

Race 3 – 18 January

After the cancellation of the third Newquay & Par Junior Schools Cross Country League fixture in December through an ice bound course and teams travelling on untreated roads to get there, it was touch and go as to whether the January races could go ahead with the temperatures dipping and sleet forecast. With an inspection in the morning, which apart from a very muddy and slippery section, the course seemed to be in good condition. After some diversions and a slightly shorter distance it was decided to go ahead.

The six schools turned up ready to run until the heavens opened with driving hailstones, sending everyone for shelter! A short delay and the races got underway with the Year 5 combined Boys and Girls race. The revised course went well and the usual top runners were making good progress, even with more sleety showers drifting in. League leader, Alex Davy (Tywardreath) went straight to the front, soon followed by Harry Hogbin (Ladock), closing all the while. These two forged ahead with Reubyn Howes (Tywardreath) clear in third to finish in this order across the line. With Henry Denning at 4th and Jude Egford 6th, Ladock were clear winners over Tywardreath and Biscovey.

Biscovey made it a clean sweep in the Girls race with two of these competing in the league for the first time. One of these was Lyvie Cooper, who crossed the line 10 seconds ahead of the joint leader going into this third race, Esmee Perks. The other new comer, Indi MacKenzie was close behind and battling with one of the school's boys. Biscovey 'B' team took second, 3 points ahead of St Petroc's

It was a third win for two Bodmin, St Petroc's school athletes making light work of the weather & underfoot conditions. Isaac Amy was unchallenged as he took the Year 6 Boys win. Behind him and second overall with a remarkable run, was Daisy Roberts for the girls win with Gorran School's Sam in the top three for the first time ahead of Ruan Mitchell (Ladock) and a closing Reuben Wallace (Tywardreath).

Only three points separated the Boys teams. Gorran held off Biscovey by a single point, who were two points ahead of St Petroc's. In the Girls event, St Petroc's increased their lead at the head of the table having the first three, Bea Evans backing up Daisy's win, followed by Tilly Morgan. Biscovey's A and B teams took up the other top three places.

What was to be the final race on the 8th February will now be the fourth with a final race slotted in on Wednesday 1st March.