

Cumbria School Games 2013

The Cumbria School Games is a competition for primary school children in the six districts of Cumbria in the sports of Tennis, Netball, Hockey, Orienteering and Multi-sports for disabled, including Boccia for secondary special schools. There is a selection process for each region to produce a team of 6 boys and 6 girls. Carlisle was hosting the School Games this year so our team didn't have to travel very far. It was held on Friday 4th July and the Event Centre was the Sands where our 12 children received the traditional black t shirt representing the district of Carlisle before the welcome ceremony. We were then bussed out to Hammonds Pond which most of the team were familiar with as John & I usually use it for our League Presentation Event and some of the team have been taking part in the league for a number of years.

The morning qualifying event was run in rainy conditions but this didn't deter our team of children from Hayton, Lanercost and Cummersdale Primary Schools. From the results of the qualifier, I then had to pick 3 boys and 3 girls who had the fastest time to be in the A team and the remaining 3 boys and 3 girls were the B team. Sadly, some of the competitors were affected by thoughtless vandals interfering with the control boxes. Not only did they move boxes from the morning event but they destroyed boxes for the afternoon event too!! Roger Jackson, organizer and planner, was his usual calm self and smoothed things over by replacing 2 boxes with spares and the third with Dick Whitworth who represented control box number 158!!

The sun made an appearance in the afternoon and the runs were even faster than the morning times; for the second year running Carlisle District had the fastest primary boy in the county, Dean Batey from Hayton. (Sadly Dean transfers to secondary school in September but his cousin, Ewan Simpson from Lanercost, is not far behind him and he'll be Y6 next year!) The boys and girls in the A team all run the same course, as do all in the B Team on a different course.

After the completion of both events, we were then returned to the Sands Centre where 600 children were entertained by a basketball player and a football player who both had incredible ball control skills!! Then came the series of results and our team was delighted to hear that we had won the orienteering event by 1 point!!! They all received a very attractive medal from the sponsors, Sainbury's and the Cumberland Building Society, and for the first time, a very smart trophy which they will have to share! We had a great day and the children were a pleasure to be with. They were excellent ambassadors for their schools and for Carlisle!

Results of the final selection event

A Final				B Final			
Position	Name & School		Time	Position	Name & School		Time
1 st	Dean Batey	Hayton	6.14	3 rd	Ethan Clode	Cummersdale	8.10
4 th	Ewan Simpson	Lanercost	7.26	4 th	Laura Hazelhurst	Hayton	8.20
6 th	James Ryan	Hayton	7.44	8 th	Finn Mayhew	Hayton	8.42
20 th	Daisy Greenwood	Lanercost	9.05	9 th	Will Hawkswell	Hayton	8.43
22 nd	Anna Billington	Hayton	9.20	20 th	Sophie Watson	Lanercost	10.06
23 rd	Emily Scott	Cummersdale	9.39	mp	Ellie Chappell	Hayton	-

District results for Orienteering

District	Points	District	Points
Carlisle	76	Eden	112
Allerdale	77	Copeland	116
South Lakeland	100	Barrow	206

When the results of a variety of competitions were added together Allerdale District was 1st and Carlisle District was 2nd.



The winning orienteering team – Carlisle District

Pam Roelich