



Sports Newsletter

Spring Term



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The second half of the spring term, despite being just under five weeks long, has been very busy and we have enjoyed a lot of success across many sports.

The tag rugby team have won the tournament we host here at Biscovey as well as qualifying for the county finals in April. Another cross country team prize came our way as well as some superb individual performances in both the qualifying races and finals of the county championships. Finally, our football and netball teams have finished their league season, with the Year 4 football team winning their league and the netball A and B team both ending up as runners up in their leagues, whilst the football A Team currently sit atop of their league, eagerly awaiting other results to find out if we will remain there.

In addition to this we have enjoyed two large events within our own school, firstly with our own swimming gala involving around 70 of our strongest swimmers, before the biennial Sport Relief Mile saw the whole school complete a mile around the school grounds, raising an amazing amount in the process - a total of £313 in the end.

Finally, we are very proud that the St. Austell & District Football Representative Side have won the county championship and will travel to Bath in the next round, with our A Team captain Rio Ward in their squad. It is sure to be a great day for Rio and I am sure the team will represent our area very well.

This Term's Team Successes



St. Austell Football League
Year 4 Champions



Biscovey Tag Rugby Tournament
Champions



St. Austell Netball League
A Team Runners-Up



St. Austell Netball League
B Team Runners-Up



Mid Cornwall Cross Country
Year 4 Boys 3rd Team

Individual Cross Country Success at County Finals

Year 4 Boys George Underwood 20th Josh Compton 43rd

Year 5 Girls Kim Knight 14th

Year 5 Boys Kieran Rundle 6th Josh Robinson 33rd



League Football

Wow! Finally, after several games being rained off, we have finished our season and what a great season it has been! As you can see from the league tables below, we have enjoyed great success, with the Year 4 Team winning their league (although Sandy Hill could tie with us if they win all of their remaining matches). Meanwhile, the A Team are sitting atop of their league and waiting to see if Sandy Hill or St. Mewan can catch us. The B Team have also performed very well throughout and are looking good for a top half finish - very respectable!

A Team

Our final three games saw us winning three times, with victories over Sandy Hill at home and twice against Mount Charles, both home and away. Each was a great performance in different ways. Firstly, a dominant performance at home to Mount Charles saw us win convincingly 7-2, with goals spread out throughout the team. This was followed by a superb win at home to Sandy Hill, holding on for a 1-0 win. The most impressive part of this was the whole team's attitude, having lost just four days previously to Sandy Hill in the cup. The team ended with a much closer game away at Mount Charles, a game in which they knew a win would give us a chance of winning the league. Another strong performance saw us earn the three points, although Mount Charles played very well and it took a determined finish to the game to ensure the win.

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Biscovey	10	7	2	1	23
Carclaze	8	5	3	0	18
St. Mewan	8	5	2	1	17
Sandy Hill	7	2	1	4	7
St. Stephen	8	2	0	6	6
Mount Charles	9	0	0	9	0

B Team

The B Team again played well, with two victories from their final three games; winning their two fixtures against Mount Charles and just losing out in the home fixture against Sandy Hill - a team who are in contention for the league title. A strong performance saw a 3-1 win at home to Mount Charles, with Biscovey in control through much of the game. Their teamwork was a joy to watch, with some great attacking in the first half, before a strong defensive performance in the final ten minutes ensured we prevented Mount Charles from getting back into the tie. This was followed by a tough game at home to Sandy Hill, with our opponents deservedly winning 2-0, although we did not let a strong team beat us easily and put up a great fight. Finally, the team travelled to Mount Charles where another strong performance finished the season in style, bringing back another three points to ensure a top half league finish.

