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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Young patients at Russells Hall Hospital joined in with the summer of sporting success when staff on the children's ward held a sports day especially for them.

Forget the excitement of the Cricket World Cup and the Open golf – the real action was on Ward C2 with sports and games for children, staff team events and a karate demonstration by students from the Shukokai Karate Federation, Brandon Taylor and Matt Anderson who are national and international medallists for kata and kumite.

Head of children's services Karen Anderson said: "It's been a great summer of sport and we wanted the children we care for to be able to join in, especially if they have missed out on their school sports day.

"On the children's ward we hold a fun day every month, with themes so far including superheroes, Disney and Star Wars. It's showing that hospital can be fun and they have been really successful.

"For August we are planning a Hawaii Day, so staff will be digging out their brightest shirts and grass skirts!"

### Captions

135044 – Staff on ward C2 with karate medallists Matt Anderson and Brandon Taylor

135818 – Staff nurses Abbie Clarke and Chloe Nethercott with karate medallists Matt Anderson and Brandon Taylor

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