

Aberdeenshire Primary Quai ch, Sunday 17 January 2010



Portlethen Academy was once again the venue for Aberdeenshire Primary Schools Badminton Quai ch. Over 50 children representing Newburgh, Milltimber, Peterculter, Arduthie, Dunnottar and Mill O' Forest made up the 8 teams of boys and girls. The initial stage of the event comprised 2 pools of 4 teams, Arduthie 2, Dunnottar, Mill O'Forest1 and Milltimber in pool one and Arduthie 1, Mill O'Forest 2, Newburgh and Peterculter in pool 2. Some very close and entertaining matches ensued in both groups. Every team displayed great focus and determination but above all the fun and team spirit on display was a credit to all. From the youngest players at only 8 through to the more mature 11 and 12 year olds everyone tried their best and entertained the many spectators who had turned out in support. Milltimber and Mill O' Forest 1 proved to be dominant in their group with Milltimber taking the honours 3 – 2 in the head to head, winning the girls' singles, the boys' doubles and the mixed doubles. Surprisingly Mill O'Forest 2 came out top of the other group even though they fielded the 2 youngest players in the tournament, Josh McKay & Maria Leith, both only P4. Their closest match was against local rivals, Arduthie 1 where they snatched the win 3 – 2 with the victory in the hands of Josh and Maria in the final match, mixed doubles against Calum Lawrence and Catherine Welsh. Peterculter played well with wins against Arduthie 1 and Newburgh to secure 2nd place in the group. With the top 2 in each group going into the semi-final this meant the 2 Mill O'Forest teams would go head to head for a place in the final, with close rivals Peterculter and Milltimber battling for the other final spot. The remaining four teams also crossed over to play off for places 5 to 8. With a place in the National finals at Wishaw in February all four teams had it all to play for. The strength and experience of both Mill O'Forest 1 and Milltimber proved too much for Mill O'Forest 2 and Peterculter however both teams certainly gave a great account of themselves. The final was then a rematch of the earlier encounter of Milltimber and Mill O'Forest 1. With Milltimber victorious in the morning both teams opted for a slight change of team. A fantastic match followed, though played in great spirit there was a definite edge of competition! Mill O'Forest started well with a win in the boys singles, however the match was then tied when Milltimber won the girls singles, the boys doubles went to Mill O'Forest, 21 – 17, and similarly the Mill O'Forest girls won the girls doubles 21 – 16, to secure victory for Mill O'Forest. The mixed, even though the match was already won was a very close match, Milltimber taking the honours 21 – 18, final result 3 – 2 to Mill O'Forest. The 3rd / 4th place play off was equally entertaining with Mill O'Forest 2 taking the honours 4 – 1. Once again a fantastic display of junior badminton in Aberdeenshire and a great experience for all involved.

TEAM MEMBERS

Mill O' Forest 1	Mill O' Forest 2	Arduthie 1	Arduthie 2	Newburgh	Dunnottar	Peterculter	Milltimber
M. Duguid	J.Mckay	M. New	A. McArthur	A. Kearney	S. Holley	R. Taylor	B. Mahon
H. Thomson	N. McGillivray	E. Deans	E. Blackwood	L. Kennard	C. Holley	J. Buchan	K.Dalton
J. Murray	A.Cunningham	K.McCulloch	E. Fraser	L.Cunningham	C. Wood	T. Veale	C. Wilson
S. Muir	F. Clark	C. Lawrence	C. Duncan	J. Rae	A. Prothero	J. Clydesdale	S.Connell
E. Craigen	K.Cruickshank	N. Gall	B. Kerr	E. Stewart	E. Mitchell	E. Cook	J.Quantrill
E. Kemp	C. Irvine	C. Welsh	C. Smith	J. Hendry	A. Doyle	S. Reid	E.Beveridge
S. Waddell	M. Giles	R. Adamson	F. Emslie	C. Donachae	K. Brinley	A. McBain	G.Duncan
M. McVey	D. Blacklaw	E. Hay	E.Duncan	K. Cranna		E. Enters	F. McKay
L.Hinchcliffe	M. Leith			A.Ritchie			
				E. Hosie			