IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT GOALS!

While professional footballers who score goals usually grab the headlines, it's important for grassroots players to know that football is a team game. Some positions will rarely have the opportunity to score, but every player has an equally important role to play, no matter what position they play in.

Here are some questions you might like to ask your child after a match or training session to help them with their development and *appreciate that it doesn't matter if they don't score!*

QUESTIONS FOR ALL

What position(s) did you play in today?
What was your favourite position today? Why?
How well did the team play today?
What was the highlight of the game for you?
How well did the opposition play?
Were there any good tackles today?
Did anyone make any good passes or crosses?
What were the training routines about today?
Did the coach ask you to do anything you've not done before?
What did you do well today?

QUESTIONS FOR MIDFIELDERS

How was your passing today?

How many passes do you think you completed today?

Who was you best pass to today?

Did you manage to 'take on' any of the opposition?

Were you able to support your defenders?

Were you able to stop many attacks from the opposition?

Did you help start any attacks for your team?

Were you in a position to take any shots today?

How far do you think you ran today?

QUESTIONS FOR GOALKEEPERS

How many saves did you make today?
Did you manage to block any shots?
Did you have to dive to save any shots today?
Did you help the defenders organise themselves?
How?

QUESTIONS FOR DEFENDERS

How many tackles did you make today?
Were you able to stop many attacks from the opposition?

Did you help start any attacks for your team?
Were you able to support the midfielders or attackers?
How?

QUESTIONS FOR ATTACKERS

How well did you work with the midfield/defenders today?

Do you think you ran into lots of good spaces to receive the ball?

Were you able to have any shots today?

Did you manage to pass or cross the ball for your teammates to shoot?

