

**Schools Orienteering; Eden Schools Selection Event at Newton Rigg College a character building experience for those taking part.**

Little did the competitors taking part know how much the weather conditions would change! When the children were photographed in the Sports Hall at Newton Rigg College, it was a cold, grey day. Later on it began to drizzle and finally we had a mini blizzard for the last part of the competition!! Amazingly the children completed their runs and deserve huge credit for this.

Newton Rigg College was a new venue for the seventh year of this popular event. 23 Teams made up of 3 boys and 3 girls, per team, most of whom were new to competitive Orienteering, took part. The grounds of the College are ideal for this type of event, being interesting, having sufficient features for controls to be sited on and with a bit more of a challenge than School grounds.

Two events were planned during the afternoon session; the first being a preliminary event which aimed to familiarise the Children with the area, the map and with course descriptions. After a short break Start and Finish positions were altered for the final event which was used to select two teams to represent Eden District in the Orienteering event at the School Games held in Carlisle on 12th July this year.

Students from the Facilities Management and Sports Management Courses at Newton Rigg College helped to set up, to run and collect in the courses. The students did an excellent job and were great ambassadors for their College. The Event was planned and Organised by Border Liners Orienteering Club members on behalf of Eden District School Sports Partnership.

Individual results have been posted on the Border Liners website ([www.bl-orienteering.com](http://www.bl-orienteering.com)) and there were some first class performances by those taking part. Class winners were Hannah Bennett of Kirkoswald School (7:13), Campbell Donnelly of Long Marton School (7:02), and Dylan Slack of Morland School (6:58) It was very pleasing to see how many children managed to complete their courses successfully and in very respectable times considering this was the very first time most children had experienced competitive Orienteering All taking part should be proud of their achievements and with the enthusiasm they showed for this Orienteering Event.

Teams from Skelton Primary School and Long Marton Primary were selected to represent Eden District at the School Games congratulations to both teams and we wish them good luck.

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