

Edsential Competitions Review – Spring Term 1 2019

It has been another successful half term for the Edsential competitions and a great way to get rid of the post-Christmas blues. Numbers have built gradually over the weeks with the first competition of the New Year turning into a West Kirby derby with both the hosts St Bridget's and West Kirby primary school providing two teams each in a Boccia competition played in great spirits.

The following week we headed to St Anne's for some year 2 indoor athletics, it was great to see smiles on faces and support for all teams from St Paul's, Brookdale and our host school St Anne's.

New Aged Kurling was next on our sporting variety trips at St Bridget's. The turnout was superb again with Overchurch Juniors, West Kirby, St Alban's and Holy Cross all joining our hosts with over 85% of pupils taking part in the sport for the time.

Year 1 indoor athletics was then hosted by St Joseph's in Wallasey where we were joined by Brookdale, Somerville, St Alban's and St Bridget's. It was great to see all the pupil's have chance to take part in both track and field events and have a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

The final competition was for years 5 and 6 at Overchurch Junior School. The event was attended by 7 schools and 8 teams took part. Teams from Ladymount, St Bridget's, St John's, St Alban's, Hoylake and Riverside all attended alongside two teams from Overchurch, it was fantastic to see over 50 parents in attendance watching and helping to create a supportive atmosphere in which every game was played with excellent sportsmanship. We would also like to thank St John Plessington for sending five students to help umpire the matches. It has been great to see an increase in the number of schools taking part and an increase in the number of pupils taking part in competitions throughout the cold January/ beginning of February we have had. The table below shows the impact of the Edsential events this half term:

No. of events	No. of teams	No. of boys	No. of girls	New participants	No. of teachers	No. of parents
5	23	71	97	134	29	91

Feedback

Feedback from teachers
'Lovely to see our children who cannot play contact sports being part of a team competition.' Overchurch Teacher
'A very inclusive and accessible event' Holy Cross Teacher
'Fun had by all and success achieved by some pupils who usually find sport difficult – great self esteem booster' West Kirby Teacher

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Feedback from parents

‘It was a lovely atmosphere for the children to compete in.’ **Overchurch Parent**

‘Well organised and my daughter enjoyed herself’ **St Anne’s Parent**

‘Great event, children really enjoyed themselves’ **Brookdale Parent**

Feedback from pupils

‘Loved it, I want to do it again.’ **Brookdale pupil**

‘It’s good to see the other school’s team’s play so we know what to work on.’ **Ladymount pupil**

‘Even though we came 1st it was fun, and everyone did very well. It was amazing and awesome’ **St Bridget’s pupil**

Upcoming events

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Dodgeball	4 th March	Somerville	1.30 – 3.00
Indoor Athletics	11 th March	Rock Ferry	3.30-4.45
Dance	18 th March	St Anne’s	3.30-5.30
Swimming	25 th March	Woodchurch	10am-12pm

Please contact matt.reid@edsential.co.uk if you have any questions relating to the competitions organised.

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