

Festival of Youth Sport Spring and Summer Events

This year, the Festival took place on two dates: 23 April and 25 June with winter sports in the first event and summer sports in the second. The new format complemented the seasons of each sport and resulted in schools being able to take part in both the Spring and Summer festivals and have coaching leading up to both events!



Almost 1,500 pupils from schools across South Gloucestershire took part on both days and almost 4,500 receiving coaching leading up to the festival.

The Spring Festival - Geoff Twentyman, Head of BBC Radio Bristol sport, opened the Spring Festival and, despite the rain, young sports enthusiasts had a spring in their step as they too part in the day.

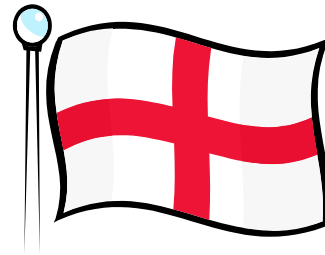
Sports that took place were:

- Tag Rugby Yr 4 & 5
- Netball Yr 5
- Hockey Yr 6
- Girls Football Yr 6
- Basketball
(took place on 28 April)



Over 80 schools in South Gloucestershire took part in the Spring event which had a St George's day theme. Schools celebrated with banners, flags and costumes as well as a parade around the athletics track before events began.

The St George's day opening ceremony began with a dance by South Gloucestershire 'Dance in the Arts' group followed by a parade of the track by all the competitors and proved a colourful start to an exciting morning of activity.



Kim Hazeldine, Head of Sports Development, said:

"It was great to see so many young people taking part in sport and we hope this will inspire their youngsters to continue their involvement through to adult life. We are again very grateful to Airbus UK and the Sports West partnership for their financial support in order to make these opportunities available".

The Summer Festival - Over 70 South Gloucestershire schools took part in the Summer Festival of Youth Sport at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex



Iain Gray, Managing Director and General Manager of event sponsor Airbus UK and Alan Lawrence, Chair of South Gloucestershire Council, opened the ceremony, which began with a colourful Olympic-style parade demonstrating support for the bid for London 2012



Sports that took place were:

- Girls Cricket Yr 6
- Rounders Yr 6
- Tennis Yr 2 & 3
- Athletics Yr 4 & 5/ Yr 7 & 8 and Ability Athletics Yr 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10



Iain Gray said:

"This is an award winning initiative and Airbus UK is delighted to be actively involved. The greatest number of teams yet, participated in the summer festival, which has been very colourful, but most importantly of all, a lot of fun for everyone involved".

Airbus UK's funding also provides coaching sessions in all the sports, prior to the event, which has benefited 10,000 children across South Gloucestershire over four years.



Each school taking part was given a country to represent on the day. Pupils researched these countries, allowing them to cover many areas of the curriculum including geography, history, languages, art and of course, PE.

To add to this, volunteers from Airbus UK ran activities at the event on the theme of flight, challenging children to design an aircraft of the future, which promoted science and technology. They were helped by air cadets from the Chipping Sodbury and Frampton Cotterell squadrons.



England rugby player Susie Appleby discussed sport with the children in between athletics, ability athletics, cricket, rounders and tennis tournaments

The Festival of Youth Sport has gone from strength to strength since it was launched four years ago and this year there was almost double the amount of children involved compared with previous years.

RESULTS

Sport	Number of Teams	Winners	Fair Play
Ability Athletics	Open Event	n/a	n/a
Athletics Yr 4 & 5	22	St Michaels Primary (Stoke Gifford)	Shield Road Primary
Athletics Yr 7	2	Chipping Sodbury	Patchway Primary
Basketball Yr 6	12		
Basketball Yr 7 & 8	6		
Basketball Yr 9 & 10	4		
Cricket Girls Yr 6	14	Fromebank Junior	Manorbrook Primary
Football Girls Yr 6	6	Hanham Abbots Junior	Marshfield Primary
Hockey Yr 6	15	Wick Primary	Hawkesbury Primary
Netball Yr 5	15	Horton Primary	Stoke Lodge Junior
Rounders Yr 6	15	Old Sodbury Primary	Beacon Rise Primary
Tag Rugby Yr 4 & 5	15	Longwell Green Primary	Iron Acton Primary
Tennis Yr 2 & 3	18	Cadbury Heath Primary	



Alice Farrant- Cherry Gardens school winner of Summer Festival Oath