

Success at National Finals of Sports Hall Challenge for Aberdeenshire

Mill O' Forest Primary School Team scooped 3rd place at the Badminton National Sports Hall Challenge on Wed 10 June at the Bell's Sports Centre. They qualified through the Aberdeenshire regional final as winners with Finzean coming runners up. Both teams travelled to Perth to represent Aberdeenshire Schools. There they competed with 9 schools from more than 160 from all over Scotland who qualified for the final for this year's event. This was the first attempt for Mill O' Forest at Sportshall Challenge and the team were delighted to finish 3rd in a closely fought contest. Finzean Primary who qualified for the final for the second consecutive year came sixth beating their performance of the previous year by one place.

The challenge involves a series of fun games based around some of the techniques used in badminton and teams of 10 pupils (5 boys and 5 girls) from primary 3, 4 and 5 age groups compete against each other. It introduces the basics of badminton to children whilst keeping the emphasis very much on having fun.

Aberdeenshire Council Badminton Development Officer Joan Prieur said "It is a fitting end to what has been a great event. We have seen some great badminton skills from over 800 young people from 32 schools in South Aberdeenshire who took part in the challenge.

Mill O' Forest Team Pupils Naomi MacGillivray, Scott Waddell, David Blacklaw, Sam Muir, Kieran Hinchcliffe, Lucy McVey, Laura McEwan, Josh McKay, Katie McLeod and Clare Stewart are pictured with Scotland Internationalist and National champion Gordon Thomson, who was there on finals day to greet the youngsters and watch them tackle the final. "Maybe one or two will go on to become Scotland players."

PUPILS FROM FINZEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



PUPILS FROM MILL O' FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



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