

## Report on Year 2 Mini-red Tennis Competition

### Tarka Tennis Centre

Last week, eight enthusiastic Year 2s represented Southmead at the second Mini-Red tennis tournament of the year, held at The Tarka Tennis Centre where they competed against other primary schools from across North Devon.

The experience was a first for all and, as anticipated, brought about nerves and excitement.

The teams were as follows:

Team A; Quentin Sturley (Position 1), Ella Baker (2), Lani Ashton (3) and Mollie Banks (4).



Team B; Jack Ruddock (1), Ashton-Lee Roberts (2), Annie Nicholls (3) and Flower Taofinu'u (4).

Each team played 4/5 matches over the morning with the winning player being the first to reach 10 points. Team A averaged 30.4 points per match and Team B averaged 33.5 points per match which was fantastic.

After morning performances to be proud of, everyone was very excited to find out whether the teams had made the quarter finals. Both teams made it through but were unfortunately drawn against each other! The team spirit and camaraderie however was brilliant, with both teams losing two matches and winning two. The matches at this stage were played to five points and when the individual points were added it was a dead heat at 17! Protocol then dictated

that both position 1 players would have a re-match, so it was Quentin vs. Jack. Quentin came through marginally stronger winning 5 to 3, securing Southmead Team A a semi-final place.

For the semi-final Team A were drawn against Ilfracombe Team B. It was such a close match with all players putting their nerves to one-side but Ilfracombe eventually won by 1 point!

We would like to say a massive thank-you to Mrs Nicholls, Mr Cardew and Mrs Baker, who looked after the children throughout the day, as well as Mrs Sturley and Mrs Roberts for helping to transport children to event.

A fantastic day of tennis was had for everyone involved. Ultimately everyone had a very rewarding experience and left wanting to either compete again or sign-up for lessons.

Well done everybody!