



## **MCS boys and girls do us proud Badminton blitz.**

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On Tuesday last, January 25th, Moate Community School U19 boys and girls took part in badminton tournament in Balldoyle Arena Dublin. Moate were represented well with two boy's teams, Moate A and B, and one girl's team. Playing for Moate A were David Ayres, Damien McCormack, Barry Webb and Adrian Rabbitt. Moate B consisted of Lorcan Kelly, Gavin Fleming, Thomas Reilly and Jack Sheridan. The girl's team was made up of Sinéad Gillivan, Sarah King, Martha Finnerty and Niamh Malone.

The Moate A team were embraced with a fierce a battle in division two playing St Peter's College of Wexford, De La Salle College of Dundalk, and Wesley College of Dublin. The boys got off to a tough start narrowly losing all four of their singles matches and all two of their doubles matches against a consistent St Peters. The doubles battle between the Moate set of Barry and Adrian and the St Peters duo was controversial over point scoring and misconduct. There was a crucial response when the lads went onto play De La Salle winning all their singles and doubles matches well. David Ayres and Damien McCormack played substantially together in their doubles match beating the De La Salle boys 30-19. The boys were unlucky in their final matches of the day against, the almost unstoppable Wesley College, once again narrowly missing out on winning all of their matches.



The Moate B lads had tough competition in division three playing East Glendalough Secondary School of Wicklow and Scoil Aireagail of Kilkenny. The boys got off to a super start winning all four of their singles matches against East Gledalough. Lorcan and Gavin won their doubles match superbly with a tightly contested score of 30-29. Jack and Thomas also won their doubles match against the East Glendalough lads. However, the momentum soon shifted when the Moate squad were in hard luck as they played Scoil Aireagail

losing three of their singles matches and both of their doubles matches. Jack was the successor in the singles dual beating the Scoil Aireagail player 30-21.

After a long wait full of confusion, the Moate girls got to play their matches in the afternoon. The girls had been told they did not get through to the present stage, however there was a mix up on the organisers part and they got to play their games. The teams the girls faced in division three were the adamant St Josephs Secondary School of Dublin and Kilkenny College of Kilkenny. Unfortunately, the competition seemed too extreme on the day for the girls being unsuccessful in all of their singles and doubles matches against St Josephs and Kilkenny College girls.

Congratulations and Commiserations to all involved in the tournament. The U16 equivalent to the tournament is to be scheduled in the coming in weeks. Well done to all students from Moate Community School who represented themselves and their school very well in this Badminton U19 blitz.