

Richmond School & Sixth Form College



Press Release

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CAPTION: Primary school children take part in a basketball tournament organised by sixth formers at Richmond School

PRIMARY school children got a taste of the big school in a sports initiative organised by sixth formers.

Ten Year 13 students at Richmond School organised a basketball tournament for four primary schools in the area – Michael Syddall, Carnagall, Le Cateau and Wavell.

Forty children experienced for the first time the new state of the art sports facilities which have just opened at the school, which is currently undergoing a £32m redevelopment.

Sixth formers studying a BTEC National Diploma in Sport completely organised the event including securing £250 from the Key Fund to pay for transport, refreshments and a trophy.

They visited the schools, all from the Catterick area, to plan the event and explain how it would work to head teachers. They also carried out risk assessments and organised first aid cover.

The tournament was finally won by children from Michael Syddall Primary School, Catterick.

Teacher Jen Bell, said: "It has been a fabulous opportunity for our children to experience the amazing facilities at Richmond School and get a feel for what life will be like when they go to the big school.

"It's also provided a great chance for them to play sport against children from other schools. The children have really enjoyed themselves and I hope this is something that will develop in the future."

Richmond School's head of leisure and tourism Jane Reid said: "They have done an absolutely brilliant job and we have had some great feedback from the schools."

Student Lily Cuthbert, 17, of Reeth said: "It has been really good and it has been great to see the children enjoying themselves."