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KICK OFF FOOTBALL COACHING CAMPS

Dropping the prizes won't be a problem for the personality chosen to reward youngsters at the end of the first week of the council's Easter Kick Off Football Coaching Camps. Mark Schwarzer, first team goalkeeper with Middlesbrough Football Club, will be coming along to **Rossett Sports Centre at 2.15 pm today (8 April) to hand out certificates and goodie bags to 40 youngsters who have been taking part in the first of this year's Easter events.

This is the second year Middlesbrough Football Club has partnered the council in putting on the camps for football fans aged between five and fourteen years.

John McGivern, Assistant Sports Development Officer, said: "This first camp saw these budding professionals practice their skills, and drills under the watchful eyes of four of our trained FA qualified coaches and despite the rain and the mud, nothing could dampen their spirits."

Each day included skills-based coaching, small-sided games and mini tournaments, as well as penalty shootouts and juggling competitions.

The camp is developed around a player's progression in individual skill areas. Ethics of the game such as fair play and attitude are incorporated at all times through playing small-sided games.

Spaces are still available for the second camp for players aged 10 – 14 years which 'Kicks Off' on Tuesday, 13 April at 10.00 am at Rossett Sports centre and at £10.00 per day provides good value for money and peace of mind for parents during the school holidays.

Further information is available from John McGivern 01423 556718