

Enthusiasm for Little Athletics Challenges very high in Co. Tipperary

In the past months Athletics Ireland's Development Team have been travelling the length and breadth of Ireland rolling out their McDonalds Little Athletics Challenges. The Little Athletics challenges are designed to test the agility balance and co-ordination of young athletes between the ages of 5 and 10 years through a series of fun challenges.

In Tipperary a large group of Moycarkey Coolcree athletes travelled by bus from Moycarkey and environs to Templemore track to take part in the Challenge. Scores were recorded and the Certificates have since been sent out to the club and given out to each individual who took part to let them know how they got on and what level they reached - anything from yellow, red, blue, green to gold.

Last Monday a huge group of young athletes from St. Flannan's AC took part in the Little Athletics Challenge in Moneygall, Co. Tipperary. A sunny evening coupled with the great enthusiasm of the young athletes for the challenges saw the club enjoy a really fun evening. The scores again were collected and the club plans to hold a 'Little Athletics Challenge Presentation' even when the Certificates are received from local RDO Jacqui Freyne.

On Tuesday the Little Athletics Challenge moved to Clonmel AC. A beautiful sunny evening saw a great crowd of Clonmel's young athletes enjoy the challenges. The older athletes present were very envious of the opportunities now available for the younger athletes. There was a great atmosphere of friendly competition among the young athletes present and all are looking forward to receiving their Certificates with their respective scores and level reached.

Little Athletics Challenges are being held nationwide, and the next two planned are Wednesday May 13th in Mitchelstown and Thursday May 14th in Waterford. Hopefully all clubs have now responded to their local RDO's invite to take part in the Little Athletics Challenges, if not make sure to get in touch so you do not miss out on a great fun opportunity for the younger athletes in your club.

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