Pupils set the PACE at Boccia competition

On Thursday 30th April, 29 teams from Primary and special schools attended the annual Inclusive Boccia competition at the Ellen Wilkinson School for girls.

The competition was split into two with five special schools (John Chilton, St. Ann's, Springhallow, Belvue, and Castlebar) attending the morning competition and eleven primary schools competing in the afternoon.

The morning competition format featured a series of skills stations with schools rotating around six stations developing their boccia skills while collecting team points. Team points were added up at the end of the competition and medals awarded accordingly for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

The afternoon competition included eleven ‘A’ and eleven ‘B’ teams competing in two leagues across eight Boccia courts.

Boccia is a Paralympic sport which featured at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games and is played regularly at an Ealing inclusive sports club called PACE. We were delighted that Sunil Birdy (Award-winning Head Coach) and Alex Dukes (Boccia team captain and Intern) were able to join us to promote their club, share their expertise and present the medals at the end of the competitions.

The day was well supported by year ten students from Ellen Wilkinson currently completing their Level 1 sports leaders’ award. For many it was their first experience of Boccia and were developing their knowledge of the sport in addition to further developing communication and organisation skills to lead and officiate throughout the competitions. We would like to thank the leaders and staff from Ellen Wilkinson school for hosting the event.
Sunil Birdy and Alex Dukes from PACE

A very intense game between Willow Tree ‘B’ and Christ the Saviour ‘B’

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in the ‘A’ League

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in the ‘B’ League