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### Kicking Up A Rugby Storm All Over Fingal

Primary schoolchildren from Fingal tested their recently acquired rugby skills at a number of Tag Blitz days in March at venues in Coolmine R.F.C. and Suttonians R.F.C. The Coolmine R.F.C. Blitz day took place on 16<sup>th</sup> March and over 160 fifth and sixth class pupils from Sacred Heart N.S. in Huntstown and Ladyswell N.S. battled it out on the day, which followed on from completion of a 6-week tag programme delivered by Leinster Rugby's Community Rugby Officer, Christian Stemmet.

Ladyswell N.S. were particularly keen to demonstrate their skills, as this is the first year rugby has been taught in the school. Working closely with Leinster Rugby the school adopted an innovative approach with every student ranging from junior infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class receiving coaching, and 14 teachers were also trained to continue on with coaching.

Over on the east of the county, Suttonians R.F.C. hosted the Tag Blitz for local schools Bayside N.S., St Fintan's N.S., Burrow N.S. and Howth N.S. on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. The schools have been playing Tag Rugby as part of their P.E. classes for the last 8 weeks, and were coached by Suttonians R.F.C. Youth Development Officer, Adam Griggs, with over 200 sixth class boys and girls taking part. There were many close games throughout the day with St Fintan's N.S. and Bayside N.S. battling it out for the title with Bayside N.S. emerging as narrow victors, and winning the Tag Shield for a second year.

Christian Stemmet, Fingal County Council/Leinster Rugby Community Rugby Officer said "I'd like to say a special thank you to all the teachers and volunteers, as without their contribution this event couldn't have run so smoothly. Thanks also to Adam Griggs, the Youth Development Officer for Suttonians R.F.C. for all his excellent work."

If you'd like rugby in your school please contact Christian Stemmet, Fingal Community Rugby Officer, email [christian.stemmet@leinsterrugby.ie](mailto:christian.stemmet@leinsterrugby.ie) or 087 911 8642

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