



News Release

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Medal-winning athlete inspires local kids to get involved with sport

GB Commonwealth silver medallist hurdler Meghan Beesley popped in to Cottingham C of E Primary School recently as part of the 'Sports for Schools' scheme.

The scheme arranges for top athletes to visit schools to encourage children to take part in sport and also to discover and pursue their passions in life.

Meghan led sponsored fitness circuits with the children, before a question and answer session. The sponsored circuits have so far raised £773, which will be used to buy sports equipment for school and also support GB athletes.

"The children were so enthusiastic and were a joy to work with on the circuits," said Meghan. "It was a thoroughly entertaining afternoon."

School head teacher Ashley Scott said: "It was great to have a real life athlete in school to motivate the children to keep fit while raising money to support the PE curriculum. Almost all of the children took part in the circuits, with many red faces to show for their efforts!"

The children and staff look forward to watching Meghan compete in the Commonwealth games in Australia and wish her the very best of luck.

Picture caption

Commonwealth silver medallist hurdler Meghan Beesley puts Cottingham schoolchildren through their paces

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Notes to Editors

Cottingham C of E Primary School Academy Trust is a small, friendly, community school with students from Cottingham, Middleton, Corby and the surrounding villages. For more information about the school, see www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk.

'Sports for Schools' was set up in 2005 by former Great Britain gymnast Ben Brown to inspire children across the UK to take up sport and lead healthy lifestyles. The scheme runs fitness events at over 1,300 schools a year across the UK, reaching around 350,000 children.

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