

Race 5 – 1 March

The final race of the Newquay & Par Junior Schools Cross Country League took place around the Par Track playing fields, finishing with a flourish with the largest numbers of the winter. Just short of 100 children took part for the seven schools setting two of the fastest times in the Year 5 Races.

The first three boys in this combined Year 5 race set off at a fast pace with the eventual winner, Harry Hogbin of Ladock C E School holding his lead all the way from the start. Behind him, Reuben Howes of Tywardreath eventually overtook Thomas Rowe of Bodmin, St Petroc's in the final 200m with just 5 seconds between each.

Harry led the Ladock team to victory and in doing so improved on his fastest time by a further 8 seconds. Henry Denning at 6th and Jude Egford at 1th also secured the overall team title. Gorran were second with a tie for third place between Biscovey and St Wenn

Remarkably, the other fastest time in the Year 5 race was actually set by a Year 4 girl, Lyvie Cooper of Biscovey, winning her third race since joining the League in the December fixture. Although this was not enough to win the overall title, with four races to count, she has the satisfaction of leading the Year 5 team to victory. All three in the winning Biscovey team were Year 4's which not only bodes well for next winter but they can now go on to the Inter Area match at Poltair in two weeks, competing in their own age group.

Imogen Monroe (Tywardreath) split the trio at second and will take the runner's up trophy, followed in by the other two Biscovey girls, Maya Wishart and Indi MacKenzie.

Having been beaten at the last race, there was no stopping Isaac Amy (St Petroc's) in this final race to take the overall Year 6 title with last month's winner and the holder of the fastest course time, Reuben Wallace (Tywardreath) as the pair raced around the opening lap closely followed by Robben Solly (Lostwithiel). It stayed this way to the line. The first two finished in this order overall but it was fourth placed Ruan Michell (Ladock CE) who will pick up the third placed trophy.

It was Biscovey's good packing at 5th, 6th and 11th by Riley Studley, Travis MacKenzie and Kirrill Truskovskas which gave them the win on the day but Bodmin, St Petroc's finish overall winners in both boys and girls Year 6 races.

Daisy Roberts (St Petroc's) was the only unbeaten athlete with her fifth decisive win of the winter. Impressively 9th overall in the combined race. Indy Brewer (Gorran) secured the second on the day but crucially holding off Bea Evans of St Petroc's on the day and scoring the extra point she needed for the runner's up spot overall. Daisy and Bea, together with Tilly Morgan have led the Bodmin school team in all five events for a clear overall title.

The schools will return to Par on Wednesday for a small presentation event with most going on to compete by invitation in the Mid Cornwall Schools Inter Area match at Poltair School on Friday 17 March, hoping to make it through to the County Final at Newquay on Tuesday 30 March.