Heath View glimpsed life as a Premiership footballer during a behind the scenes tour of Arsenal's training grounds in Bell Lane, London Colney.

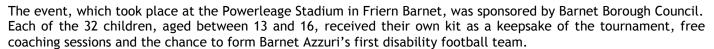
The visit, organised by Barnet Azzurri Football Club, which provides football for boys and girls under the age of 18, came after the students were given the chance to play in a disabled football tournament.

The inaugural Gavin Brooke Barnet Disability Cup was backed by England and Great Britain cerebral palsy footballer Gavin Brooke.

Mr Brooke said: "The day was a great experience for

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everyone involved. Everybody played with a smile on their face, which is what football should be all about. I was really proud to be part of it."



Nick Cook director of Football for Barnet Azzurri said: "This was a great motivation for us to provide a football programme for players with mild disabilities. We believe this will be the first of many opportunities we can provide for disability football."

Michele Limerick, who teaches at Hendon School, was pleased by how much the children enjoyed the day. She said: "It was lovely to see how they socialised so well with the Oak Lodge students and all became 'team players'. They have already asked about next year."



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