



Furness Academy Sports Newsletter

Town Champions!

Dowdales Year 7 rugby team felt the full effect of a Furness Academy onslaught at Craven Park in the District Final. The faultless Academy kicked into gear with early tries from the impressive Finley Dutton-Rosconie and Cameron McBain. After some textbook tackling and last ditch defence, the Academy upped the pressure through some strong running from Hartle, Osman and the Buchanan brothers. Furness Academy began to play some impressive rugby and dominated play through the controlling half-back Kyte. This resulted in a well worked try from the powerful loose-forward Max Davies.

Furness Academy increased their lead further to 24-0 with a quick brace of tries from the elusive and dominating stand out player Dutton-Rosconie.

The icing on a perfect performance from the Academy was sealed in the final seconds when Dutton-Rosconie darted over from close range for his fourth try and to complete a 28-0 win.

Furness Academy Year 8 unfortunately did not endure the same success in the District Final going down 34-18 to St Bernard's at Craven Park. This match was two pretty evenly matched teams with the difference being the impressive athlete Joe Green scoring all St Bernard's points. Stand out players for the Academy were Cohen, Evans, Sanderson and Chelton.

Well done to you all

Mr Porter



Hello from the new School Games Organiser

My name is Mr Carswell and I was appointed to the role of School Games Organiser at the beginning of term. It has been a crazy few months with a lot to get my head around and organise in a short space of time but I have definitely found my feet now. Many thanks to Mrs Amison and Mrs Robinson for helping me out whenever I needed it, it would have been a lot harder without you.

So far I have held cluster competitions and area finals for both Quickstick Hockey and SportsHall Athletics, with both featuring in the North West Evening Mail Junior Sport section. Both sets of competitions went very well, with great feedback from the players and teachers. The winners of the area finals go on to the Cumbria final that will take place in 2017. Next up on the School Games calendar is the Key Steps Gymnastics competitions.

I have four main areas that frame my role; participation, competition, workforce and clubs. I have plans for each of these areas that will hopefully push sport and physical activity on even more in our area.

For participation and competition, I plan on introducing a concept called 'Competition+'. What tends to happen at School Games competitions, especially the cluster competitions, is a selection of schools always do well and progress to the next round. What Competition+ will aim to do is provide the schools who may not do so well the opportunity to play against similar ability schools so that those students don't get put off by sport and competition.

For workforce, I plan on setting up a leadership academy attached to one of the Further Education colleges in our area which will train their students to deliver the different School Games competitions. This will increase their experiences and confidence as well as looking good on a personal statement application for universities.

For clubs, I plan on having a celebration event at the end of the year for all the pupils who attend the Change 4 Life clubs at their primary school.

I am looking forward to seeing all these areas develop so we create a locality that outclasses everyone else when it comes to sport and physical activity.

Mr O Carswell



Rugby Trip: Australia versus New Zealand

Mr Porter arranged a trip for 80 students to travel to Anfield and watch the Four Nations Rugby League final between Australia and New Zealand. The students' behaviour was fantastic throughout the day and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The game was a little one sided but overall the day went well.

Thanks to Mr Porter, Mr Moody, Mrs Olliver, Mr Little, Miss Jesson, Miss Cairns, Miss Davies, Mrs Harper and Mr Duckworth for giving up their Sunday to give the students this opportunity.



Finley Dutton-Rosconie, Year 7, won the report writing competition with the below entry about his experience of the day.

"I woke up on Sunday the 20th November with sheer excitement in my eyes, I was going to watch two of the world's best rugby league teams in the Four Nation Rugby League Final. I had been looking forward to this school trip for ages. I secretly wanted New Zealand to beat England and make the final so I could get to see some of my favourite players like Jonathon Thurston, Shaun Johnson and Greg Inglis. On top of this, it was being played at Anfield, the ground of Liverpool FC, the team I have supported all my life.



Everyone going on the trip were so excited as we made our way to the match. I looked around at the 37,000 fans in the stadium and I was so glad to be one of them. The atmosphere was electric.

There was strong running and aggressive tackling from both teams, I was hoping for a close game but Australia were too strong for New Zealand on the day and pulled off an impressive 34-8 win!!

It was a brilliant day overall I loved every minute of it and it gave me lots of great memories. As soon as I stepped off the bus in Barrow at 19:30 I couldn't wait to tell my parents and friends about the fantastic day. "



Furness School Cross Country Championships

On Wednesday 30th November, Furness Academy hosted the Furness Schools Cross Country championships. On what proved to be quite a difficult and undulating course which included the school fields and perimeter of the athletics track, many athletes worked hard to produce some excellent runs.

Top performers from the Academy were as follows –

Minor Girls – Tianna Johnson 31st, Amber Richardson 35th

Minor Boys – Ruben Hutton 5th, Will Manson 25th

Junior Boys – Farryl Foster 19th

Inter Boys - Owen Wilson 14th, Reuben Howe 15th



Thanks to Mrs Beach and her team for organising the refreshments for the spectators and staff.

Ruben will now go on to represent the Furness district at the Cumbria championships in January. These will be held at Sedbergh, which is a notoriously tough course.

Good Luck Ruben!



Basketball Team

The Year 8 basketball team has got off to a flying start this season. They have had four league games so far, winning three and losing one. Their most thrilling game was against the nemeses, Barrow Hotshots, a tough team made up of the best players from different schools. The boys defended brilliantly and disrupted their opponents attack strategy. They defeated Hotshots by three points after outclassing them physically, skilfully and their consistent team ethic. A crowning moment was Matthew Roberts' reverse 180 degree lay up! Masterful stuff. Well done to Evan Foster (Captain), Louis Franklin, Kieron Lysons, Finley Martin, Arran Moore, Matthew Roberts, Kieron Sanderson and Jacob Wright. A fantastic effort so far.

Why not come along and cheer them on at Hoops, every Friday 5:15pm. See Mr Tyson for further details.



Netball Trip

Please see Mrs Amison for more information. Tickets and transport £25.00

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<p>England v New Zealand Echo Arena Liverpool - 2 February 2017</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;">   <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Prices £16 - £36 / Front Row Hospitality Seats £109 (incl. administration fee) plus £2.55 fulfilment fee per order.</p> </div> </div>		
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England v New Zealand	Thu 2 Feb 2017 7:45 PM	Echo Arena Liverpool Buy
<p>International netball returns to Echo Arena Liverpool on 2 February 2017 as the England Roses host the New Zealand Silver Ferns in the first ever Netball Quad Series fixture to be staged on home soil.</p> <p>England will be back at the home of the 2019 Netball World Cup to take on the team ranked second in the world. Having narrowly lost out in the semi-final of the 2015 World Cup against their rivals, the Roses will be hoping for revenge in Liverpool.</p>		