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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Chinese Cultural Events

In preparation for the Chinese New Year celebrations, Academy players from U9-U18 & staff attended various Chinese Cultural sessions to develop an understanding about the festive period.

Players & staff were given an insight into the importance of music, tasting & making some dumplings, learning Chinese phrases & the meanings of colours & what they represent in Chinese culture.

Happy Chinese New Year!



January Festivals

To kick start the new year, the Trillion Trophy Training Centre hosted a weekend of festivals for the U9-U12 age groups.

Across the 4 age groups we welcomed over the weekend; Manchester City, Southampton, Crystal Palace & Derby County.

Despite the tough conditions there was some excellent football being played & we received some really positive feedback from all of the teams involved.

January 2019



2006s Latvia Tour

A team of Academy players born in 2006 were chosen to represent Birmingham City at the Riga Cup tournament in Latvia. Teams came from a variety of European nations which included Zenit St. Pietersburg & Crystal Palace.

The Blues made a strong start to the tour finishing top of their group winning all 3 group games. The good results continued into the semi-final beating Crystal Palace.

The final was against Zenit St. Pietersburg from Russia & despite a good team performance the result went in Zenit's favour with Blues narrowly losing 1-0.

There was also personal success within the tournament as U12 player Trevan Sanusi had his individual performances recognised by the tournament organisers as he was awarded the 'forward of the tournament'.



Under-15 Blades Cup

Following on from the U16s participation in the final of the Blades Cup competition last month, the U15s played in their own final at Stocksbridge Park Steels FC.

The Blues overcame Manchester United in the previous round & would be facing Sheffield United who had defeated Liverpool.

Sheffield United took the lead but Blues grew into the game in the second half, with Harry Manton bringing Blues level.

Nothing could separate the teams in 90 minutes with the score finishing 1-1 so penalties would decide the winners.

As is the case with all penalty shootouts it is small margins which decides the outcome of the game & unfortunately Sheffield United were the victors.



International Call-Up

Tommy Fogarty was called up to the Republic of Ireland U15 squad who took part in the Four Nations Tournament in Spain.

Tommy started in the first game of the tournament against Spain where he successfully converted his penalty in the shootout.