



**Press release – 6 July**

## **Wiltshire and Swindon School Games 2016**

The 6th July saw 2000 young athletes, 200 young volunteers, representing 76 schools competing in this year's Wiltshire and Swindon School Games at Marlborough College. The Games comprised 14 sports and are part of a year round School Sport Competition Programme supported by the National Lottery and Sport England.

The opening ceremony for the event included a demonstration of Parkour by the Seikou Free Runners and a dance performances from Westwood with Iford Primary School and was compered by Ellie Chatwin and Libby Robinson from Kingdown School, Warminster.

The young athletes were joined for the day by Swindon's Grant Turner, Olympic and Commonwealth Games Swimmer along with 1968 Olympic 300m hurdles gold medalist David Hemery.



The event was organised by Wiltshire and Swindon Sport (WASP) in conjunction with the School Games Organisers, National Governing Bodies for Sport and Wiltshire Council, with many other partners who make this competition possible. 200 Young Leaders from a number of schools supported volunteers from local clubs and County Associations in the officiating, marshalling and supporting at each of the competitions.

WASP CEO Steve Boocock said "The School Games are an opportunity to motivate and inspire young people across Wiltshire and Swindon to take part in more competitive school sport and a chance to develop their sporting abilities. We want to encourage even more young people to get active and this is a great way to nurture new talent and build that lifelong love of sport."



Alma Borthwick, the School Games Co-ordinator, commented "this was our biggest and best School Games to date with the high standard of competition bringing out the best in all of the athletes and young volunteers".

Some of the schools who attended the event said "We may not have won but in my eyes the gold medal is the positive experience had by our students". "Our children had a really fantastic day and the organisation was superb". "The Girls touch rugby was brilliant. The speed agility and tactical awareness on display was outstanding. For the girls to get a chance to perform against other schools of similar ability was terrific. The girls walked away with a new skill set and new found confidence and new friendships."

In addition to the sports competition school were able to try a variety of activities offered in the Athletes Village including:

[H5 Adventure](#) Bushcraft area, [Modern Pentathlon](#) Lazer Shooting range, Inflatable fun from [Active Trowbridge](#), [Alive and Kicking](#) from Swindon Borough Council, [Change4Life](#) Activities run by Lydiard Park

Academy students, [The Warehouse Climbing wall](#), [Jamma de Samba](#) with their steel drums, [Dan the Skipping Man](#), [Caroline The Dance Lady](#) with her hula hoops, [Short Mat Bowls](#) organised by Nigel Morgan FBCS, Bowls Wiltshire Development Officer.

## Results Table

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Swimming</b>	Southfield	Preshute	St Johns
<b>Athletics Quadkids</b>	Shaw	Grange	St Sampsons
<b>Tri-Golf</b>	Holt	Ramsbury	Oakhurst
<b>Tennis</b>	Ramsbury	Sarum St Paul	Shaw Ridge
<b>Orienteering</b>	Oare	Crockerton	Chapmanslade
<b>Secondary</b>			
<b>Table Tennis</b>	St Laurence	Commonweal	Sheldon
<b>Athletics Super 8's Girls</b>	South Wilts Grammer	Lydiard Park Academy	St John's & St Laurence
<b>Athletics Super 8's Boys</b>	St Johns	Bishops Wordsworth	St Laurence
<b>Touch Rugby</b>	St Edmonds A	St Laurence	Trafalgar
<b>Rounders</b>	Isambard	Sheldon	St Edmunds
<b>Gymnastics Overall</b>	Devizes	St Edmunds	Clarendon
<b>KS 3 Beginners</b>	Aimee Cornish - Devizes	Amy Webb - St Josephs	Millie Walker - St Josephs
<b>KS 3 Intermediate</b>	Lottie Hawarth - Devizes	Megan Cottrel /Holly Cole - Clarendon	Francesca Collin - Devizes
<b>KS 3 Advanced</b>	Jenny Francklin - Sheldon	Kelsey Stokes / Mabel Smaller / Abi Elms - Sheldon	Brooke Johnson - Lavington
<b>Trampolining</b>	Kingdown A	Kingdown B	Sheldon 3rd
<b>Tennis Girls Closed</b>	South Wilts	Sheldon	St Edmunds
<b>Tennis Girls Open</b>	South Wilts	RWB	Sheldon
<b>Tennis Boys Closed</b>	Bishops Wordsworth	St Johns	St Laurence
<b>Tennis Boys Open</b>	St Johns	Kingdown	RWB
<b>Disability Cricket Festival</b>	Participating School - Brimble Hill, St Peters, Eldene, Larkrise.		

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