



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Schools Battle it out in Final Day of Primary School Athletics League**

A tense head-to-head for the Final Race Day of Fingal's Primary School Athletics League was held in Morton Stadium, Santry on Tuesday 11th May 2010. Over 800 students represented 18 schools, with each school participating valiantly and creating an unforgettable atmosphere throughout the venue.

On the day Holy Family SNS that edged out the competition to win the coveted prize of the Best Overall School and the Best Boy's School, with Scoil Mhuire (Mount Sackville) primary school winning the Best Girl's School. 2010 saw the continuation of the county wide Cross-Country league in primary school athletics. This league was organised in partnership with Athletics Ireland and Fingal County Council's Sports Office. Initially the programme was split into two separate leagues, based in Dublin 15 and North Fingal. The children participated in four race meets. As a reward for the hard work by students and teachers alike, a final race day was organised for all the participating schools.

Vincent Foley, Sports Development officer for Fingal County Council said "This programme was aimed at creating a fun environment for children to become physically active. It is important that at this stage of a child's sporting development that the emphasis should be on participation and learning FUNdamental skills, rather than competition and elitism." He continued "I have to give special thanks to Bart Rodgers from Athletics Ireland who worked tirelessly on the project and coached the children at every opportunity. I also would like to thank the teachers who are all developing a strong sporting ethos in their respective schools."

With the continued support from the schools, Athletics Ireland and Fingal County Council we are sure to see Athletics Flourish in the coming years in Fingal.

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