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## Y9 FOOTBALL TEAM DOMINATES



Our formidable Y9 football team have had quite the start to the year. Starting in September with the district tournament where the team put on a show of absolutely superb football. They dominated the competition, winning every match without so much as conceding a goal. More importantly they were kind, showed great teamwork and sportsmanship.

The next challenge for the team was the first round of the Lancashire Cup away to Ribblesdale where the team took a comfortable 8-2 victory.



The second round of the cup fell to a home fixture and we were lucky enough to be hosted by Burscough Football Club who kindly lent us the use of their pitch and floodlights. The team were up against a tough side from Corpus Christi- Preston but were able to comfortably win the game 4-0 with a hattrick from James M and the fourth goal coming from Jackson B. We look forward to the next match against St Michaels, Chorley after the Christmas break.



## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS



This term has also seen the district football tournaments for all year groups for both boys and girls teams. Results are below;

Y7- 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Y7 Girls- 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Y8- 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Y8/9 Girls- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Y9- 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Y10/11 Girls- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Y10- 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Best of luck to the Y10/11 girls team who have their next Lancs cup match on 8<sup>th</sup> January away in Haslingden.

Well done to all who played!



## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY



A huge well done to the 32 students who represented us in the district Cross Country. Below are the overall team results, these were the results of the four fastest runners per school. We also had some fantastic individual performances too with Tommy, Poppy, Maria and Daniel all going on to represent West Lancashire in the County Championships in February.

Year 7 Boys	2nd Place (missed out on 1st by one point!)
Year 7 Girls	6th Place
Year 8/9 Boys	5th Place (amazing with only 2 runners!)
Year 8/9 Girls	4th Place
Year 10/11 Boy	2nd Place
Year 10/11 Girls	1st Place!!!!

### Individual performances;

Tommy W-H Y7- 2nd place  
Poppy B Y7- 4th place  
Maria D Y9- 3rd place  
Becca B Y10- 3rd place  
Grace C Y10- 4th place  
Dan P- Y11- 1st place!



# NETBALL TOURNAMENTS

All year groups have undertaken their first netball tournaments of the year.

Y7 have been working hard at training, with high numbers of students attending each week. We were able to enter two teams for the tournament with both playing well and finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place. The Y8 team found themselves up against some really strong opposition but were able to finish in a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place after some hard-fought games. Y9's and Y10's also played some really difficult matches and worked together well to produce 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes. Our Y11 team put on a stellar display, with some high quality passing and shooting ensuring the team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

We look forward to the next set of competitions in March.



## SPORTS LEADERS TAKE OVER!

Following a successful application process, we have been delighted to welcome 20 new sports leaders to our team. One of their first roles of the year was to lead and officiate the primary school netball tournaments here at BPA. They have also undertaken indoor athletics training and helped to deliver the indoor athletics competitions in November.

In the week leading to Christmas, 25 of our leaders were fortunate enough to be able to attend the annual Sports Leadership Conference at Edge Hill University. Students opted to study a sports speciality and then spent the day learning how to lead and officiate activities within this discipline.



## GYMNASTICS COMP



Our annual BPA Gymnastics Comp took place in December.

Students were entered into either the 'Club' or 'School' competition based on their experience. They competed in a series of different disciplines including floor, vault and combined.

The students showed both high levels of skill and determination as they gave their all in their performances.

The overall combined winners of each competition were Phoebe N (Club) and Elodie S (School).

Congratulations to all who participated and for your hard work and dedication over the past few months. And a huge thank you to our fantastic judges Grace F and Becca P.



## BADMINTON BRILLIANCE



A huge well done to Caitlin, Liam and Quinn who all participated in the Badminton tournaments this term and played incredibly well.

Caitlin became the West Lancashire U16's champion as she comfortably beat all of her opponents to take the title.



## BASKETBALL STARS



The U14's and U16's competed in their district tournaments against some incredibly tough opposition. Our Under 16's battled through to the final, only missing out on being champions against a formidable St Bede's team. There was an individual success though with Isaac being named Player of the Tournament. Our Under 14's put in some of the best performances of the night. In a round robin tournament, they won their first 3 games, demonstrating some great team play. The short format didn't help in their penultimate and last games as our shots just wouldn't drop and the team eventually finished as runners up. As with the under 16's though we did have the Player of the Tournament in Harry!