

## **Bank of Scotland Play Badminton Carnivals Head to Aberdeenshire**

**BADMINTONscotland** in partnership with Aberdeenshire Council will stage 4 Bank of Scotland Play Badminton Carnivals at the Beach Leisure Centre, Aberdeen on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

The Carnivals will see over 250 children from across the Aberdeenshire area taking part in 6 different activities including 'Beat the Coach', 'Round the World', 'Relay Races' and 'Target Hitting' some involving more badminton specific skills than others. Pupils will also have the opportunity to win some prizes along the way competing in the 'Fitness Challenge' and 'Bouncing Challenge'. Regardless of whether or not pupils have ever played Badminton before everyone involved will have the opportunity to improve their skills, learn new ones and of course most importantly, have fun.

The Carnivals will be run by **BADMINTONscotland** and **Aberdeenshire Council Sports Development Officer Joan Prieur**. Support will be provided on the carnival days by coaches from local clubs, student volunteers the Aberdeenshire Sports Development team and Active School Co-ordinators.

John Shearer, Coaching and Development Officer, **BADMINTONscotland** added "The Bank of Scotland Play Badminton Carnivals are always popular in the Aberdeenshire area and are a fantastic way of introducing children to the sport of badminton. The atmosphere at the carnivals and enthusiasm of the children as well as the coaches is always electric and an unforgettable experience."

For Further information on the Bank of Scotland Play Badminton Carnival or badminton in the Grampian area please contact Joan Prieur.

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Badminton webpage can be viewed at  
[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/recreation/development/badminton.asp](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/recreation/development/badminton.asp)