

CLUBS PREMIER LEAGUE 4 SPORT



Arsenal take revenge

Ahead of one of the most anticipated fixtures in the Premier League football calendar, BADMINTON England joined forces with local rivals Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur to work together on a Premier League 4 Sport project, promoting badminton participation amongst local youngsters.

Badminton squads, made up of 32 local children from school year groups six, seven and eight representing the two footballing giants, squared up with badminton rackets in hand and hit the courts at the St Mary Magdalene Academy in Islington to participate in a competitive badminton tournament to coincide with the kick off of November's north London derby.

The event was hosted by Arsenal in the Community and the Tottenham

Hotspur Foundation, with avid Spurs fan, Gail Emms MBE on hand to provide the youngsters with expert coaching tips and advice.

She added "It's particularly nice to see rival clubs like Arsenal and Spurs working together to support local youngsters."

It is hoped this event will encourage more young people to take up these sports as part of the Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur Premier League 4 Sport projects.

There are future tournaments, matches, event and national competitions planned against many other Premier League clubs, whilst Tottenham are gunning for revenge with a return leg scheduled for February 2011.

Whilst on the football pitch Tottenham Hotspur took the honours 3-2, on court the local bragging rights went to the badminton squads representing Arsenal although each game was a closely fought contest with some exceptional talent on show.

Laurelle Lake, a Year eight student from the Arsenal Badminton club said, "It was a really good event, we had loads of fun. It was great to meet Gail Emms and the Tottenham players weren't sore losers when we beat them!"

Gail Emms said, "Having fun is what events like this are all about, but



Gail Emms on court with local children.