



# INCLUSION EVENT

## INSPIRE STORY

### POLYBAT AND TABLE CRICKET

Our inclusion team are responsible for supporting mainstream and special schools to tackle inequalities through our SEND, Girls Football Partnership, Boys Move & This Girl Can programmes. This targeted work is vital to support the health and wellbeing of our most disadvantaged young people. Our inclusion calendar is full of events for these SEND young people. Including our new Polybat and Table Cricket event.

At this new festival we welcomed primary schools from across the city with some county schools also taking part. For the majority of pupils, it was their first experience playing these sports. We had support from Leicestershire CCC for the Table Cricket side of the festival with their coaches passing on their knowledge to the young leaders and providing information for school staff around this form of cricket. With the support of the young leaders from Beaumont Leys, the first part of the day involved children learning about the games, gaining knowledge around the rules and the different techniques to use when playing. The children then took part in various challenges before starting some friendly fixtures against other schools.

There was a great atmosphere with over 70 KS2 pupils taking part. Here's what a few of them had to say:

- "I like it because I'm not sporty but you don't need to be sporty, you just need to think cleverly."
- "It was so much fun. I liked playing with the other schools, they were friendly. It was an amazing experience."
- "I really liked trying these new activities - I have learnt new skills and have had so much fun."

