

4<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## Sports Day to be 'Flipping' good fun!

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013

10.30am – 2.30pm

Pancake Race 2:15pm in Hangar 1

**School children from both Springfield and Horton Lodge Community Special Schools will be taking part in a 'Talent for Tomorrow: Special Education Needs Sports Day' at the RAF Museum Cosford on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The Sports Day aims to promote participation, inclusion and competition for children with educational needs in a fun manner and will be rounded off with a pancake race that celebrates Shrove Tuesday.**

Pupils from both schools will be participating in the event which will be held, at the Museum's Cosford site, in collaboration with Wednesfield High School, the Royal Air Force Motivational Team, South Cheshire College and Kingswood Outdoor Education Centre – all of whom will be running sporting events and workshops on the day.

The day will commence with an introductory talk from guest speaker Olympian Daniel Caines who has been celebrated as World, Commonwealth, European and Europa Cup Champion. Daniel, from Solihull, is one of Great Britain's top runners in the 400m and was once, himself, confined to a wheelchair by a sporting injury. Daniel's motivational presence during the day is sure to inspire many of the children taking part to overcome their challenges and at the end of the day Daniel will be presenting the children with their awards.

Pupils will take part in a variety of sports during the day including athletics and fencing, before attempting to learn some basic circus skills including juggling and hoola-hooping. The RAF Motivational team will be running team building games aimed at getting children working together, whilst instilling in them further confidence in their abilities. Every pupil will also make their very own winners medals, which will come complete with glitter decorations and coloured ribbon.

One of the highlights of the day will be making and flipping pancakes! The Museum's on-site caterers Aramark will be creating some 'Pancake Day delights' with students personalizing their pancakes with decorations and toppings. All pupils will come together at the end of the day for the 'Finale Pancake Race' when they will compete in an exciting race round an indoor track specially constructed in the Museum's Hangar 1.

Phil Clayton, Education Officer at RAF Museum says:

*"This is the first time the RAF Museum has run a special needs sporting event. Being able to relate what pupils learn in school lessons to some of the more unusual, exciting sporting achievements that can't be done in school; will hopefully inspire the pupils-especially as a majority of the workshops will take place under some of the most iconic aeroplanes in the RAF Museum."*

For more information on the Museum Access & Learning programme, please call 01902 376200 or visit: [www.rafmuseum.org](http://www.rafmuseum.org). The Museum is open daily from 10am, entry is FREE.

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**Notes to Editors:**

- This event is now fully booked. For any schools wishing to participate in a similar event in the future, please contact the Museum's Access and Learning Department on 01902 376200.
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