Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Level 3 School

**Introduction:**
On a day like today with weather as good as Spain. The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent school games level 3 2018 will be a huge success. With all athletes and teams pumped up to win. They were very excited to get involved and to have a good day. With parents coming to cheer them on and are hoping for the best for them. We will not let the England loss against Belgium stop the children today.

**Handball:**
As today’s handball comes to a start there are nervous, yet excited teams. There are teams who know the rules and some who aren't so sure; but I’m sure it’ll be a success. A spokesman from The Crescent Academy said “We are excited to be here today and to be participating in handball, however we aren't 100% sure on the rules but I’m sure we’ll be fine.” Most teams have been training for weeks to ensure that they are ready for the eventful day. The teams huddled and the whistle was blew at 11:15 and the matches began.

The competition was very high as match one came to an end and match two started. A school who had just finished their first match said “Our competitors were very good, although we lost we are still happy about how we played. We hope that we are able to win the next game.” We hope that all of the schools and athletes enjoyed playing handball. Who knows, this could become their future sport! We would like to congratulate all the schools who took part in the games.
Rounder's:

ROUNDERS! The teams were so excited just to be out in the sun. A student who was a sub for her rounder’s team told us “we’ve been working so hard just to get here, we’ve been practicing every week after school and the past few weeks just to assure that we were ready”. The rest of her team were playing their half of the game as fielders and she was excited to get onto the field to help her team mates to win.

As we arrived at the rounder’s area, we noticed how the teams we practicing and warming up not just with their team mates, but also their opponents. It was a nice atmosphere as the teams were communicating with each other.

As the games went on we met a teacher who explained “The students are so happy to be here we have worked so hard and we are proud of their commitment and dedication to the game and just to take part. We had a conversation at the beginning and I said just like England did, we don’t need to win to be the best!” Take a look at the results below

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Handball is an exciting and fast-paced team game that is popular in Europe, which combines the techniques of soccer and basketball to create unique and competitive game play. To play team handball, each team has to shoot, dribble, and pass a ball in order to score goals over the opposing team.

Rounders is a bat-and-ball game played between two teams. Rounders is a striking and fielding team game that involves hitting a small, hard, leather-cased ball with a rounded end wooden, plastic or metal bat. The players score by running around the four bases on the field.

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