

Kincardineshire Primary Schools Badminton Tournament

The above competition took place Saturday past in the Mackie Academy Games Hall. 9 local primary schools took part all with a team of 4 players. All players played singles and doubles and some very close and exciting games were watched by the onlooking parents and coaches.

The singles event was initially played in pools and the winners of their pool proceeded to the semi-final stage. The boys semis saw Calum Carmichael (Arduthie) beat Thomas Gall (Laurencekirk) 15-6 and Andrew Clark of (Laurencekirk) beat Thomas Johnston (Glenbervie) 15-3. Calum then took the title beating Andrew 21-10.

In the semi-final of the girls singles Megan McMillan (Mill O'Forest) beat Jessica Brown (Arduthie) 15-7 and Karen Murray (Arduthie) beat Heather Steel (Catterline) 15-3. The final proved a little harder for Karen with Megan battling hard but Karen ran out champion 21-11.

The doubles event was very exciting with a lot of games very close. The first semi-final between Calum Carmichael/Patrick McCollough (Arduthie) and Thomas Gall/Andrew Clark (Laurencekirk) was nip and tuck all the way, with all four boys playing their best badminton and none of them wanting to come out losers. After an epic battle however, it was the Laurencekirk boys who won through to the final 15-12. The other semi again showed good badminton skills and in this one Karen Murray/Jessica Brown (Arduthie) pulled off the win over Samantha Bailley/Barnaby Simpkin (Inverbervie) 15-9. In the final, although the girls from Arduthie tried their hardest, the boys from Laurencekirk had the edge in the rallies and won 21-9.

The team events were very close and the results were not announced until the end of the competition, giving that element of suspense. The large school trophy was won for the third year in succession by Arduthie Primary with a total of 248 points, Laurencekirk pushed them all the way emerging with 238 points and in 3rd place was Inverbervie with 197 points.

The small schools trophy was presented to Glenbervie Primary, winning it for the first time since 1999 with a total of 204 points; Johnshaven came a very close second with 201 points and Catterline 3rd with 85 points.

The team and all individual winners/runners-up received trophies. These were kindly provided by Davids Fashion Sports & Leisure who were the tournament sponsors.

Thanks to all the parents, volunteers, teachers and players who helped make this another very enjoyable tournament.

A very successful afternoon of badminton was had by all.