

PAR JUNIOR SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE – 15 November 2023

Just two weeks after the opening fixture of the Newquay & Par Junior Schools Cross Country League, 91 youngsters turned out in the sunshine around the Par Track Recreational fields for the second fixture. There were 24 new children taking part in the Year 5 and 6 races, partly as a result of Probus joining the seven original schools of Biscovey, Gorran, Ladock, St Petroc's, Bodmin, St Wenn, Treverbyn & Tywardreath. All four winners were faster than Race 1 even though the ground conditions were still soft.

Year 5 Tommy Grose (Biscovey) made it two in a row but a close finish behind him meant that Douglas Kennard (St Wenn) took the second place this time from Harry Crowe (Gorran). It was equal placings in the team positions for the top spot as both Biscovey (Grose, Max Turner – 4th & Seth Pickles – 13th) were matched by the Gorran trio (Crowe, William Tallen – 7th & Jo Jo Fraser 9th). St Wenn took the third place.

Mixed in with the boys at 6th overall, Athena Jeffries (Treverbyn) also kept up her winning start. Not too far behind was club team mate, Lyvie Cooper, the first of four Biscovey girls including Sienna Hannaford, Indi Mackenzie and Maya Wishart repeating the top five from Race 1 and securing the second team win for the school. Tywardreath moved within 2 points of Gorran by beating them to second on this occasion

It was in the Year 6 race that Probus made the biggest impact, especially in the Girls. After a close final crossing of the footbridge, Harry (Ladock) pulled clear of the chasing two with Ladock team mate, Henry Denning getting the better of Reubyn Howes (Tywardreath) in a repeat of Race 1. Ladock increased their lead at the top with Jude closing for the team at 5th. Probus beat Tywardreath by 4 points to open up the top of the table.

Violet Durber (Probus) started the opening lap alongside the leading boys and showed she will be a strong contender for the title if she can complete the last three races, eventually finishing 10th overall & winner for the girls. There was a real mix of results behind her with the table being thrown wide open. Megan Perry (Probus) was second with Anouk Topps (Tywardreath) the only top three finisher from Race 1, followed by the third Probus girl, Astris Cain to complete an inaugural win for the school. Tywardreath held off Biscovey & still head the table but with the best four scores from five races being the decider, this table looks really interesting.

The third fixture will be held at Par on Wednesday 13 December & hopefully not the ice that cancelled last year!