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
St. Mewan	8	7	1	0	22
Biscovey	10	6	0	4	18
Sandy Hill	7	5	1	1	16
Carclaze	8	4	0	4	12
Mount Charles	9	2	0	7	6
St. Stephen	8	0	0	8	0

Year 4

The year four team also enjoyed three victories from their final three games. Two very good performances at home and away against Mount Charles saw comfortable wins for the team, but it was the Sandy Hill game at home in which the team really shone. Sandy Hill travelled to Biscovey having won every game in their league campaign beforehand, including a 4-2 victory against Biscovey earlier in the season - our only defeat. We knew we had to win the game or else Sandy Hill would be favourites for the league and put in an awesome display of football, coming out 7-1 winners to send us to the top of the league. With these three victories we have finished the season in first place and champions of the league. Sandy Hill could catch us up, which would mean sharing the league title, but regardless, this is a huge achievement and all of the team should be very proud of themselves.

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Biscovey	10	9	0	1	27
Sandy Hill	7	6	0	1	18
St. Mewan	8	3	2	3	11
Carclaze	8	3	1	4	10
St. Stephen	8	2	1	5	7
Mount Charles	9	0	0	9	0



Sports Kit

If your child is chosen to represent the school, can you please ensure that any kit they bring home is washed and returned as soon as possible.

It may be required for other children to use in other fixtures. Thank you!



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Netball Spring 2016

WOW!! What a netball season!!

Both teams as previously mentioned have done exceedingly well and their performances have been truly OUTSTANDING!!

The season ended in both the 'A' & 'B' Teams finishing in 2nd place in their leagues, which is an excellent achievement.

On Tuesday this week, the 'A' Team played in the St. Austell High Five Netball Tournament hosted by St. Mewan School. In their league of five teams, they won three out of their four matches, earning them a place in the Semi-Finals against Carclaze School. The way they played as a team was really impressive throughout all their matches with some excellent scoring and defending from all.

The semi-final match was played brilliantly and you could see a real desire from all children to win as they played their hearts out. Unfortunately, they lost in this match by a narrow margin of 6-4, but should hold their heads up high!

As you are aware the 'A' team is compiled of Year 6 students who will be moving on to secondary schools this Summer. I would like to thank them for the commitment they have showed in coming to netball practice, improving their game and having a great team spirit throughout the whole season. I really hope they continue to play this sport for their new schools and wish them all the best for the future!! We now look forward to the current 'B' Team becoming our new 'A' Team and hope that our successes have inspired other children to play netball for their school.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Mrs. A. Lobb.

Biscovey Academy

For the final swimming session of the year, we organise our own gala involving only children from Biscovey to give our strongest swimmers the opportunity to enjoy the experience of racing against each other in a competitive yet friendly atmosphere. This year seventy children spent the morning at Polkyth, racing in a total of eighty four races! There were some fantastic performances with many races being very closely contested, often with children separated by just a fraction of a second.

Full results and times can be found on the sports noticeboard., but the top three in each race were as follows:

	Year 3/4 Boys	Year 3/4 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Year 6 Girls
Freestyle	1st Ki Wilton 2nd Josh Martin 3rd George Underwood	1st Skye Whereat (Y3) 2nd Tamisha Nash 3rd Lillian Smith	1st Orlando Hamilton 2nd Kieran Hughes 3rd Riley Tucker	1st Katie Burrows 2nd Rosa Dubare 3rd Millie Gough	1st Ben Wright 2nd Mckenzie Whereat 3rd Rio Ward	1st Rebecca Rawle 2nd Ruby Ralphs 3rd Madison Moriarty
Backstroke	1st Brady Soloman 2nd George Underwood 3rd Josh Martin	1st Tamisha Nash 2nd Lillian Smith 3rd Hope Smith	1st Ben Logan 2nd Kieran Hughes 3rd Orlando Hamilton	1st Katie Burrows 2nd Millie Gough 3rd Rosa Dubare	1st Aidan Jeffreys 2nd Rio Ward 3rd Ben Wright	1st Shannon Johns 2nd Hannah Drage 3rd Rebecca Rawle
Breaststroke	1st Tommy Rundle (Y3) 2nd George Underwood 3rd James Deeny	1st Tamisha Nash 2nd Lillian Smith 3rd Hope Smith	1st Riley Tucker 2nd Alfie Tribe 3rd Carragan Church	1st Madison Annear 2nd Katie Burrows 3rd Willow Tucker-Smith	1st Rio Ward 2nd Joxy Stewart-Ashley 3rd Ben Wright	1st Rebecca Rawle 2nd Scarlett Guy 3rd Anna Kittow

