



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Community Basketball Camps go ahead, despite the weather**

Despite temperatures only just a little above zero the three Community Basketball Camps organised by the *Northants Basketball Club* in partnership with *Basketball Northants* went ahead last Tuesday. A total of 80 boys and girls dribbled, passed, and shot through high winds on the three age-based camps on the outdoor courts at Northampton School for Girls.

Twenty-eight boys and girls attended the Primary Schools Camp which was supervised by Karen Goodrich assisted by Tom Greenfield, Benas Maldutis, Athena Thompson and John Collins with several of the young players showing a great deal of talent. The session was watched by the chairman of *Basketball East Midlands*, Martin Ford who was visiting the camps.

#### **The Primary School campers are learning everyone's name**

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The Girls Camp was part of *Basketball England's* "All Girls" Programme and attracted 20 girls who were coached by Kim Thompson assisted by Poppy Barnett and Niamh Saysell. Karen Goodrich who is an Ambassador for the programme said, "I was pleased that we had a few girls who were new to the sport and I hope they will be inspired to get involved in regular sessions run by clubs in the county."

#### **Coach Kim Thompson coaching on the "All Girls" Camp**

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The final camp of the day was the Boys Camp which saw 32 boys working on their skills under the guidance of Brad Hughes. By the time the 90-minute session was coming to a close the skies were darkening, and snow flurries were beginning.

#### **Action from the Boys Camp**

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**.....and then the snow came**

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Thanks to support from Dawn Greenfield and Katie Pinney, parent volunteers from the Northants Club, all the players were screened before the camps started and players and equipment sanitised at regular intervals. John Collins who organised the event commented, "I was pleased to see a good number of players back on court enjoying themselves, but I was slightly disappointed that most of the boys and girls came from the Northants Club. Even so the sport of basketball can be proud to have done something like this so soon after the lifting of Covid restrictions.

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