

SPORTS REPORT

DANE COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Sensational 7s

On Wednesday 18th March Dane Court Under 16s took part in the annual Kent 7s tournament, hosted by Sutton Valence. After a nervy start the boys soon got into try scoring mode, racking up 11 try's in the group stages... By early afternoon they found themselves in the final against Harvey Grammar School. Saving their best rugby until the end, they pulled off an almost



Squad: J Barnett, J Harmes, C Knight, A Shrestha, M Dennis, T Norman, G Dyerson, J Robinson, B Kendathy, D Adams, L Doyle

faultless performance and won 34-0. All the boys were superb throughout the day, with highlights coming from the dogged George Dyerson, hard working Joe Harmes and Dan Adams who was playing up a year.

A FEW WORDS FROM MR WALLACE... Another term has flown by and with the summer fast approaching we turn our attention to athletics, cricket, stoolball and rounders. We are excited to have again entered the English Schools Athletics Competition and it is always a pleasure to watch you compete. A special mention this term must go to our year eight girls table tennis players who have represented the school on a National Level, what a fantastic achievement and a big thank you to Mr Pugh, Mr Perkins and the external coaches that helped to make the squad such a success. I am sure the girls recognise the support of those volunteers, indeed, volunteering and leadership are a key feature of our school and this department. Many of our sports leaders have their final assessments next term and once again, I have been proud of their commitment, enthusiasm and expertise when working with the many primary school pupils at the various festivals and tournaments we host. Their efforts are key in promoting the school, helping the local community and future students. They are the embodiment of the caring and sharing best of a Dane Court Grammar school for which I am extremely grateful. After all, we part of a community, and as US Congressman and Author, Paul Ryan

says,

'Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of persons working together.'

Boys Report

ATHLETE IN FOCUS



CHARLIE KNIGHT

Age:15

House: Sorrento

Favorite Sport:
Rugby

Sporting Hero:
Anthony Watson

School Teams
Represented: Rugby,
Football and Athletics

Sporting Highlights:
Charlie represents
Kent and is in the U16
development squad at
Saracens

Quote: "Rugby is
what I love doing and
I want to do it for the
rest of my life."

Words of wisdom from Mr Towe...

"Sometimes sport
has to be endured so
it can be enjoyed"

A team to be reckoned with...

This term has been busy with rugby, all the junior sides have had success with the Year 8's proving to be the side to be reckoned with; they have won 11 of their 13 games, only losing two closely contested occasions. They also reached the semi-final of the county sevens tournament and are progressing well as a team.

Over half of their year group have represented the school at rugby this term. This is also the case for the Year 7's, who have taken to this new game with gusto. The highlight of the term was the winning of the county sevens tournament by our Year 11's, who have long been a very talented side, and they proved it to devastating effect last week at Maidstone. The other highlight is that year 9 Frank Perkins has represented the county under 14's throughout the season, which we congratulate him for and wish him well for his rugby future, as we do Charlie Knight in year 11, who is making his way up in the Saracens Junior Academy.

Top try scorer is Louis Peters, the Year 8 captain, and unsurprisingly the Year 8's have scored more tries than any other team.

NUMBERS

*Goals scored by the U18 Netball
Team in two matches*

43

Rugby matches played this term

41

*Win ratio of all of Dane Court's
Rugby teams*

71%

Girls Report

Passionate Performances on Court

This term has seen the start of the 2015 Netball Season. To kick off, the U16 and U18 teams travelled to St Lawrence College for what would prove to be two very testing matches. After valiant efforts from the two teams, they lost 10-25 and 21-33 respectively. The U12 and U13 also suffered defeats at the hands of SLC. However, the U15 team were able to succeed where the other Dane Court teams failed, they drew with SLC 18-18.

However, this term has also had some brilliant wins. The U12 and U13 girls both defeated Ellington and Hereson and then went on to beat Chatham and Clarendon, the following week! We wish them luck with the rest of their fixtures.

