

Cumbria Schools' Orienteering Championships 2013 (Primary)

This year the championships were held at Low Rigg, Threlkeld on Saturday 29th June, organized by West Cumberland Orienteering Club. Following on from the Carlisle & District Schools' Orienteering League I took a team of 7 children from Hayton Primary School and 1 from Lanercost. These were 8 of the 12 children selected for the Cumbria School Games based on their performance in the league. Three of them were running up a class or two as there were only Y5 and Y6 courses for girls and boys. They all had to run the equivalent of white.

We were very lucky with the weather which stayed fine but cloudy for the majority of the event, with just a light shower before the presentation. It was the first time that most of them had been to such a big event and run on open fell, having to rely on line features, a good job I'd done a training session with them the week before at Miltonrigg Wood! I was very impressed with the speed that they ran uphill at the start. Unfortunately, supporters (of which there were many parents and siblings) weren't able to cheer them in at the finish which was well away from the assembly area and waterlogged land in between. However all 8 did incredibly well, having clean runs and not only that, we had some fantastic results! Our purpose in going was to get some practice in before the Cumbria School Games and Hayton School ended up being in second place out of 10 primary schools with a score of 13, only 3 points behind the winners!!!

Name	Year group	School	Position	Time
Dean Batey	Y6B	Hayton	1st	8.28
Will Hawkswell	Y6B	Hayton	3rd	9.57
James Ryan	Y6B	Hayton	9th	12.34
Ewan Simpson	Y5B	Lanercost	1st	8.56
Finn Mayhew	Y5B (Y3)	Hayton	6th	12.36
Laura Hazelhurst	Y5G (Y4)	Hayton	3rd	10.50
Ellie Chappell	Y5G	Hayton	6th	12.34
Anna Billington	Y5G (Y4)	Hayton	10th	15.55

(Actual year group in brackets)



Hayton Team – 2nd place