Summer Term Dates

April

- 15.04.16 Tag Rugby East Cornwall Finals
- 19.04.16 County Aquathlon Finals
- 22.04.16 Cornwall School Games Quadkids Qualifiers
- 26.04.16 Fowey Area Tennis Qualifiers

May

- 24.05.16 Biscovey Academy Sports Day
- 26.05.16 Year 6 Cricket Tournament at Newquay

June

- 14.06.16 Year 5 Cricket Tournament at Lanhydrock
- 17.06.16 St. Austell Schools Swimming Gala
- 20.06.16 Year 4 Cricket Tournament at Roche
- 29.06.16 Aspire Games (Year 5)

July

- 01.07.16 Cornwall School Games Finals (Penzance)
- 06.07.16 County Athletics Finals

To Be Arranged

Tag rugby matches, swimming galas, Aspire Hub Sports Events...

For an up to date diary, match details and scores, check out the new school website:

www.biscoveyacademy.cornwall.sch.uk

County Cross Country Qualifiers and Finals

Qualifiers

In an effort to qualify for the county finals, twenty one children headed to St. Austell Rugby Club for a challenging run around their training fields, where there were some tough uphill sections in each race. The aim was to finish in the top 15 to secure a spot in the Mid Cornwall Team for the finals in Newquay a few weeks later.

The Year 4 Girls were first to set off, with all of the team running in their first race for the school. Halle Dent was first back in 34th position, with Lillian Smith not far behind in 42nd. Coming in close together were Erin Ratcliffe (45th) and Jasmine Dillon (46th) who completed the team, which finished in 7th position overall.

The Year 4 Boys followed, with two boys qualifying for the county finals. George Underwood finished in a great 13th place, with Josh Compton taking the final Mid Cornwall Team spot in 15th. James Deeny also ran really well, earning a reserve spot in the team with his 17th placed finish. Completing the Biscovey squad were Archie Carr (41st) and Kian Williams (50th). In the team placings we finished in a superb 3rd position, earning the team a trophy to bring back to school.

Kim Knight was our only representative in the Year 5 Girls race, where she put in a superb performance to complete the race in 5th position, finishing very close to the front three to comfortably qualify for the next round.

Following this, we were well represented in the Year 5 Boys race with four runners. It was an exciting race with both Kieran Rundle and Josh Robinson pushing the pace at the front of the field. Having allowed the front runner to pull away, they worked hard and caught him up as they entered the final quarter of a mile. All three of them were fighting for the top spot, but it was the Summercourt runner who reached the line first, with Kieran Rundle finishing in second, just a shoulder dip behind the winner. Josh Robinson was just a couple of seconds behind in third, meaning they both qualified for the county finals. Behind them were Zac Bromley who ran well but just missed the top 15 cut off with a 19th place finish and Jack Hart who finished in a strong 24th position.

Unfortunately none of our Year 6 Girls qualified for the finals, but all three ran well to complete the race in strong positions. Scarlett Guy (28th) and Rebecca Rawle (29th) crossed the line side by side, whilst Amelia Budge was running very well before being forced to drop out of the race.

Finally, it was time for the Year 6 Boys to run and Joxy Stewart-Ashley flew around the course, picking off runners well in the second half of the race to finish in 10th position. Behind him, all enjoying their final cross country race for Biscovey, were McKenzie Whereat in 21st, Alfie Carr in 28th and Aidan Jeffreys in 33rd.

It was a great afternoon of running, with six runners looking forward to the county finals on 17th March.

Finals

The weather was almost perfect for running as we travelled to Newquay Sports Centre for the county finals, a venue that always proves challenging with some tough sections in each of the races.

