



Millwood Primary School Taster Day: Case Study

Almost 100 pupils from Millwood School enjoyed a cricket taster day in July. Millwood, located in Bury, educate and look after children who have very complex medical needs, severe learning difficulties and delays, autism, challenging behavior, epilepsy, communication difficulties, sensory and multi- sensory impairments.

Pupils at Millwood are able to take advantage of our joint education offer, in which the Lancashire Cricket Foundation deliver bat and ball skills, alongside table cricket. 16 of Millwood's 17 classes took part in cricket activities throughout the day, and all the children left their sessions enthused.

The success of the event, coupled with parent feedback, has led to Millwood being chosen as a hub site for a pilot session, due to commence in September. LCF, in partnership with Millwood will deliver a weekly community session, aiming to engage primary aged pupils with a disability from Bury and the surrounding areas. In addition to developing cricket skills, the sessions will also increase motivation, communication and social skills of those involved, and parents and siblings will be encouraged to attend and assist with sessions.

Steph Bhola, Millwood PE lead, commented: "The taster day was a huge success and the activities on offer were fabulous. Staff from the LCF managed to engage all of our students, and they took time to understand the needs of each individual. The news of the community session has created a real buzz, with many pupils and parents raring to go!"

Rob Tipping, Lancashire Cricket Foundation Disability Cricket Manager explains the developments: "It was great to see so much enthusiasm during the taster day. We hope that staff within school are able to support the table cricketers in attending our club at Emirates Old Trafford. The development of the primary hub at Millwood provides a new pathway for primary aged players, and provides an offer for pupils to access prior to the Super 1s programme".

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