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NETBALL, NETBALL AND MORE NETALL!



It has been an incredibly busy term for netball! We have welcomed Ormskirk Netball Club head coach Ange in to deliver some expert coaching at after school club on Mondays and the girls have made lots of progress under her excellent guidance.

We have also had our final rounds of district tournaments with 6 teams across Y7-11 representing us, a testament to how many girls attend club each week. There were some fantastic individual and team performances at the tournaments with the Y8 team coming in 3rd, narrowly missing 2nd by 1 point but recording their best ever performance against their biggest rival team.

On Friday 28th March, we went on a school trip to watch Premier League Netball teams Manchester Thunder v Nottingham Forrest with 25 of our regular Netball club attendees. A great time was had by all and our students were left inspired by the role models they watched on the courts. Hopefully we will see some of our students at that level in the future!



LANCASHIRE CUP PROGRESS



Following two comfortable wins in the early stages of the competition, the U14's team took on St Michaels in the third round. They put on a skilful performance to win 6-3, sending them into the quarter finals against a tough Carnforth side. We had the home advantage and were fortunate enough to be loaned the use of Burscough FC's fantastic ground to play on. Another classy performance saw the team win 5-2 and go through to the semi-finals where we will take on either Ormskirk School or Clitheroe Royal Grammar School. Good luck- we are all rooting for you!

The U16's girls' team have also been in action in the Lancs Cup this half term with their Quarter Final match against a strong Rossall side. The girls played some really great football, with an exceptional performance and goals from Ella H it unfortunately wasn't enough to hold the visitors back and we lost the match 6-2





DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA



February saw the return of the district swimming galas at their new home at Tarleton Swimming Pool. The boys were first up and put on some fantastic performances resulting in them finishing in 2nd place overall- only 2 points off 1st place! Notable performances included;

Ethan P- 1st place- Individual Breastroke (New district record!) & 1st place- Individual Medley

Sam M- 1st place- Individual Butterfly

Harvey B- 2nd place Individual Backstroke

James H- 2nd place Individual Front Crawl

Sam M, Evan A, Harvey B and Ethan P- 1st Place Freestyle Relay

Evan A, James H, Sam M and Ethan P- 1st Place Medley Relay

Ethan Mc- 1st place- Individual Backstroke & 2nd place Individual Medley

James N, Ethan Mc, Charlie O'H & Nathan B; - 3rd place Freestyle Relay & 3rd place Medley Relay

The girls were the next night and came 4th overall, they also gave some brilliant performances;

Sally L- 1st place- Individual Breastroke (New district record!) & 1st place- Individual Medley

Grace C- 1st place- Individual Front Crawl (New district record!)

Annie C- 1st place Individual Backstroke

Jorgie B- 3rd place Individual Breastroke

Orla, Tia, Grace and Sally- 2nd Place Freestyle Relay

A huge well done to all involved, you did us proud!



HANDBALL COMPETITIONS



January means only one thing in the fixtures calendar- Handball!

Students have been working hard in both core and GCSE PE lessons and were eager to put their skills to the test over at Tarleton Academy. First up were the formidable Y9/10 boys who displayed a mix of great skill and strength to finish their competition in 2nd place after being undefeated but narrowly coming 2nd on goal difference. There were some outstanding GK performances from Anthony H-R and classy goals from Seb S.

Next up was the turn of the Y9/10 girls who were on blistering form. The team worked so well together making plenty of attacking play to keep the other teams under pressure. Their tenacity paid off and they finished in 1st place as district winners!

Despite being down to 6 players, the Y7/8 boys team kept their heads up to play some great games. Bolstered by a fantastic GK performance from Harry H and blistering speed from Arty M and Tommy, the boys came in 3rd place.

Finally, the Y7/8 girls team also had a fantastic tournament, the team fought well against some particularly strong teams. An outstanding performance from Lola W who did not stop the entire time, ensured the girls finished in 2nd place.



TABLE TENNIS



Two of our talented KS4 students entered into the Y10/11 district table tennis tournament this year. Jack (Y11) fought off some stiff competition to reach the final and was narrowly beat to finish the competition in 2nd.

Adriano (Y10) was one of the youngest competitors and came a respectable 3rd- he challenged the overall winner to a match at the end and won so we have high hopes for next year. Well done boys!

