



Royal Blind School Passes the Olympic Torch!

Pupils at the Royal Blind School's Craigmillar campus showed their enthusiasm for sport and the upcoming London Olympic Games by participating in an Olympic Sports Day on Wednesday 20th June. Students were split into four teams, each representing a different country.

The day's events kicked off with an Opening Ceremony that was led by Olympic Torchbearer, Ken Reid. The teams displayed their colours and flags while Ken spoke about his experience with sight loss and encouraged the students to pursue the Olympic Values of Respect, Excellence and Friendship.

The students participated in four outdoor activities that required both individual and team skills, including a javelin toss and relay race.

Carrie Mannion described the day's events, saying "This session's Sports' Day at The Royal Blind School demonstrated the London 2012 Olympic values. After an inspirational speech by Ken Reid, every pupil in the school participated in four challenging team and individual events. With the sun out, everyone had a great day. Inspirational!"

Teacher Julie Fardell added, "What a privilege to participate in the Royal Blind School's Olympic Sports Day today. The young people demonstrated excellent sporting skills, determination to participate to the best of their ability, fair play, friendship and leadership. Choosing the winner of the Sporting Skills and Values trophy was incredibly difficult because everyone participated so well!"

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Photographs are available upon request.

The activities of Royal Blind, www.royalblind.org include:

The Royal Blind School, Edinburgh

The Royal Blind School offers the highest quality of education and care to meet the needs of young people with a visual impairment. Our two campuses include pre-school, primary and secondary facilities supporting pupils with additional support needs.

Braeside House

Braeside House is our home that provides first class services and facilities for older people who are blind or visually impaired, offering both residential and nursing care in purpose built premises.

Scottish Braille Press

The Scottish Braille Press is a leading provider of high quality alternative formats. The press has years of experience, backed up with continuing investment in technology and skills to ensure we can supply the best that is available for our customer needs.

Forward Vision

Forward Vision offers young adults aged 18-25 who have a visual impairment disability, care and support with person centred focus on strengths and abilities, encouraging greater independence.

Kidscene

Kidscene After School Club offers after school care to children attending the Royal Blind School and local Schools. The club aims to include a safe, secure and relaxed environment for the children in our care. We endeavour to provide an atmosphere and activities similar to those found within the home.