

SPORTS REPORT

DANE COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Sensational Season So Far...

With over 30 boys football matches within the first term at Dane Court, the boys continued to show their dominance in the Thanet and Kent regions. The U15s won 11-0 against Hereson within the first two weeks after the summer break and it has set them in good stead for the rest of the season.

The U14s took on Archbishops School in the first round of the Kent Cup. After being 4-1 up at the break the team pushed on to score three more in the second half, without conceding. A goal for Casey Carter and two superb hat-tricks from Louis Shepherd and Luke Rigney brought a 7-1 victory. A great result for the squad, and a bye in the second round secures them a home tie in the third, where they will face Harvey Grammar after half-term.

Also competing in the first round of the French (County) Cup were the U16s who played St Simon Stock at Maidstone. They found themselves a goal apiece at halftime courtesy of Mitchell Barham and after an influential half time team talk from the manager Mr White, further goals from Jamie O'Connor, George Dyerson and Jamie Barnett brought a comfortable 4-2 win. The second round game was conceded to us so we now await the victors of the Bonus Pastor vs Cleeve Park tie.



U18 County Netball Tournament



U18 Netball Squad: Katie Baldock, Poppy Attwell Bushell, Amy Napier, Ellie Stokes, Chloe Moran, Erin Townsend, Lucy MacKay, Emma Bryant, Mia Adams, Gen Musgrave

On the 2nd October our U18 Netball team travelled to Rainham to play in the annual Kent County Tournament. This prestigious event is entered by all the best netball teams in the county, so we were proud to be the only school from Thanet to have a team who could play to this standard. However the day got off to an unfortunate start as we were drawn in a very competitive group, facing some of the top teams. Our first match was a difficult one, losing 5-16 to St Olaves, however we did not drop our heads, the Dane Court girls continued to play our at our most enthusiastic even when we were down. The defence of Mia Adams(GK) and Emma Bryant(GD) played outstandingly, battling tirelessly against the opposition's attackers and prevented Dane Court from conceding many goals. Our continued effort was rewarded when we faced Bromley, our brilliant shooters Poppy Attwell Bushell(GA) and Katie Baldock(GS) shot goal after goal, barely giving the Bromley defenders a chance to stop them. Our centre Lucy MacKay dominated the centre of the court, we beat them easily 15-9.



MESSAGE FROM MR WALLACE

A busy and pleasing start to the sporting year with progress in boys and girls football and rugby competitions. Well done also to our dodgeball players and the year seven boys on their Thanet Tournament victories. Perhaps most pleasing here is the fact that we entered two teams in each competition, our participation levels are always high and continue to grow. Our Sports leaders have also hosted two primary events already this year and their development as leaders is one we watch with interest. A big thank you to all those who volunteered their time to represent the department at open day and evening as well. The start of the year and the energy bought by everybody can be summed up by Arthur Balfour's simple but pertinent message...

'Enthusiasm moves the world'

Boys Report

The football season continued...

➡ In the second county competition, the Invicta Trophy, a first round bye was followed by a victory at home to Sandwich Technology College, by 6-2, with skipper Ollie Harris bagging four, supplemented by one each from George Dyerson and Hayden Croxton. Their third round tie against Castle Community is scheduled for the 18th November at home.

After a close defeat each for both the A and B teams, the year 7s have bounced back with two commanding victories. The A team winning 10-1 against Sir Rodger Manwood's in the Kent Cup and the Bs 6-2, in their friendly against Wellesley House. This set them up nicely for the Thanet Tournament where our A team dominated and won it without conceding a goal, whilst the B team competed excellently, but to no avail, against other schools' A teams. After half-term, cup fixtures for both teams await, the A-team vs Valley Park and the B against Canterbury Academy, we wish this talented year group well.

Our year 8 footballers have begun their season well with both A and B teams winning three, drawing one and losing one of their games. The A team had a comfortable kent cup victory at Chatham vs Robert Napier School, at now meet Charles Dickens' on Thursday 6th November.

The sixth form side have had a mixed set off results so far with individual mistakes costing us dearly in a couple of close defeats. Nevertheless, in the most recent East Kent Schools Premier Division game against the Howard school, the tide turned. After a quick start from the away team, the 'Boars' managed to break down Howard's midfield and were able to go into the break a goal up. The side knew that the standard needed to be upped in the second half and after another instrumental team talk from Mr Wallace the squad were raring to go to start the second half. With the likes of legendary PE teacher Mr Towe on the sideline the side were able to push on and grab four more goals in the second period. The pick of the bunch being a delightful chip from 30 yards from Josh Castle who added another to go with the brace from James Milleham and one from James Barker. The game ended 5-2 with confidence restored.

5 Alive

The U15 boys gained an impressive 5-1 win against St Georges this month, proving that once again, very few teams are a problem for our boys when it comes to football. With a few slight changes to their regular positions, due to injuries, the boys went out motivated and ready for a win. There was some impressive play coming from all members of the squad, with some great tackles coming from Jordan Day in midfield and some extremely effective passing from Lewis Doyle. Dan Adams played very well dominating the back three, giving the St Georges boys only a few scoring opportunities, which reflected in the final score. Upfront, Jack Walton made some very good runs allowing him to score an impressive 3 goals for the team with the other two goals coming from Luke Powell and Travis Smith.

Year 10 Boys Football Team; have kicked off their season with five victories so far...



Nice Try

The Dane Court Boys 1st XV Rugby Team got off to a flying start with a convincing victory over Sir Roger Manwood's school, the final score being 57-0. Dane Court were quickly out of the blocks, putting in strong first-time tackles, and swiftly converting their dominant possession into points with two well-constructed tries in the opening 5 minutes. The forwards continued to battle on in the 1st half, and in particular the rucking and recycling of the ball was very sound. However it was the direct, attacking running of the backs which caused the opposition the most problems.

