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Sports for Schools Event with Paralympic Athlete – Michael Churm

Dear Parents/Carers,

In three weeks' time on **Wednesday 12th February**, we will be having a very special visit from former Team GB Paralympic Athlete - **Michael Churm**. Michael is an ex Paralympic short distance sprinter and had a fantastic career throughout his 20 year career in Athletics. His best achievements include representing Team GB at the Sydney, Athens and Beijing Paralympic Games. He finished in Silver medal position at the World Cup in 2009 and his best achievement was winning Gold at the National Championships back in 2012. Michael was born with a disability called Cerebral Palsy but that didn't stop him achieving his dreams. He will be joining us to do a full school assembly telling all the children his story of his life and career and will be attempting to inspire the children about their future and that nothing is impossible if you believe in yourself and keep working hard to achieve your goals.

Michael will be joining us for the full afternoon through a company called **Sports for Schools**. The idea of Sports for Schools is for a former Olympic/Paralympic Athlete to visit schools to take part in some fitness training with each class for about 20 minutes each. Once all the classes have completed their fitness training, the Athlete will then run a whole school assembly where they talk about their life and career and show off their skills. The main reason for Gisburn Road to take part in this event is to raise well needed money for new sports equipment to use within PE lessons or for sports activities at break times/sporting after school clubs to help further your child's progress through PE and Sport at Gisburn Road. Your child will receive a sponsorship form this week to take home and raise money through family and friends. If they raise £5 they will get a Sports for Schools wristband, if they raise £10 your child will get the wristband plus a signed wrist band from Michael Churm himself and finally £30 or more will get them both of these wristbands plus a signed A4 poster of Michael Churm. The sponsorship forms **must** be returned at latest by **Friday 14th February**. This is when we break up for the February half term holidays.

On the day of the event your child **must** have their indoor PE kit in school with them to take part in the fitness testing. Michael will be with us for the afternoon from 1-3:15pm.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr T Bradshaw

PE Coordinator

