

Y5/6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

School Games Level 2 Y5/6 Netball Tournament



Thank you to all of the schools who entered the Y5/6 netball tournament which was hosted by Cramlington Learning Village. 15 teams competed to become Area Champions and progress on to the Level 3 Northumberland School Games finals later in the year.



It was fantastic that lots of schools had entered A and B teams, as this means more pupils were given the opportunity to experience School Games competition. Before the competition began pupils were given a quick reminder of the rules of High 5 netball. This is a modified version of netball designed specifically for children aged 9-11 and uses fun and variety to introduce them to the game, polish skills and aid fitness. Pupils were also reminded about the School Games Values and were asked to particularly focus on team work and determination throughout the competition.



The teams were split into 4 pools and completed a round robin competition. All of the matches were officiated by young umpires from Cramlington Learning who were able to ensure fair play as well as enforcing the rules. In Groups A and B, Whytrig B and Seaton Sluice B were unbeaten and didn't concede a single goal. Burnside A were also undefeated in Group C. Group D was tighter with Whytrig A team taking the last spot in the semi finals.

The standard of netball was very high, and it was obvious that there had been lots of practice taking place in school before hand. More impressive however was the spirit of the games. Teams did not hesitate to shake hands at the end of matches; team mates were encouraging each other; pupils were willing to play in a variety of positions and the support from the crowd of spectators was excellent.

In the semi-finals the competition stepped up a gear, both matches were very close and the players coped well with the stricter umpiring. Whytrig B and Burnside A both won by one goal to earn a place in the final, which was eventually won 3-2 by Whytrig B team.

Whytrig Middle School have now won this competition for 3 years running and we wish them the best of luck at the School Games Finals - keep practicing between now and then!

As always, we must thank our hosts Cramlington Learning Village and the pupils who volunteered to help run the competition. Thanks also to all of the team managers who prepared pupils for the competition and finally to all the competitors who made it an exciting and enjoyable tournament. Congratulations to **Whytrig Middle School**.

RESULTS

1st Whytrig B
2nd Burnside B
= 3rd Seaton Sluice B, Whytrig A
5th Burnside B
6th Whytrig C
7th Seaton Sluice A
8th Hareside B
= 9th Northburn B, Hareside A, Eastlea A
= 12th Northburn A, Shanklea
= 14th Craggside, Beaconhill A