Still sore from their defeats, the U18 and U16 girls set off to play Sir Rodger Manwoods. The girls knew it was to be a tough match, with Manwoods being the only unbeaten school in the Sandwich and Dover area. The U18 girls finished the 1st quarter behind, but they did not lower their heads. The two teams both came home the victors, the U16s winning 13-7 and the U18 22-14. It was a victory of mixed emotions for the U18 girls since it was their last time representing Dane Court, having played together as a team since year 7. We hope that many will continue to play Netball in the future, and continue their passion that has been kindled here at Dane Court.

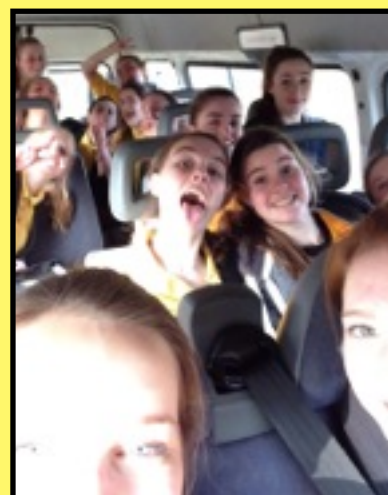


Table Tennis Triumph

After becoming County and Zonal champions, the celebrated U13 girls table tennis team have continued their streak of excellence this term.

Most recently, they travelled to the Southern Regional Tournament in Bournemouth. The team, consisting of Tayla Bayley, Catherine Banks, Annabel Cole and Katie Perkins, played superbly and were awarded runner up which places them in the top 10 U13 girls in the whole country- a phenomenal achievement!

Football Festival Fun

Our Year 7 and 8 girls football teams recently had fantastic results at the Thanet Football Festival. Both teams lost only 1 match out of the 6 they played, a brilliant result! For many of the year 7 players this was their first time representing the school. The Festival was run by the Year 11 sports leaders, they were responsible for all the time keeping, refing and coaching, and they did a splendid job.

Mary King- An Equestrian Inspiration

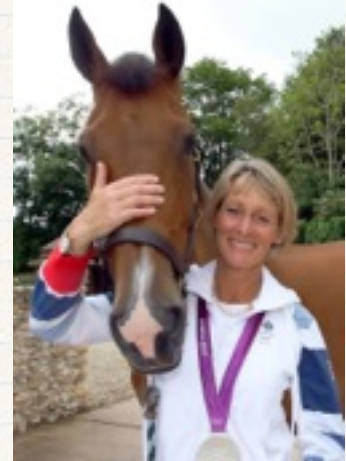
Mary Elizabeth King MBE is a British Olympic equestrian sportswoman who has represented Great Britain at six Olympics from 1992 to 2012. Mary's area of equestrianism is eventing. She has three Olympic medals, two silver and one bronze medal in the team eventing. She has won two gold and one silver medal in the World Equestrian Games team eventing.

Eventing is arguably the hardest of the equestrian events. It takes place over three days, and requires the horses and riders to be incredibly talented and versatile, since they compete in three disciplines. Day 1 is dressage (marked on grace and control), day 2 is cross-country (endurance and speed) and finally day 3 is show-jumping (skill and precision).

Mary is now 53 years old and still competing. She risks her life whilst training these powerful and unpredictable animals on a daily basis.



Mary jumps fences up to 1.30m high and as wide as 2.30m.



Rugby Ambassadors

Dane Court are proud to have six Rugby World Cup Ambassadors. The School Rugby Ambassador programme has been set up to develop young leaders in secondary schools across the country to inform and excite pupils about rugby and the Rugby World Cup 2015 through events, assemblies, competitions, and whole school engagement within Dane Court and surrounding primary schools. The Dane Court ambassadors have undergone touch rugby referee training, which then enabled them coach children at local primary school, Palm Bay. Also the ambassadors have recently hosted two Rugby Festivals for local primary schools, and they were a great success, with many young children coming away from the day enthused about rugby.

Mr Wallace's Marathon

Dane Court is proud to be supporting our very own Mr Wallace who is running the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April. As a school, we hope we can help him towards his goal of raising £1500 for Children with Cancer UK!

