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## **The sun shone on the School Games Netball Competitions**

Bright sunshine welcomed 11 primary schools to this year's Level 3 County School Games Netball Finals on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. Having qualified from their respective local rounds, the 11 schools who had travelled from all across Wiltshire, were placed into two pools where they would play a round robin competition to see who would qualify for the semi-final playoffs and then the final.

**Pool A:** Coombe Bissett, Grange, Larkhill, Minety, Shaw and Woodborough.

**Pool B:** All Cannings, Covingham Park, New Forest, Ramsbury, Wansdyke

The afternoon was full of cheering and great team spirit from the players on and off the court and every team played with passion and enthusiasm whilst they proudly represented their school. Regardless of the result, the players showed true sportsmanship with three cheers being held after every game!

Following the pool rounds, the semi-finals took place with Shaw taking on Covingham Park and New Forest taking on Coombe Bissett. All four teams played with real determination, so much so that the semi-final between New Forest and Coombe Bissett ended up being decided on golden goal following a draw after extra time, with Coombe Bissett just managing to secure their goal first!

The final was equally matched, with only one goal being secured after some fierce end-to-end play resulting in Covingham Park being crowned this year's champions, and Coombe Bissett being worthy runners up.

A big thank you goes to Mo Squires, the Chair of Wiltshire County Netball Association and the team of volunteers from Wiltshire County Netball Association who did a fantastic job organising the event and officiating the competition. The event would not have been possible without all their hard work leading up to the day and for them giving up their time to support the Young Leaders from years 10 & 11 from Sheldon School; who themselves were incredibly helpful and mature in their approach to the young players and teachers at the event.

Emily Harrson, Avon and Wiltshire's Netball Development Officer from England Netball commented "This year's Hi 5 event was the most competitive we've had in recent years. There was some lovely netball on show throughout the day and some incredibly close games that had all the supporters, teachers and team mates watching, holding their breath! It was great to see such wonderful team work and camaraderie throughout all the teams that took part – the young players were a credit to their schools. A special mention and thanks goes to the young leaders who supported the day and to the wonderful army of volunteers who ran the day so well!"

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