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Lord Coe visits Bradford QuadKids

It's not every day you get Lord Coe cheering you on from the sidelines, but this was the treat for nearly 300 children at West Yorkshire's biggest ever QuadKids event yesterday.

The double Olympic Champion and Chair of the London Organising Committee for the

Olympic Games took time out of his busy schedule to visit the event, jointly organised by the Bradford School Sports Partnerships and QuadKids, at Lister Park in Bradford.

Children from 35 QuadKids teams in the Bradford area tried throwing the vortex howler, standing long jump, a 50m sprint and a 400m longer distance run.

On a glorious day in the beautiful Lister Park, the athletics was wrapped up in under three hours thanks to the efforts of all the organisers, including event Co-ordinator for the day, Don Lennon, who shared an anecdote about a certain famous nephew of his, current England football international Aaron Lennon, who could cover 400m in around 59 seconds as a year six pupil!

The winning school team on the day was St Cuthbert's A Team with 1366 points. St Francis' were a close second with 1352, with St Anthony's B Team taking third with a score of 1236.

QuadKids has already received the support of English athletics legends Dean Macey and David Hemery, and Lord Coe was passionate in adding his own support.

He said: "You've got to capture them young, because if you don't, they tend to go off and do other sports, and QuadKids is a really smart way of doing that.

"The basis of all sports is track and field. If you want to be a great footballer, a great tennis player or a great rugby player, you've got to be a good track and field athlete," he added.

