



**NatWest Island Games 2011**  
**25 June – 1 July**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NEWCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS DESIGN TOPS TO BE WORN BY IW CYCLING TEAM**

Over 70 entries were received from children of Newchurch Primary School to design the tops for the Isle of Wight Cycling team to wear at this year's NatWest Island Games, following a request from Russell Page, the Isle of Wight Cycling Team Manager.

The winning image was designed by Yasmin Wright and this was sent to the kit designers. The runners up were Kirren Shaw, Charlotte Andrews, Josie Chapman.

Russell Page commented, "Making links with a school has proved to be a great way to promote the NatWest Island Games and the sport of cycling. Having such keen cyclists at Newchurch Primary I knew we would get some brilliant designs. It was really hard to choose!"

The competition to design an image for the cycling tops was launched for the whole school. Children were shown images of cycling tops to give them inspiration and ideas for the wide range of designs, and to add extra impact, Paris Class, the youngest pupils in the school, borrowed a collection of prize winning jerseys from Kieran Page, the Commonwealth Games finalist, and modelled them in an assembly.

Head Teacher Miss Kirsty Howarth commented, "It has been wonderful for the children to be given this opportunity, they are really excited about the NatWest Island Games. I can't wait to see the final result!"

Feedback from Paris Class, "We loved wearing the jerseys, they were all sorts of different colours.....they were big!"

The IW Cycling Team's first event will take place in Ventnor on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June (from 1pm) when they compete in the cycling criterion around the town. This will also be the first event where medals will be presented.

Over 3,000 athletes and officials from 25 islands around the world will be attending the NatWest Island Games on 25 June – 1 July, competing in a range of 14 sports over 6 days.

For further details about the NatWest Island Games, visit : [www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk](http://www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk)

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#### NOTE TO EDITOR

1. Could you please refer to the event as the 'NatWest Island Games' (not "Island Games" or "The Games") at the start of articles and in headlines, and 'the Games' mid copy, as appropriate. Thank you.

2. Please find attached image ....

3. Background :

- The International Island Games were established in the Isle of Man in 1985 and today include 25 member islands in, or associated with, the nine sovereign nations of Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Norway, Spain, Sweden, UK plus the Caribbean :

Aland	Alderney	Bermuda
Cayman Islands	Falkland Islands	Faroe Islands
Froya Islands	Gibraltar	Gotland
Greenland	Guernsey	Hitra Islands
Isle of Man	Isle of Wight	Jersey
Menorca	Orkney	Prince Edward Island
Rhodes	Saaremaa	Sark
Shetlands Islands	St Helena	Western Isles
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- In 1999, NatWest became the title sponsor of the Island Games which has become one of the largest participation events in the world behind the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.
- The NatWest Island Games 2011 are being run by the Island Games Association (Isle of Wight) supported by the IW Council, which is also a sponsor.
- The 25 member islands compete every two years around the world in a range of up to 14 sports chosen by the host island from a list of 18.
- Sports chosen for 2011 are :  
Archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, cycling, football, golf, sailing inc. windsurfing, squash, swimming, shooting, table tennis, tennis, volleyball
- The NatWest Island Games were last held on the Isle of Wight in 1993.
- Further information is available at [www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk](http://www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk) and [www.islandgames.net](http://www.islandgames.net)

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