

Sports Day Survey - Summary

110 surveys were completed. This document summarises the answers.

The main themes are:

- It's an enjoyable event but could be improved
- Children spend too much time waiting/sitting
- There could be a better variety of events
- More team/house involvement
- Don't lose the competitive elements

Q1 On a scale of 1 to 5 (where 1 is extremely dissatisfied and 5 is extremely satisfied) how satisfied are you with the current Sports Day format at Law Primary?

107 answers

	Extremely dissatisfied	Quite dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Quite satisfied	Extremely satisfied	Total	Weighted Average
The type of events/races	5.61% 6	24.30% 26	21.50% 23	37.38% 40	11.21% 12	107	3.24
The number of events/races	8.57% 9	18.10% 19	21.90% 23	40.95% 43	10.48% 11	105	3.27
The duration of Sports Day	3.77% 4	20.75% 22	20.75% 22	41.51% 44	13.21% 14	106	3.40
The level of child involvement	6.60% 7	30.19% 32	19.81% 21	30.19% 32	13.21% 14	106	3.13
The level of child enjoyment	4.72% 5	25.47% 27	21.70% 23	33.96% 36	14.15% 15	106	3.27

Q2 Which parts of Sports Day do you think work well at the moment?

86 answers

- **Range/type of races.** 29% of answers mentioned the races. Respondents mentioned the mix of core races such as sprints with novelty races such as egg and spoon, sack, obstacle and three-legged races, as well as relays.
- **Experience/involvement.** 26% of responses were about the experience of children taking part: the atmosphere on the day; children having fun and encouraging each other; levels of participation and the way all children are involved (as well as teachers/parents).
- **Organisation of the event.** 17.5% of people described the event as well organised / managed.
- **All or most of it.** 13% of respondents to this question said that all or most of the event seems to work well, or described it as a 'good' event.
- **Competitive element.** 9% of answers talked about liking the way the sports day format retains and encourages the competitive element, e.g. having placing, rather than potted sports where everyone is a winner.
- **Other/miscellaneous.** Putting out chairs/mats for spectators; good sized track; participation of a starter with a start pistol in previous years; teachers do a good job; kids outside and active; opportunity to see your child or children participate.

Negatives:

5 respondents answered to the effect that none of it works well.

3 mentioned long waits for children

Q3 Which parts of Sports Day don't you think work well at the moment?

87 answers

Of the 87 responses to this question, the over-riding theme was that there is too much hanging around / waiting / too long between events. Just over 50% of people mentioned this in their responses.

Other responses to this question included:

- 8 people - Poor range of events
- 7 people - Heats for p4-7 prior to sports day are not inclusive

- lack of information - not enough prior warning of the date, communication during the day
- inappropriate events, particularly sack race for older girls
- not inclusive
- lack of celebration of achievements and team spirit
- lack of seating

Other suggestions – see Appendix

Q4 If you're not satisfied, what suggestions do you have for improving sports day?

77 answers

- About 50% of the respondents wanted to see greater variety of sports/activities allowing diversity of skills in preference to traditional race format.
- See examples below*.

- A third of respondents wanted to see greater emphasis on team/house involvement with rotation of activities in different areas making full use of the school fields.

- Fourteen people mentioned making more use of the event bringing the school community together, fundraiser and provision of refreshments, e.g. BBQ, Tea/coffee, ice-creams, healthy-snacks.

- Eight people said make the event smaller (i.e. 2 year groups at a time to make events more age appropriate)
- Better experience for children and adults.

- And six respondents said make the event bigger (i.e. sports week, longer day with whole school).

*Alternative sport suggestions: throwing, jumping, distance running, mini Olympics, disc-golf, tug-of-war, zumba, walking backwards, three legged race (very popular), mini team tournaments. Use of Sports Centre.

Recurrent words: Inclusion, teams, activity rotation, humiliation.

Other suggestions – see Appendix

Q5 Would you be willing to help out before and/or during sports day?

102 answers

- 28 people said they could help PRIOR to sports day
- 48 people said they could help during sports day, as long as they could still watch their child participate

Q6 If you're willing to help, could you provide contact details?

50 people provided their details.

Q7 Do your answers above relate to:

107 answers

P1-3 Sports Day	27.10%
P4-7 Sports Day	36.45%
Both	42.06%

Q8 Do you have any other comments or suggestions about Sports Day?

50 answers

Two main comments emerged from answers to this question:

- It needs freshening up / improvements could be made
- Keep competitive element

Other comments – see Appendix below.

Appendix

Collated additional suggestions from Q3, Q4, & Q8:

- Organisation/competition by House – House colour t-shirts, House points
- Better recognition of achievement – House points for participation, reward whole year's achievements, make it more age appropriate therefore a positive experience for all participants (not only the fastest)
- Reformat parents race – too competitive and taken too seriously
- Consider child's age – upper years may feel sack race etc inappropriate (objections from parents of older girls)
- Less pressure on children who dislike sport/competing, opt in/out.
- Greater involvement of older and younger age groups – combined ages in house teams, aspirational
- Involvement of High School students to assist / part of their Duke of Edinburgh award
- PA system for announcements/ timetable board of events/starter pistol/mow grass.
- Good balance of fun/sport, legacy of Olympic/Commonwealth Games. Inspirational.
- Health emphasis, healthy snacks and activities.
- Teachers do a good job
- Ask the children for their views
- Indoor option on the same day in case of poor weather
- Better information - time-slots / timetable
- Refreshment stand / opportunity to fundraise / provide each child with ice-lolly or healthy snack & water / funds used to buy more sports equipment
- Circuit of events / variety