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Press Release

The Big Sports Quiz 2018 - Read and Be Active!

Children from 3rd class in Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School and St. Luke’s National School, Dublin 15, took part in the annual Big Sports Quiz in Blanchardstown Library on Thursday 6th December.

The Big Sports Quiz is the culmination of a programme run by Fingal Country Council’s Sports Office and Fingal Libraries, which promotes children’s literacy and encourages them to be physically active.
This year, the schoolchildren took part in Fingal’s Sports Conditioning programme every week for seven weeks and read two sports-related books - ‘Get out and Play Soccer’ by Rod Smith and ‘Fintan’s Fifteen’ by Alan Nolan.

County Librarian Betty Boardman said: “Fingal County Council’s Big Sports Quiz is designed to get children moving and reading. It’s a great partnership between the Sports Office and the Libraries Department and most importantly it’s a fun way for children to keep fit and to enjoy reading.”

Principal Sports Officer Marion Brown said: “This successful partnership, now in its fourth year, shows children the value of reading and taking part in a programme of physical activity. When we help children establish healthy lifestyles, they will carry the benefits forward for the rest of their lives.”

 Authors Alan Nolan and Rod Smith were the quizmasters on the day in Blanchardstown Library. Teams answered questions on their books and on the ‘Sporting Facts’ workbook from the Sports Office, which looks at the physical, social and mental benefits of sport. Prizes for the winning team were presented by Councillor Ted Leddy.

Photographs attached:

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