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## The Societas Trust Goes to Paris: The Societas Trust's Olympic and Paralympic Project 2023/2024

On Friday 21st June 2024, children from all across the Societas Trust gathered at Stoke City's Dome to take part in an amazing, collaborative event inspired by the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 from the Societas Trust schools – Ellison, Ash Green, Summerbank, Gladstone, Goldenhill, Burnwood and Carmountside – were split into countries that will travel to Paris this Summer including USA, Germany, Australia, China, Brazil, Poland, and France, so that they could meet other children from across the Trust and make lots of new friends and memories!

To begin the event, each team participated in the opening ceremony as each country proudly displayed their flags as their national anthems played during the procession.

Children enjoyed a variety of exciting activities, including javelin, archery, sitting volleyball, spid, frisbee throw, tin can alley, ring toss, bowls, tri-golf, and parachute games led by Stoke City Community Trust.



### Parachute Games and Sit-Down Volleyball

Each station was led by a member of staff from each of the 7 schools and was designed to be inclusive whilst challenging students to work together.

Willow, Year 4 RUG at Ellison said, „I thought it was awesome! I really enjoyed the interviewing people and helping out but I enjoyed playing all of the activities with the other children too!”

Ava, Year 4 said, „Archery was tricky as I had never done it before but it was so much fun!” Coby agreed, „Archery was my favourite activity.”

Darcy added, „Archery was so much fun! I even hit a bullseye!”

Oliver said, „Javelin was very fun too!”

Arthur, Year 4 RUG at Ellison said, „I loved it – it was such a fun day!”

The day was a huge success and everything ran perfectly thanks to support from Stoke City Community Trust.

Mr Lambert, PE lead from Ellison Primary was quoted as saying that the whole day was spectacular, seeing so many children across the Trust with a variety of needs and backgrounds coming together to in a celebration of sport, leaving with huge smiles of their faces, new friends and special memories!

Reported by Willow and Arthur Year 4 RUGS from Ellison Primary Academy.