

Primary school sport and physical activity programmes

2012 / 2013

Two primary school sport and physical activity programmes were delivered in the 2012 / 2013 academic year.

World Marathon Relay Challenge

The World Marathon Relay Challenge is a shared running of a marathon by teams of 32 children in remote locations, changing a baton after every 200m. In the course of the run each team is trying to record a faster time than their competitors on the day. They also set themselves a target time to beat such as a world record, a national record or a local record.

In 2012, Offaly ran a primary school team as part of the World Marathon Relay Challenge. 46 pupils from nine primary schools participated.

SPORTSHALL Athletics

In the first quarter of 2013, 17 schools and 1,700 pupils participated on our SPORTSHALL Athletics programme which included a six to ten week SPORTSHALL Athletics programme culminating in the Offaly inter schools SPORTSHALL Athletics county final for 2012 / 2013.

All Ireland SPORTSHALL Athletics

Following the conclusion of the 2012 / 2013 Offaly SPORTSHALL Athletics programme, four teams represented Offaly at the third annual All Ireland SPORTSHALL Athletics Festival held in March 2013.

12 counties and 600 pupils participated in three regional heats and the All Ireland SPORTSHALL Athletics final. Edenderry Boys secured the title in the 3rd / 4th class boys' category, while the 5th / 6th and 3rd / 4th girls from Presentation Portarlinton were runners up in their respective categories.

In support of the programme, 20 students from Athlone Institute of Technology were trained to assist in the delivery of the All Ireland SPORTSHALL Athletics Festival.

In addition, Offaly Sports Partnership also supported: -

1. The ***Offaly Schools Cross Country Championships*** at which 900 pupils participated
2. The introduction of ***Mini Basketball*** into four primary schools. This resulted in a primary schools mini basketball tournament being held; and a committee being established among the four schools actively involved in the promotion of mini basketball
3. The ***Offaly Schools Track and Field Championships*** at which 400 pupils / students participated