



Sports Newsletter

Autumn Term



October 2014

The new school year has been great so far, with lots of sporting activities already taking place. Our many different clubs are very popular once again and our sports teams have been very busy with football, netball, cross country and tag rugby matches aplenty.

We have already had some success, with the netball team winning the Fowey Area Cornwall School Games Qualifier to progress through to the Mid-Cornwall Finals in November. Success there would lead to a place in the Cornwall School Games (CSG) Finals in June.

I have been especially pleased with the new children in year three who have instantly become involved in clubs and several have already represented the school in football matches.

We can look forward to the second half term where we will continue our football and netball league matches, two more Par Cross County Races, The CSG badminton qualifier and much more.

Mr. Wallbank

Netball - Tournament Winners!

September saw the start of the new netball season and although the number of children taking part is lower than in previous years, it has been great to see many children returning and watching the enthusiastic new year three children taking part. For some of these children it has been their first experience of netball and under the supervision of Mrs. Chan and Miss. Nile they have taken to the sport really well. The Biscovey Academy team of the future is looking good!

The upper school have been training very well, supported by myself, Miss. Watkins and Miss. Jarvis, and have enjoyed some competitive matches.

The A Team entered into the first round of the Cornwall School Games by attending the Fowey Area Qualifier. Our first game was a very close one against Fowey who played very well. Tallulah Pender and Kelsie Jeffreys were the Biscovey goalscorers who ensured a 2-1 win. This was followed by an encounter with Lerryn which was also very close. Tallulah continued her great scoring form with a hat-trick of goals to help the team to a 3-2 win. However, it was the great work from all of those involved who earned the victory and with it, passage through to the next round after half term - the Mid-Cornwall Finals.

We have also enjoyed the start of the St. Austell & District Netball League where, despite only having thirteen children training, we have been able to enter an A and B team.

For some of the children, our opening three games have been their first experience of playing a full match as well as their first time playing against another school - a little more competitive than training! They have been a credit to the school and their parents with their attitude and their results have been slowly improving with each game.

I am hoping that the next half term will bring a new vigour to the children and a determination to continue trying their best whilst enjoying their netball.

WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU!

Results:	A Team	B Team
Home v St. Stephen	lost 1-9	
Home v St. Mewan	lost 1-14	drew 2-2
Away v Mount Charles	lost 4-6	lost 3-5

Mrs. Lobb



Primary Member
2014/15



League Football

The start of the new season was quickly upon us and we have soon found ourselves having played three games already, with mixed results.

A Team

A new look A Team took to the field against a very strong St. Stephen side in their opening fixture. St. Stephen, having won two tournaments already this term, starting strongly from the first minute and were soon in the lead. In fact, they pressed hard throughout the whole game and we struggled to cope with their quick passing and direct running. Aaron Jones did score once with a good shot from outside the area, but it was only a consolation goal in a 7-1 defeat.

The following week, with a little reshuffle, the team performed much better, at home to a strong St. Mewan team who had drawn with St. Stephen in their opening game. Both sides created chances, with Shailan Dungey looking solid in goal, whilst at the other end we had a couple of half chances to take the lead ourselves. 0-0 at half time was a fair reflection of the game, yet it soon changed as St. Mewan scored an early second half goal with a good run and finish from the edge of the box. Both teams continued to create chances, with Jack Ratcliffe going particularly close. A St. Mewan shot was saved, but unfortunately fell at the feet of their striker who tapped the ball home for 2-0. Biscovey then attacked their opposition with determination, resulting in a corner. The corner was cleared by the St. Mewan defence, but Rio Ward collected the ball well before beating a defender and finishing well from the edge of the area to make the score 2-1. With only 90 seconds left, we threw everyone forwards, which unfortunately meant we left large gaps at the back. St. Mewan capitalised to score a final goal, meaning a 3-1 loss for Biscovey. However, a much improved display from week one and some great football played.

The following week we travelled to Mount Charles to face a team who had performed well in the cup competitions this season. However, yet again we showed improvements from the last game and played some great football. It was Mount Charles who took the lead whilst playing up the hill, but in the second half it was Biscovey putting all of the pressure on the home team's defence. Jack Ratcliffe scored his first A Team goal to equalise the score before we pushed for the winner. Whilst Biscovey certainly dominated, Mount Charles looked very dangerous on the break and almost scored a winner when they hit the post, before a mad goalmouth scramble finally saw us clear the ball away. 1-1 final score.