Four more tries followed, along with some well struck conversions from Connor Griffiths, which made the score at half time an emphatic 36-0. Another three more tries followed in the 2nd half, with the Manwood's side well beaten. Overall, it was an excellent beginning to the season which shows great promise for future fixtures.

ATHLETE IN FOCUS



RACHEL NAPIER

Age: 15

House: Sorrento

Quote: " Sport runs in my family, my ambition is to one day be as good as my sister"

Favorite Sport:
Badminton and Rugby

School Teams

Represented: Rugby, Athletics, Badminton, Tennis, Netball, Football, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Rowing, and Rounders

Message From Mr Towe...

"When you are in a tight match make sure you are wearing a Dane Court shirt"

Girls Report

Skeen To Win

After an impressive season of rugby last year our U15 girls kicked off this season with a 12 a side rugby match away at Folkestone Academy. It didn't take the girls long to dust off their tackling skills after the summer break and they went on to dominate the game. Some fantastic tries were scored by Morgan Theodosiou and the flying winger, Omega Skeen, who shot past Folkestone's defence, at times running the whole length of the pitch to score. Siobhan Corby-Tobin and Zoe Tyler proved solid in defence, making some excellent tackles, preventing tries from being conceded. The girls came home victorious, having beaten Folkestone 30-15, a brilliant start to 2014.



U18 Netball continued...

Overall we had a good day, finishing 5th in our group. It was a brilliant experience playing county level netball; it is not often here in Thanet we have the opportunity to play stronger teams so it was a welcome challenge! We all came away having learned lots and felt stronger for it. The girls and I are very grateful to our coach Gloria Riley who entered us, trained us and took us to the tournament, completely voluntarily. Without all her continued effort and support we wouldn't have been playing netball this year which would have been a terrible shame. Thank you Miss!

Net Gains On The Court

This term has seen the start of another exciting netball season. For our first fixture all our teams faced St. Georges, our girls played brilliantly and brought home victories; U13 girls won 13-9, the U14 girls had a stunning victory of 21-0, U15 girls won 28-4 and the U16 girls 19-25. Our U12 team of year 7 girls played their debut match for Dane Court. They played outstandingly as a team for their first time and show much promise, however St Georges were strong and after a challenging game the Dane Court girls lost 6-8. Later on in the same week our U12 and U13 teams were put through their paces again by the Bennett Memorial School from Tunbridge. The U13 girls faced a tough opposition and despite a gallant effort from the defence, the girls lost 15-25. The U12 girls had learned a lot from their first match and played superbly, beating Bennett Memorial 15-9.

Later on in the term, our U16 girls played in the first District Netball Tournament of the season. The girls played brilliantly and were placed 2nd out of all the schools in Thanet.

NUMBERS

The number of goals the U18 Netball Team scored at the County Netball Tournament

45

Number of boys football matches

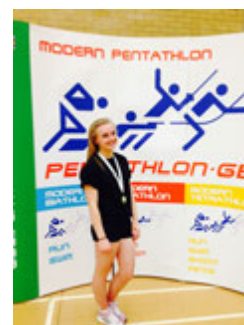
won this term

27

Goals by Jack Walton

7 in 4

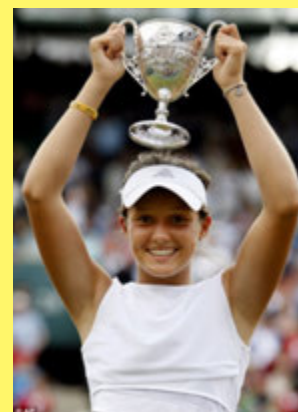
Lauren Joy came 2nd in the Kent Biathlon Championships! Now the National Finals at the Olympic Park await..



Laura Robson - Hitting for Britain



Laura Robson won a silver medal at the London 2012 Olympics with Andy Murray in mixed doubles.



Laura Robson is a former British number one tennis player. Her biggest career wins include defeating seven time grand slam winner, Venus Williams, double grand slam winner Li Na and double Wimbledon champion, Petra Kvitova.

Laura learned to play tennis as soon as she was able to hold a racket and showed her natural ability very early on. At the age of 14 she won Wimbledon Junior Girls' Championship and reached her career high singles ranking of world number 27 in 2013.

In 2012 Laura represented team GB in the 2012 Olympics. She competed in singles, women's doubles and won a silver medal playing with Andy Murray in the mixed doubles at the 2012 London Olympics

In 2013 Robson represented Great Britain in the Fed Cup into the World Group Two play-off against Argentina.

Unfortunately, Robson suffered a wrist injury early this year and had to undergo surgery, and therefore hasn't competed since January. It has been a very difficult year for her, watching her ranking slip as she was unable to pick up a racket. Laura has had a very long and difficult process of rehabilitating her wrist and building up the strength to hit a tennis ball again, but she is doing well and targeting the 2015 Australian Open in January, we wish her all the best!

An Olympic Visit

Paralympic athlete Tim Prendergast has visited the school to share his inspirational story with our year Ten Sports Leaders and year eleven ASDAN Sport and Disability students. His story is one that we can all learn from!

COMING SOON....

A day out at Twickenham!



OTHER STORIES

We as a school have been nominated for P.E Department of the Year and Miss Riley, as Thanet Schools Sports Teacher of the Year.

UNSUNG HEROS

The P.E department would like to thank Dan Van Hinsbergh, Ellie Stokes and Amy Napier for their help in extra-curricular activities this term, Molly Dawson and Erin Townsend for fixture preparation, and Ellen Whitehead for her support with netball coaching.