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MHA's Footie Fever

During the recent half term Monmouthshire Housing Association (MHA) held a 3-day football school at the Pen-y-Pound Stadium in Abergavenny for children in the Communities First Area.

The event attracted 23 children who were sponsored to attend by MHA, Melin Homes, and Communities First. With a team of 4 professional football coaches including Derek Brazil - ex Man-United player and current manager of Haverford West - the young people had the opportunity to learn lots of new skills. The training ended on Thursday with a tournament where results echoed the European Cup of the previous night with 'Barcelona' coming first, and 'Manchester United' just beating 'A C Milan' to second place. Steve Higginson, Director of Resources at MHA, said that "everyone seemed to have a really good time and we are looking forward to holding similar events in the future across the county". Derek Brazil congratulated all of the children for their efforts over the 3 days and their excellent behaviour, he said "the kids were fantastic, and it was great to be involved". He also said a special well done to Seren for getting the award of 'Most improved player', and Aaron 'Player of the Week'.

Parents also enjoyed the event, saying it was "absolutely brilliant", and can't wait for it to run again. One parent said "Tom thought it was fantastic, I enjoyed watching him have fun and making new friends". MHA would like to hold more events like this in the future, and as already requested by parents will look to expand activities available to include all ages.

If you would like to see an event like this in your area, and you are an MHA tenant please call Jenny McCarty, Community Investment Officer on 01495 761120.

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