B Team

The B Team enjoyed a home victory in their first league game, beating St. Stephen 3-0. The game started very evenly, and St. Stephen could easily have scored an opener, only halted by strong defending and goalkeeping. We took the lead before half time when Amelia Budge surged into the box, shooting too hard for the goalkeeper who only managed to flick the ball into the net. In the second half it was Jack Ratcliffe who made the difference, twice running down the left wing before cutting into the box to score, resulting in a 3-0 win - a superb start to the season.

Next up was a home fixture against St. Mewan. With a few players moving into or out of the A Team, it was a new look midfield who took time to get to know each other. At times we played some good football, passing well but often just losing out as the ball was falling out of reach. It was St. Mewan who opened the scoring, which they followed up with a second to earn a 2-0 victory. Whilst we could have snatched one for ourselves, we also had Alex Bowes to thank for two particularly good saves which kept us in with a chance. Finally, we met Mount Charles in another close contest. Both teams had their chances to score, but it was Mount Charles who looked a little stronger, passing the ball better and finding more space. Eventually, their pressure paid off and they scored the opener, before later netting again to secure a 2-0 victory. However, Biscovey still worked hard throughout and should be commended for their efforts. Whilst there have been two defeats in recent weeks, the team is starting to play better football which will hopefully continue if we can put our strongest team out each week.

Year 4 League Football

For their first game of the season, the Year four team, with two year three children being involved, performed exceptionally well against a good St. Stephen side. We passed the ball very well and scored once through Archie Billing, making his Biscovey debut. However, we also had Kenan Kitt to thank for a couple of fantastic saves which kept St. Stephen at bay for much of the game, drawing 1-1.

In the second game, we met St. Mewan who always have a strong team. Whilst both teams were well matched, it was some outstanding saves from Lucas Kaye in goal who kept us in the game - drawing praise from the opposition manager. In close games it is often only one goal that separates the teams, and so it was to be today, with St. Mewan managing to get the goal needed to win 1-0.

It was another close game the following week at Mount Charles, with Biscovey starting the game strongly, but Mount Charles coming back into it as the game progressed. Both teams were passing the ball well and either team could have won. Unfortunately, it was Mount Charles who managed to squeeze the ball into the net to snatch a 1-0 win.

The team can consider themselves unfortunate so far this season, with one draw and two losses. With a little bit more luck, they could easily have won all three games. With continued hard work, I am certain results will soon improve in future matches.

5-a-side Football Tournament

The football season started with the annual St. Austell Schools' 5-a-side tournament at Nanphysick, home of Charlestown United. We were drawn in a group alongside Pondhu and Bishop Bronscombe, with the group winner having the chance to progress into the semi-finals.

Having watched a very tight affair between our opponents which Pondhu scraped 1-0, our new look team lined up with hopes of a good afternoon of football. Within a few minutes, these hopes were dashed as we found ourselves 2-0 pretty quickly. Just before halftime we did break away to score a good goal, with Harry Hambly finishing calmly past the lone goalkeeper. However, this was to be the bright point as we conceded three further goals to lose 5-1.

Following this, we were up against Bishop Bronscombe and expecting another tough workout. This match seemed to suit the team more, with Biscovey passing the football much better and working much harder when trying to win the ball back. The good play paid off as we created a few chances, with Jack Rowe scoring the opening goal to put us in front. In the second half, victory was secured as Aidan Jeffreys scored a good goal after more good teamwork. However, Rio Ward played superbly in defence and stopped our opponents on several occasions, otherwise the score may have been different.

As we were knocked out of the tournament, we then arranged to play Bishop Bronscombe again, this time at 7-a-side. Buoyed by their previous win, the team worked very well and played more good football. Aidan seemed to prefer his central role in 7-a-side and played his best game, as did Roman Harper on left midfield. However, it was Shailan Dungey who scored all three goals, each one hit with power, to grab himself a hatrick. Alex Bowes played well in goal throughout and was delighted to leave with two clean sheets to his name.

