

Race 2 – 16 November

Winter illnesses at schools meant that numbers were slightly down for the second Newquay & Par AC Junior Schools Cross Country league at Par Recreational fields but there were still 76 young athletes finishing the two age group races. After weeks of rain, the course was muddy and slippery in parts, especially alongside the athletic track fence but the use of the 'Green Trail' installed by Par Track Ltd helped the youngsters, most of whom do not have spiked shoes for these sorts of conditions. Everything was crossed that the forecasted heavy rain stayed away and it worked with only the tail enders of the second race for Year 6's slightly affected as it rolled in to drench the helpers removing the course after!

Alex Davy of Tywardreath once again set off at a pace and although challenged half way round in the Year 5 race, Harry Hogbin of Ladock, was unable to close the gap but maintained his second overall. It was a closer run thing behind these two and remarkably, it was one of the Gorran School's Year 4's, Harry Crowe, who managed to get the better of Thomas Rowe of St Petroc's, Bodmin, in the closing stages to take third.

Esme Perks of Biscovey clearly loves the mud and improved on her 4th at Race 1 by a big margin to take her first win. Behind her and also mixed in with the boys were Macey Collin's of St Petroc's up six places for second, holding off Imogen Rowe of Tywardreath by just 2 seconds.

Organiser, Dave Varney, after discussions with the six schools taking part, has reduced the team scoring down one place to the first three, which he hopes will help the schools with smaller numbers and make the League more open and exciting. This went Gorran's way for the Year 5 Boys with another Year 4, Jo Jo Fraser at 5th and Harry Wilder 7th. Gorran scored 288, Tywardreath 285 and Ladock 283. Biscovey Girls chalked up 289 points for their second team win with Mia Chubb a big improver from 15th to 6th and Ella Aldridge, one place behind to complete the team. Gorran 'A' had 278 & their 'B' team 264

It was a similar picture at the front end of the combined year 6 Boys and Girls race and another clear win for Isaac Amy of St Petroc's, who laid out his stall early on after the initial small lap to break from previous runner up, Reuben Wallace of Tywardreath who keeps his second overall. It was also a close affair for third place and like the Year 5 Boys, this went to the final long straight to the finish for Ruan Michell of Laddock, getting the better of Lostwithiel's Robben Solly.

Daisy Roberts of St Petroc's repeated her impressive win, finishing 8th overall with Indy Brewer of Gorran much closer this time and at 9th overall. Tilly Morgan (St Petroc's), was also well up for her repeat of third place.

St Petroc's were big winners in both of the Year 6 races. The boys scored 288 through Harry Candalin (11th) and Jenson Ellicott (18th) backing Isaac's win. Gorran were second with 275 and Biscovey third with 273. The Girls win of 294 point was achieved by Grace, Tilly and 5th placed Bea Evans with Gorran at 287 and tywardreath 280

Race three will be at Par on Wednesday 14th December