

## Finham Park Sports Newsletter: Summer 2008

It has been an extremely successful year in a new look Physical Education department. The department has mapped out an exciting three year development plan. At the forefront of future development is the school's flagship sports, (boys; rugby, cricket & athletics & girls; netball, trampolining and athletics) where it is hoped with we can achieve further success at Town, County and eventually National level. As well as the school's flagships sports we have a strong emphasis on extra-curricular and fixtures in various sports. By the end of this summer, close to 170 fixtures/ sporting events will have been played.

The school will proudly be displaying a Regional/ International honours board to celebrate the top sports performers in the school. The PE department would like to congratulate the following students who will be the first to appear on the honours board: **International** Laura Wells, Cheerleading; **Olivia Mason**, Ice Hockey; & **David Clements**, Ice Hockey. **Regional**: **Naomi Rabidas**, Athletics; **Robert Ogleby**, Athletics; **Courtney Archer-Clowes**, Cross Country; **Emma Armitage**, Trampolining; **Georgia Archer-Clowes**, Netball; **David Baker**, Polo Cross; **Kiri Bennett**, Rugby Union; **Fiona Jones**, Rugby Union; **Sam Hewitt**, Kickboxing. Congratulations also to **Emma Armitage** and **Michael Holmes** who have been chosen by the PE department as the sports performers of the year.

The PE department would like to thank all staff, parents and students for contributions made to the Physical Education department this academic year. Congratulations to Miss Brown who was successfully appointed as Head of Girls PE.

### Next years exciting developments

The department will be making considerable changes to the curriculum timetable. At key stage 4 the BTEC First Diploma in Sport will be introduced to run alongside GCSE PE. At Key stage 5 the BTEC National in Sport will be introduced to run alongside A-Level PE. A new look Inter-house sports competition will be launched. Finally the department aims to build on its continued success including offering more extra-curricular opportunities for all students.

### **Individual sporting Teams:**

#### **Athletics**

A record number of students have been involved in extra-curricular training and athletic competitions. Many students have achieved personal bests at Coventry School Competitions. The School entered for the first time the English Schools Athletics Cup, where 60 students competed in the first round. The aim is to get as many of these athletes training at local athletics clubs, as well as entering more athletic competitions next year.

Manager: Mr Amos.

#### **Rounders**

Finham has had a pleasing season in rounders this year. The participation from all year groups has been outstanding and we have particularly been impressed with the Year 9's who have shown excellent commitment this year and the Year 7's who not only attend their practice after school but also come before school on a Tuesday for batting practice! We have enjoyed working with all the girls and they have been excellent representatives of Finham Park at all fixtures. Managers: Miss Wildig & Miss Brown

#### **Cricket**

A very successful season so far for years 7, 8 and 9. Years 7 and 8 are both due to play Princethorpe College in the third round of the Gladstone Small and Leslie Fellows Warwickshire cups. Year nine went out in the same round to Warwick School in a competitive and closely fought game. All three sides are also due to play in the quarter finals of the Coventry Schools Cup competitions, and should all progress to the semi-finals given their current form.

#### **Year 7**

We are particularly pleased with the number of students who turned out for the year 7 trials. The strength in depth has allowed us to field a virtual second team and still beat a number of other city schools. Well done all cricketers!

Manager: Mr. Stone

#### **Year 8**

Early signs indicate that this year could be even more successful than last year for the best cricket squad in school. The squad boasts 17 players allowing for continued team rotation. The team notched easy victories over President Kennedy & Stoke Park in the first/ second round of the Coventry Cup. The spirit and sportsmanship amongst the team is commendable. The aim is to win both the Coventry Cup & Warwickshire Cup. Manager: Mr Amos.

## **Year 9**

It has been a good season so far for Finham's year 9 cricketers. The high so far has been the complete demolition of King Edward VI Stratfords batsmen in the first round of the Warwickshire Cup. The low has to be the boy's only loss so far in the second round of the Warwickshire Cup against Warwick School. They were very strong and although the lads competed superbly throughout, they were not quite scoring runs quick enough to keep up with Warwick's total. The boys are still competing in the Coventry Cup having beaten Cardinal Wiseman and Bishop Ullathorne. They will meet Bablake in the quarter-finals. Manager: Mr. Day

## **Year 7 Rugby**

This year the year 7 Rugby team has had a good first season, culminating in them winning their first trophy of their Finham careers in a tournament at Caludon School. Over the course of the season they scored victories against Cardinal Wiseman, Caludon, Bluecoat, Whitley Abbey and pushed Kenilworth and King Henry VIII school very close indeed. Next year the lads will be trying to close the gap on teams like Woodlands and Coundon court whom they competed admirably against in highly committed displays. Manager: Mr Day

## **Trampolining**

A very successful year has seen over 50 girls regularly turn up for training. The season finished with two successful gifted and talented days, where students received specialist coaching. Next year there will be many more competitions organised, which we hope to dominate. Manager: Mrs Jones

## **Netball Trip**

On April 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 a Netball match took place between England and Malawi at the Coventry Sky Dome and we were lucky enough to be there. In the arena the crowd was ecstatic. As the match started the players were as fast as lightening to grab the ball and before you realized, someone had scored. The speed of the players was exceptional and their throws were extremely accurate. On both teams the goal shooters were scoring in an instant. All of the supporters were constantly cheering for all the goals being scored. Although the teams were scoring the defenders were doing very well and were giving it their all by jumping as high as the ceiling and sprinting as fast as they could. By half time England were winning and both teams had scored over thirty points. During half time the crowd had managed to start a Mexican Wave which made the atmosphere go wild. The noise being made was amazing and set the players to go out and win. Throughout the match my favorite player would be Pamela Cookey, the goal attack on the England Netball team. Finally I would like to announce that the final score was England 56 and Malawi 40.

**Written by Jessie Bath 7AB Trip** Organiser: Miss Wildig

## **Netball**

Netball in Finham has blossomed since Christmas. All that hard training, mostly in the rain, all paid off and we had some convincing wins against tough opposition. I would like to thank all the girls that attended the club for all their efforts and contributions to the season. The Girls PE department are eagerly waiting to continue where we left off in September and we know you are too. Next season we will be encouraging all of you to join Junior Netball clubs so start finding out about your local teams!! Managers: Miss Wildig & Miss Brown

## **Water-Sports Trip**

The PE department ran a very successful water sports trip to the Ardeche in France. Even though the region had the worst weather in 20 years it didn't stop the students from having an amazing experience. Due to the Ardeche river being closed, students took part in body boarding, canoeing, horse riding, mountain biking, high ropes course and ice skating. Trip Leader Mrs Jones.