I was thrilled with how the team, non of whom played A Team football last season, improved as the afternoon went on and did not let their heads drop when we lost our first game heavily. It was an enjoyable afternoon to start the season - well done to all involved.

Autumn Term Dates

November

11.11.14 Football & Netball v Carclaze Away
12.11.14 Par Cross Country Race 2
13.11.14 CSG Badminton Fowey Qualifier
14.11.14 CSG Netball Mid Cornwall Finals
18.11.14 Football & Netball v Sandy Hill Home
25.11.14 Football & Netball v St. Stephen Away

December

02.12.14 Football & Netball v St. Mewan Away
03.12.14 Par Cross Country Race 3
05.12.14 CSG Badminton Mid Cornwall Finals
T.B.A. Polkyth Indoor Football Tournament

Sports Kit

“It’s hard to beat a person who NEVER gives up.”

“Babe” Ruth, an American baseball player in the 1920s and 30s who is considered by many to be the best baseball player of all time.

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 for all of your help!

Football Cup Match

On Monday 13th October, the football A Team travelled to Burraton (Saltash) in the first round of the Rosewarne Shield. Despite a day of rain, the pitch was in great condition and the boys started the game well, creating our first chance within seconds of the start. However, it was Burraton who opened the scoring with a breakaway and a good shot from the edge of the area. The game continued with both teams creating opportunities and working well. Shailan made a couple of good saves in goal, whilst their goalkeeper was in fine form to keep us at bay. Shortly before half time, Burraton doubled their lead, before Jack Ratcliffe, coming off the bench to make his A Team debut, attacked the goal with aggression and just missed out on an instant goal, putting the ball inches wide.

The halftime chat was very positive, and we came out knowing the next goal was vital. Again, we played positively and created some half chances, but the ball just would not quite fall for us. Soon, Burraton attacked and an unfortunate deflection sent the ball around our keeper and into the back of the net. This spurred Burraton on and they proved to be the stronger team over the remainder of the game, scoring twice more to finish as 5-0 winners. Whilst we are out of the cup, I was delighted with the performance and with a little bit more luck in front of goal we may well have returned with a better result.

Sport in Numbers

Last month,, cyclist Jens Voigt broke the world one hour record, cycling an amazing **51.115km** in an hour - that's **31.76miles!** It involved cycling **204** laps of the Swiss track. Dizzy!

Cornishman Jake Libby made an amazing start to his professional cricket career, scoring an impressive **108** runs on debut for Nottinghamshire. **21** year old Libby faced **262** balls. He was the first player to make a century on debut for Notts since **1946!**

In the recent Premier League match at St. Mary's Stadium, Southampton beat Sunderland **8 - 0** despite only having **11** shots on target. Around **2500** Sunderland fans had travelled over **300** miles to watch! A long drive home after defeat!

Last month, Europe successfully retained golf's Ryder Cup, beating U.S.A. **16.5** to **11.5**. England's Justin Rose led the way, scoring an impressive **4** points for the team, with **3** wins and **2** draws.

Football Friendlies

Each week as our league matches take place, we try to organise friendly matches for the other teams to play to ensure as many children get a chance to represent the school as is possible.

Year 5/6 C Team

The C team were delighted to start the season with a victory, winning 6-0 in a one sided game against St. Stephen. Joxy Stewart-Ashley played very well, scoring four goals, whilst Jack Marshall and Logan Burt chipped in with a goal each.

One week later, a similar team was chosen to play at home to St. Mewan, a team who proved to be much tougher than the previous week. It was an end-to-end match in which both teams had plenty of chances. In the end, we fell on the wrong side of a 2-1 result, but the team can be pleased with the way they performed.

Year 3/4 B Team

The season started very well for the team, in a home fixture against St. Stephen. A strong performance resulted in an 8-0 win, with Josh Compton grabbing himself a hatrick, Aston Cantell and Brady Solomon each scoring a brace, whilst George Underwood had the other. It was a good all round team performance, in which goalkeeper Leon Penrose had very little to do.

The week after, the same team lined up against St. Mewan with hopes high of another good performance. St. Mewan proved to be stronger opposition, but the team worked hard together to earn themselves another victory. The defence had a lot more to do, but coped well with the threat of the St. Mewan forwards. Following his hatrick the week before, it was Josh Compton who scored the only goal of the game to ensure a 1-0 win.

