

LEICESTERSHIRE DISABILITY SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

29TH NOVEMBER, 6TH DECEMBER & 13TH DECEMBER 2013

CROWN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND AYLESTONE LEISURE CENTRE

The Leicestershire Disability Sportshall Athletics competition is an important event in the school competition calendar, engaging both special and mainstream schools in adapted indoor athletics events to include young people with a wide range of disabilities. Recent years have seen steady growth from **7 schools in 2010 & 2011**, to an impressive 104 young people from **10 schools in 2012**; the first year to see countywide mainstream schools invited. **The 2013 championships showcased the impact made by disability athletics, with a total of 25 schools entering 193 young people in 29 teams (13 Primary & 16 Secondary) from across Leicestershire & Rutland, and saw the age groups split across two separate events for the first time**, all under the watchful eye of trained officials and British Athletics Disability Officer.



2013 was also the first year which saw the secondary school event included in the Leicestershire & Rutland Sainsbury's School Games calendar, illustrating how the event has developed in recent years to include, in its first year at this level, entry from 7 of the 10 districts in the sub-region. Teams were given the opportunity to qualify through a Level 2 School Games event which saw 119 young people from 16 schools compete (including 7 mainstream schools) hosted at Crown Hills Community College's impressive new facilities.

The Primary event saw a total of 74 young people compete from 13 schools. This event is still a one-off Leicestershire & Rutland competition, but the success of the event and huge increase in schools participating creates a fantastic platform for it to also look to be included as part of the L & R Sainsbury's School Games in the future.



These developments in disability athletics across the county, making it possible to engage so many disabled young people, have been possible due to focus at National and local level and excellent partnership work by the Leicestershire Disability Athletics Development Group which includes:



- A 'user friendly' disability classification system developed by England Athletics
- The introduction of a new scoring system developed in partnership with Sportshall UK
- The purchase of adaptable equipment by the Leicestershire Disability Athletics Development Group
- Collaboration with Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport to integrate the existing competition into the Leicestershire & Rutland Sainsbury's School Games programme, the first SG programme in the country to do so for this event!



In addition to the athletes taking part, the championships saw young leaders from Crown Hills Community College Leadership Academy demonstrating their excellent organising and officiating skills at all three events. Leaders from years 7 to 11 assisted in running each of the activities, supporting athletes to achieve their best and assisting the event officials. Their hard work at each of the events helped ensure that the days ran smoothly, and is real testament to the quality of the Leadership Academy at Crown Hills College. Many of the leaders will go on to complete their Level 1 England Athletics Officiating Qualification later in the academic year.



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Redmoor Academy student participating in the event for the first time.

Both events were a huge success, and received some excellent feedback from participants and teachers. This was due to the close partnership working to organise the events, the commitment & support of the volunteers and young leaders, but most of all to the fantastic participants who put everything into their performances, showing real passion and determination. Following the level 2 event one pupil from mainstream school Redmoor Academy said ; ***"Usually in PE I'm slow, but today I was fast!"*** encapsulating the effect the event had on so many of the young people participating.



Primary Event Team Results:

- 1st Place - Oaklands School - 106 points
- 2nd Place - Newcroft Primary School - 104 points
- 3rd Place - Forest Way School - 86 points

Outstanding Individuals:

- 1st Place Boy - Taylor Maddern
(Oaklands School) – 226.6 points
- 1st Place Girl - Ria Fife
(Newcroft Primary School) – 183.7 points

Secondary L3 Event Team Results:

- 1st - Ellesmere College (West Leicester) – 108 points
- 2nd - Forest Way School (NW Leicestershire) – 86 points
- 3rd - South Wigston High (Oadby & Wigston) – 62 points

Outstanding Individuals at L3:

- 1st Place Boy - James Henry
(Ellesmere College) – 337.7 points
- 1st Place Girl - Chantel McFarlane
(Soar Valley College) – 257.4 points

Participating Schools:

Ash Field Academy, Ashmount School, Birch Wood School, Birkett House School, Castle Rock High School, Crown Hills College, Ellesmere College, Evington Valley Primary, Forest Way School, Hathern C of E Primary, Judgemeadow College, Leysland High School, Manorfield Primary, Maplewell Hall School, Mountfields Lodge Primary, Nether Hall School, Newcroft Primary, Oaklands School, Parkland Primary, Redmoor Academy, Soar Valley College, South Wigston High School, St. John the Baptist C of E Primary, St. Joseph's Primary Academy and West Gate School.

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