

## ART AND THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

The winner of the first Capita Education Resourcing and Birmingham City Football Club drawing competition is an eleven year old drawing ace from Solihull, Francesca Nield.

Francesca, a sixth year pupil at St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School, drew Emile Heskey, her favourite player, kicking a ball. Manager Steve Bruce, one of the judges, was so impressed with the drawing that he singled it out of the 655 entries.

The competition, which was open to local primary age children, had requested that youngsters draw either a new shirt for BCFC, their favourite player, or a picture of what sums up Birmingham City.

Steve Bruce, said: "I was hugely impressed by the outstanding quality of all the submissions. Francesca did a terrific job in her drawing of Emile and her winning prize was very well deserved. We look forward to running the competition with Capita Education Resourcing again in the future."

Judge Nicola Ives from Capita Education Resourcing, said: "We had a fantastic response to the competition and all the entries were of a very high standard. We are delighted to have had the chance to work more closely with our local community and we congratulate Francesca on her winning entry".

Most rewarding for Francesca were her prizes. Francesca had the chance to meet the BCFC players during Saturday's game against Fulham, and have her drawing featured on the cover of the match day programme. As team mascot for the day, she also accompanied the players onto the pitch.

Francesca said: "I love the Blues and my family has supported them for years. Winning this prize has been great and I really enjoyed meeting the players."

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