

Event Types at Monkfrith

The following descriptors aim to provide some insight to the types of events children will trial for and/or be selected to participate in throughout the year.

Festival

A day of organised celebration where children will be chosen to participate in activities for opportunity. This is a relaxed event where the focus will be on taking part or 'having a go', and experiencing things they would not normally have the opportunity to, rather than an emphasis on winning and competing. Festivals are a great opportunity to increase participation in physical activity amongst children, further develop social skills, build self-esteem and confidence and expose children to a wide range of new sport, skills, activities and equipment.

Tournament

A tournament is a more relaxed form of a competition and will often be in a round robin format with opportunity for progression or elimination. With this in mind, when selecting for tournament teams consideration will be placed on the skill and ability of children to ensure we have ultimate opportunity for progression, rather than elimination. This does not necessarily mean that children who are selected must be the most physically able in this sport, however they do need to have a well-developed grasp of the skills required to compete. Tournaments lend themselves to support skill development in children, giving them the opportunity to develop their existing skills and compete against peers and other competitors who will challenge and push children to do their very best.

Competition

A competition is an event where children will be selected solely on their ability in a specific sport or skill. Competitions are where our school will compete against the best of the best from other schools, therefore we need to ensure that we send our strongest and most able competitors and athletes to compete in these events.

**Please note that when selecting for competitions that a child's emotional wellbeing is at the forefront. We will not be selecting children for a competition if it means a child's self-esteem or confidence will suffer as a result.*

***Please also note that a big part of the selection criteria for any sporting event at Monkfrith also depends on a child's ability to represent our school. We aim to ensure that any child selected for any event, will be a wonderful ambassador for our school. Before selection, consultation will be made with class teachers to ensure that this continues to be the case in the classroom and around our school as well.*

If you have any questions or queries throughout the year, please don't hesitate to get in touch or make an appointment to see me.

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