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On Friday 21st June 2024, our school Ash Green visited the Stoke City Dome to compete in an event called the 'Paralympics'. Some of the events our wonderful children took part in were javelin, archery, sitting down volleyball and many more. During the day, we interviewed a few of the children taking part. We had a series of questions prepared. We asked a Year 4 child what he was the most excited about and what he thought would be the easiest, he said "I am the most excited about playing golf, as I have played that before."

We asked a number of other children from various year groups and the most exciting sports seemed to be javelin and archery. As you can see from the images the children had so much fun – mixing with new children from different schools, engaging in sports they have never done before and gaining confidence in a new environment. What a fantastic impact it had on our KS2 children.



We also feel that the day had an incredible impact on us, as RUGS representatives, we were able to get stuck into the activities with the children, explore the thoughts and feelings around the event and we had a chance to really connect with the other RUGS from each Societas Trust school, which was a great opportunity. It opened up a network of communication between us, where we could collaborate and share ideas, whilst also being able to share the inspiring event together.

The excellent event began at 9 o'clock and unfortunately ended at 12 o'clock. Everybody was given a bib to represent their team; each team being a different country. After they all settled, we split up: one taking pictures, the other asking about their experience. Here are some of the quotes: "My favourite thing to do so far is the parachute!" said Maria. The second person we asked was Oscar and he said "I like everything because I'm good at it!"



As you can see, everyone had a good day. We, and everyone participating, enjoyed every single moment of the day. It was a really busy day for everyone. However, the great day had to come to, sadly, come to an end. Overall, the favourite activity was archery. Finally, to conclude the experience was very beneficial for all involved and we would recommend that it goes ahead next year too!

