The County netball festival comprised of 10 primary school High 5 netball teams representing each School Partnership across Staffordshire competing to become Staffordshire County High Five & School Games Champions.

The netball teams were placed into two sections, each playing one match against the teams in their group with the top two progressing to the semi-finals. Young leaders from local schools put their skills to the test with some officiating and scoring. The young leaders were also mentored under the supervision of volunteers from the Staffordshire County Netball Association.

The fixtures progressed, showcasing the counties best netball talent. The atmosphere was great with lots of smiling participants and support from spectators on the viewing balcony.

Once the fixtures had finished it was then time to add up the scores…

Section Positions -

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With the teams gathered together, the final positions were announced. The ‘Girl of the Games’ was – Tia from Eaton Park and Kacey from St. Joseph’s Rugeley, ‘Man of the Match’ was Harrison from Havergal and the school awarded the ‘Fair Play’ award was Coton Green School.

Next it was onto the very exciting semi-final matches.

Semi Finals

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The High 5 final was a real battle, both teams were very tired after the long day of netball and both striving to win the competition. It was a close competition with the teams drawing into the second half, but Oldfields Hall managed to pull away and hang on until the final whistle. When the final whistle went, Oldfields Hall were crowned champions winning an exciting final 3-2.

In the 3rd and 4th place play-off match, Newcastle under Lyme School took an early lead and continued to score winning 6-0 over St. Joseph’s.

WINNERS: Oldfields Hall Middle School (East Staffordshire)

RUNNERS UP: Stafford Prep (Stafford & Stone)

A huge thank you to –

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Staffordshire County Netball Association Volunteers
Sport Across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

For helping develop High 5 netball in your partnership and Staffordshire!

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