



"Penalty Agony for St Lucia's football stars"

St Lucia's narrowly missed out on a finals spot in the ESFA U11 7-aside tournament last month after losing an agonising penalty shoot out to Longnor Primary School. It was St Lucia's first appearance in the national cup and they did themselves proud with some impressive performances. With 3 Schools in the group stage St Lucia's needed to play each team twice and after drawing 0-0 with Newtown, Baschurch they went on to record a fine 1-0 victory over Longnor. Archie Preece scored the winner while Robert made some excellent saves to put St Lucia's top of the group at the halfway stage. Newtown came out firing for their rematch and soon went 1-0 up before the tireless Sam Pryce fired in an equaliser. A draw would have been an excellent result for St Lucia's but it was not to be. Newtown were awarded a penalty with only seconds to play and converted it just before the final whistle sounded. A 2-0 loss in the last game against Longnor meant that the finals spot was to be awarded by penalties. Despite Robert making some excellent penalty saves Longnor went through. Coach Ward was full of praise for the players and is looking forward to the Small Schools cup and John Hatfield Village cup later in the year. There will also be a friendly match organised for the younger players in years 3 and 4. More information to follow.

Training is back on this Friday from 4-5.15 at the school. Hopefully there will be a good turnout before the pupils and teachers enjoy a well earned week off.