

## **New Forest SSP 2<sup>nd</sup> Quicksticks Festival hosted by Brockenhurst College**

*Claire Hicks, Head of Sport and Hockey Academy Coach at Brockenhurst College, writes about hosting the recent New Forest SSP Quicksticks festival:*

We held our Festival for the New Forest School Sports Partnership on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at Brockenhurst College. It was attended by the following primary schools Ashley, Pennington, Blackfield, Brockenhurst and St Lukes; all from the New Forest.

The festival ran as follows

- **Teams Arrive:** 1.15pm – 1.45pm
- **Team Managers Briefing:** 1.45pm – 1.55pm
- **Skills Stations Begin:** 2pm – 3pm
- **Festival Games:** 3.10pm – 4.10pm
- **Finish:** 4.15pm

This is only the second Quicksticks Festival to be run in the New Forest and was entered by both schools that haven't done any hockey and schools that are currently delivering hockey in some form. The ethos behind this Festival is that it is exactly that, a festival. The day will be competitive but this is not a competition in respect that there are winners and runners up etc.

The reason for setting the festival format out this way is so that schools that have not seen Quicksticks before have the chance to experience what it is all about and how it is run. The skills stations will form the first part of the afternoon building the foundation of the Quicksticks programme and to give both pupils and parents the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the concept.

The afternoon was run by Brockenhurst College and all the skills stations were run by Brockenhurst College Hockey Academy students. Following the Skills practice, each school played in a mini tournament, again managed by the Brockenhurst College Hockey Academy students.

In total, approximately 60 players enjoyed the festival.

Please follow the link to the photos

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