



Large turnout in MCS for u14 Badminton blitz.

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There was smashing badminton success on Tuesday the 8th of February in Moate Community School as a badminton blitz was held for U14 boys and girls to determine who would go through to the Leinsters in Balldoyle, Dublin.

Once again, Moate were represented extremely well with two boy's teams and four girl's teams. Playing for the boys were Daniel Heffernan, Conor McCormack, Plunket Maxwell and David McCormack for Moate 'A'. Michael O'Connor, James Fallon, Ian Rellihan and Nathan O'Hara for Moate 'B'.

Lining up for the girls were Aisling McCormack, Emer Redmond, Sandra Nestor and Sophie Flanagan for Moate 'A'. Roisin Muldoon, Shauna Norris, Allamah Reynolds and Amber Hennessy represented their school as Moate 'B'. Moate 'C' consisted of Megan O'Hara, Xenia North, Rachel Kelly and Aoife Dolan, while Moate 'D' comprised of Ellen O'Meara, Niamh Petit, Roisin O'Brien and Lorna Flanagan.

On the day, three schools were present. Wilson's Hospital from Mullingar, Killucan Secondary School and Moate. Killucan were to have two boy's teams but unfortunately only one made it on the day. Wilson's turned out in numbers as expected with four boy's teams and four girl's teams. The tournament kicked off at 11am with all participants arrived and ready to get the show on the road. It was decided the boys would have court one and two, and the girls courts three and four to keep the blitz moving swiftly.

Moate boys played consistently against very stiff competition from Killucan. It was clear the Killucan lads had been practising, as their skill and determination in the game was immaculate. Moate 'A' and Killucan came out top of the boy's league, beating off competition from the four Wilson's teams. Although Moate played with all their hearts, they lost their games 4-2 to the Killucan boys which left Killucan in first place and Moate in second. Both teams qualified for the Leinsters.

Moate girls also played well against Wilson's. Wilson's was the only competitor for the girls on the day, but the sides were evenly matched with four teams aside. The Wilson's girls were here to win and you could tell they were not going down without a fight. The Mullingar girls won their league. The competition was tough on the day with Moate 'A' girls qualifying along with the Wilson's girl's team.

A huge thank you is due to all involved in the tournament and congratulations to all participants for partaking in this wonderful sporting occasion. The fixtures of the U14 Leinster's are expected to be released in the coming weeks.