

Knutsford Schools' Sports Newsletter

This week saw the Year 3/4s try your hands at basketball in enthusiastic festival

Year 3/4 Basketball festival

Thursday at Knutsford Academy Leisure centre sports hall saw 60 plus pupils divided into 12 teams to play and practice their basketball skills in friendly matches.

Each team got to play four matches where the emphasis was on team play; using their skills and not about how many you score but about how you score and the different ways to score or create chances to score.

If the attacking team shot and scored in the basket, they got two points or three points if it was from behind the three point, or as the American's might "from downtown!"

If the shooter shot and it hit the backboard, a good effort but not a basket, they were rewarded with a point – emphasising shooting accuracy.

If the team in possession of the ball made four consecutive passes without the opposition touching the ball, they were rewarded with a point – encouraging passing and teamwork.

There were some outstanding team performances; wonderful speeds of passing from one end of the court to the other end and some outrageous individual skills; shots from very tight angles, dribbling skills where the player bounced the ball behind himself and received it on the other side with the defender looking in the wrong direction or just an old fashioned dummy pass to send the opposition the wrong way.

Each participant should be very pleased with their contributions, may it be their passing, enthusiasm, dribbling, intercepting or scoring.

The group of basketball officials that ran and helped the games flow while providing advice and assistances to the players got together with schools' sports leaders to select players from each team and school for an award for their impact to their team.

These medals were for constant enthusiasm, energy, sportsmanship and teamwork:

From St Vincents: Noah, Harry, Theo and Ollie

From Manor Park: Evie, Lewis, Oliver and Davvid

From Bexton: Will, Zoey, Hugo and Matthew

From Egerton: James, Bailey, Logan and Daisy

****Well done to every single pupil from each school, you were all a credit to your school and you made the event really fun and enjoy for each other and the viewing supporters.****