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## **Meldrum Schools Get Bouncing**

Meldrum area children were bouncing all over Meldrum Academy last Friday as the Meldrum Schools Basketball Festival 2011 provided 70 local children with an opportunity to represent their school.

Tarves Primary School emerged as winners and will represent the Meldrum cluster at the Grampian schools Festivals on March 18 at the International School, Aberdeen.

Cultercullen, Udney Green, Pitmedden and Tarves primary schools took part in the new Bounce into Basketball programme which culminated in the festival.

The 'Bounce' programme was initiated through a partnership between Basketball Scotland, Basketball Grampian, Active Schools and Senergy, a global energy services company head quartered in Aberdeen.

Erica Jones, Active Schools Coordinator for the Meldrum cluster, commented:

"The pupils and schools involved visibly enjoyed the project and festival and hopefully we will have many new members of our Meldrum Basketball Club as a result!"

Grant Wilson, Grampian Basketball Coordinator, said "It was a great festival to be part of. The players were up and for it and noise during the final was deafening. "

"Grampian has been a great choice for the pilot of the Bounce programme and the partnership with Active Schools and Basketball Grampian has been instrumental to its success" said Kevin Pringle, CEO of Basketball Scotland.

Erica Jones went on to say:

"The Bounce into Basketball Project was exactly what Active Schools look for in terms of sustainability. It empowered school staff to deliver the course by providing resources and ongoing support.

This means that the skills will remain within the school and the project can still continue within the schools year on year. "

