

## Sport Tayside & Fife Giant Heptathlon and Fun in Athletics Finals

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, the inaugural **SportTayside & Fife** Giant Heptathlon Final took place at Dundee International Sports Complex (DISC). The event was organised by **SportTayside & Fife** in partnership with Angus, Dundee City and Perth & Kinross Councils and in line with the new **scottishathletics** event strategy.

Events for S1 & 2 pupils have taken place in each of Tayside's three authorities over the last few months and the top two teams from each authority were invited to participate in the regional final; Morgan Academy were also invited in return for kindly providing DISC (their school sports facility) for the competition.

The event saw the school teams of seven boys and seven girls battle it out in a team relay and seven different events: Sprint, Shot Putt, Standing Long Jump, Sprint Hurdles, Step Up Challenge, Standing Triple Jump and Bean Bag Endurance Challenge. Each team member did every event and their cumulative scores were added together to provide an overall team score for each event.



Sprint Race

After an exhausting morning's activity and with all the results added up Perth High School came out as the first ever **SportTayside & Fife** Giant Heptathlon Champions ahead of Webster's High School, who had the same number of points as Monifieth High School, but took second place as a result of having more first place finishes in the events. All the pupils and teachers enjoyed their day's activity and will come back next year to try and be the second team to get their name on the trophy!

The results were:

1. Perth High School (Perth & Kinross) **83 points**
2. Webster's High School (Angus) **76 points**
3. Monifieth High School (Angus) **76 points**
4. Grove Academy (Dundee) **72 points**
5. Cragie High School (Dundee) **55 points**
6. Morgan Academy (Dundee) **29 points**



Perth High School, Giant Heptathlon Champions

Angus College NC and HNC sports students and Dundee and Perth coaches were on hand to assist with the morning's events.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, the **SportTayside & Fife** Fun in Athletics Finals took place at the Lynch Sports Centre, Dundee. The Festival was organised by **SportTayside & Fife** in partnership with Sportshall Associates, as part of their UK-wide road show.

This was the first year that a team from Fife have been involved in the festival and the increased level of competition did not fail to disappoint. The event saw a titanic battle throughout the competition between Borrowfield Primary School (Montrose) and Viewlands Primary School (Perth), with Donnibristle Primary School, from Dalgety Bay, coming close with a late challenge. In the end the strength of the Viewlands team saw them pull through for victory from last year's champions, Borrowfield. There was a fun, vibrant atmosphere as the seven competing schools strived to win each event in a loud, enthusiastic event.

The results were:

1. Viewlands (Perth & Kinross) **630 points**
2. Borrowfield (Angus) **598 points**
3. Donnibristle (Fife) **582 points**
4. Whitehills (Angus) **576 points**
5. Dens Road (Dundee) **568 points**
6. Claypotts Castle (Dundee) **548 points**
7. Kinnoull (Perth & Kinross) **538 points**



Viewlands PS Fun in Athletics Champions

The schools qualified for the finals after competing initially in their school cluster events. The winner of each cluster festival qualified for their respective local authority finals in Angus, Dundee and Perth & Kinross as well as the Dunfermline and West Fife Sports Council Festival. The top two teams in each Local Authority final then qualified for the SportTayside & Fife Final.



Borrowfield and Viewlands battle it out in the 4 x 1 lap relay

Fun in Athletics is a team based competition, with each team consisting of approximately 12 boys and 12 girls from primary 6 / 7. The children take part in a variety of events including relays, standing long jump, vertical jump, standing triple jump, javelin and speed bounce.

Angus College NC and HNC sports students were on hand to assist with the final; having recently been through a Sportshall Leaders Award.