Up first were George Underwood and Josh Compton for the Year 4 Boys, running a route just over 1100 metres with a long, steady climb lasting around 100m in the second half of the race. Both boys started well and at the midway point George was in a very good 24th position, with Josh in the high 40s. Both climbed the hill well, before making the most of the downhill finish to gain some vital places in the final third of the race. George finished in a super 20th position, with Josh in a fantastic 43rd. Together with the rest of their Mid-Cornwall team mates, they proudly collected their medals for a second place team finish.

Following this was Kim Knight in the Year five girls race. Kim also started well, spending most of the race around 20th position. However, as most runners were becoming tired towards the end of the race, Kim picked up the pace and powered home in an impressive 14th position, almost halving her 27th position from last year! Her Mid-Cornwall Team also finished in 2nd place, meaning she gained herself another medal for her collection!

Finally for us, Kieran Rundle and Josh Robinson lined up for the year five boys race, a longer but less hilly race than the younger age group. Again, both runners ran well and showed a strong finish to improve their positions in the final third of the race. Kieran stormed home in our best placing of the day, improving from last year's twentieth position to finish 6th this year. Meanwhile, behind him Josh was running well to finish in a superb 33rd position. Their Mid Cornwall Team went one better than the previous two, finishing as champions of Cornwall and earning both boys a gold medal!

It was a fantastic way to end the cross country season and our athletes can now turn their attention to the track for the summer events that will be coming up after Easter.

Well done to all of those who have represented the school this year, whether at Par, Tregorrick or Newquay - you have represented the school amazingly well all season!



Tag Rugby



Although inclement weather halted Tag Rugby at Biscovey in its tracks for the first part of the New Year, a recent change in climatic conditions has meant more opportunities for competitive matches and, with plenty of regular faces playing in regular positions, teams are beginning to gel and register some good results.

The Club remains busy and well supported, which means we are developing an ever-increasing pool of quality players from whom we can draw on when the opportunities arise!

At the end of February, we made our annual trip down to Penzance to play half time rugby at the Cornish Pirates. St Mewan were, as always, a worthy adversary and after a hard fought match the scoreline ended up as 8 v 7 to St Mewan, a fair reflection of the game in general. The children, as always, played extremely well and behaved impeccably all day. Many thanks must go to the parents and other supporters who journeyed down to cheer us on; it helped that they were also treated to a great game of championship rugby!

After the success of the past two years, on 3rd March Biscovey Academy once again held its very own tag rugby tournament! Twelve teams from Biscovey Academy, Bishop Bronescombe, Bugle, Charlestown, Mount Charles, Pondhu, St. Mewan and Sandy Hill Schools all turned up to an afternoon of fantastic rugby, played as always in great spirits, despite the rather damp weather and very soggy pitches!

The standard of rugby was high throughout the afternoon, with Bugle, Charlestown, St Mewan A and Biscovey A progressing through to the semi-finals. Following an extremely competitive final match between St. Mewan A and Biscovey A, Biscovey finally came through victorious, winning 7 v 6.

A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all, but none more so than Mr Corbett and Mr Mayman who were delighted by the standard of rugby shown, in particular, by the A team who are beginning to look like serious contenders for at least a semi-final place in the East of County Finals next month. Keep passing that ball out to the wings before you are tagged, Biscovey!

Next, on Thursday 17th March, came the highly significant Fowey tournament: the eagerly awaited qualifying competition for the CVOC summer finals. Both A and B teams attended and played superb rugby against a number of local teams. The A team won their first game but, after a draw in their first meeting, lost out to the eventual tournament winners, Fowey, who proved to be very challenging opponents. The B team also had a wonderful afternoon, managing to win all of their group games which earned them a place against Fowey in the final. Although they lost to Fowey in that match, they had managed to secure second place overall and therefore automatic qualification through to the finals. After a tense wait, the A team were also delighted to discover that the third place team would also qualify, securing their own spot in the CVOC finals.

It was a pleasure to see the children playing with such positivity and high spirits, in much better conditions than last year! With extra training sessions being thrown in at the last minute, both teams are eagerly anticipating the next stage of the tournament at St Austell rugby club on 15th April!

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