

## FOOTBALL JOURNEY

## **INSPIRE STORY**

## FROM PRIMARY FOOTBALL LEAGUE TO A CLUB

The Inspire Together Leicester Primary Football League is an inter-school competition running 4 afternoons a week throughout the autumn & spring term. 2023/24 has seen 63 boys' & 61 girls' teams taking part in the league. This resulted in over 650 year 5 & 6 girls from Leicester schools taking part in the League competition this year. Each season the leagues culminate in a Final's Day Showcase Event that welcomes the best teams who have qualified from across Leicester. At these events we crown the Inspire Together Leicester Football Cup Champions and the Inspire Together Leicester Football Plate Champions for boys and girls.

One particularly inspiring story came from a player from Belgave St. Peter's Primary School. She started playing for her school football team in our Primary Football League at our venue Soar Valley Academy every Tuesday night. She has been playing for her team all year for the 23/24 season, who then qualified for the Shield Football Finals at Holmes Park!

They qualified for the final and were runners-up on the day in a very close match. After enjoying playing football in the league throughout the year and having such a great day at the finals at Holmes Park, she has signed up to her local grass routes team and is looking forward to playing football, and training with a club, for the first time next season.

It is fantastic to see the journey of this pupil who has been introduced to football this year and has reached the finals with her friends, which then inspired her to sign up to her local team. This is just one of the many success stories around girls and football!





