



PRESS RELEASE

Wellington Primary Academy Commonwealth Champion Visits Primary Schools

Wellington Primary Academy had a visit from Gymnast Kelly Simm. The children at Lions and Eagles both had fun sessions with Kelly.

Wellington Primary Academy were ecstatic to hear that Kelly Simm would be visiting their schools. The event was organised by Sports for Schools, who are a social enterprise that bring the country's top athletes into primary schools to help schools raise money.

The day started at Wellington Lions and ended at Wellington Eagles, with a course and ending on an assembly. The course consisted of spotty dogs, mountain climbers, push ups and jumping jacks. using 1 minute intervals of each exercise. The assembly ended the session with all children receiving a spectacular show from Kelly herself, showcasing her gymnastic skills.



Kelly allowed the children to ask her some questions about her career. Kelly began gymnastics with a friend, just as a hobby. She found that her hardest skill was the vault and her favourite move was moving between the bars. One child asked why gymnast's wear leotards, Kelly explained that they need to wear tight clothing to avoid anything get caught. Kelly's idol is Beth Tweddle, a retired gymnast. When learning and practicing Kelly has had her manager to catch her for any falls and use foam pits for some tricks.

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Kelly Simm the English Artistic Gymnast, competed and won a gold medal alongside her team in the Commonwealth Games in 2014. The school were extremely lucky and Kelly had brought her medal along to show all of the children. Kelly commented on how the kids were amazing, they all worked super hard and the day had a great atmosphere.

Sports for Schools congratulated the children on raising so much money for the school to purchase more exercise equipment. The children were offered amazing prizes for hitting goals in their fundraising. £5 for a Sports 4 School lanyard, £10 for a Sports for School lanyard as well as a signed lanyard from Kelly, £30 and they will receive both lanyards with one signed and a poster signed by Kelly.



A spokesperson for the Wellington Primaries, commented “The children had the most amazing time. They did not stop smiling throughout the whole session from the excitement. The Sports for School team were amazing and really made everyone including the teachers feel involved in the day. Seeing Kelly do her gymnastics was incredible and hearing her story inspiring for many of our children who may be aspiring gymnasts.”