Badminton

On Tuesday 21st October, the badminton club held a tournament as part of their weekly practice. This was an exciting and enjoyable time for all, myself and Miss. Collins included! As well as enjoying the competition, it gave the children the chance to practice scoring, serving and keeping a rally going. Games were to a total of 10 points, which were quickly won or lost in some cases. As the children played more, the rallies became longer and longer, sometimes 7 or 8 strokes long.

Jack Hicks and Alexander Chapman showed great skill to return some tricky shots from the year 4 boys, whilst Riley Tucker, Carragan Church, Jimmie Kearney and Aiden Drew enjoyed some fast and furious matches, each trying hard to win as many points as possible. Charlotte Tucker, Francesca Johns and Finley Turner showed real determination, especially against the boys to only win or lose by 1 point each time.

Well done to all involved but in the end it was:

1st - Riley Tucker

2nd - Carragan Church

3rd - Jack Hicks

Mrs. Hawke

Tag Rugby

A new year for tag rugby and with it comes new beginnings, particularly for some of our up and coming players who will be looking forward to regular match experience this year.

With so many of last year's talented team moving on to pastures new, our first matches against Mount Charles gave a huge number of new players the opportunity to play in competitive matches at a higher level; and hopefully give the coaches something to think about in terms of A and B team selection.

Playing in two entirely mixed teams, the children played superbly, showing great teamwork, skill and fair play. Indeed, it would have been a hard task to separate those who had previous match experience from those who hadn't!

Although each team drew one match (7-7) and lost one match (9-4), it was a pleasure to see so many children enjoying their rugby and playing with smiles on their faces.

Although there were many superb performances on display, stand out players included Rio Ward (for his wonderful ball distribution, leading to numerous tries for his team), Katie Burrows (for strong, fearless direct running despite taking a few knocks), Joxy Stewart-Ashley (for proving his worth as captain as well as player and ensuring he got the best from his team), Andrew Kitt (for quietly showing great understanding of field position and showing blistering pace on the wing), Jack Neesom (who despite only joining the club two weeks sessions previously is already showing great all round rugby skills and awareness) and Ebony Underwood (for using her skills and experience to help give her the edge over her opposite number).

With more matches in the pipeline, we are all looking forward to watching the new cream of rugby here at Biscovey rise to the top!

Cross Country

As we left school in the driving rain, we were expecting a wet and muddy start to the Mid Cornwall Sports Network Cross Country Series at Par. However, by the time the race took place, the heavy rain and given way to a bright, sunny sky and the conditions were actually very good for running. We took a large team of 40 runners, many of whom were representing the school for the first time. I was delighted with their attitude, nobody worrying about the potential wet weather and all of them running well.

Year 5 Boys

The year five boys were first up and started the season really well, with the A team finishing in 3rd place. This was thanks to Josh Robinson, who led the team home in 10th place despite only being a year 4, followed by a close group of Jack Ratcliffe (13th), Joxy Stewart Ashley (14th) and Aidan Jeffreys (15th) giving the team a low score of 52 points. With St. Stephen just three points ahead of us on 49, we have a good target for the next race. The B team followed with 206 points, beating several school's A teams. I am certain some of the B team could push on to challenge the front four next month.

Year 5 Girls

With some experienced runners in the team, hopes were high for the year 5 girls and they certainly did not disappoint. The team was led home by Amelia Budge in 9th place, shortly ahead of the impressive Molly Enright in 11th! The A team was completed by Scarlett Guy (31st) and Anna Kittow (32nd), with year 4's Hermione Robinson being the first home for the B team in 33rd! This gave the A team a score of 83 which puts them in 2nd place overall, 26 points ahead of St. Stephen in 3rd. Strangely, our B team mirrored the boys with a score of 206, which put them in 9th position, ahead of some school's A teams.

Year 6 Boys

The Year 6 boys race is a highly competitive one, with some very talented runners from across the area. Our boys performed very well and should be pleased with their results. The first runner home was Shailan Dungey in 24th, with Cory Bounsall in 32nd and Oliver Dillon in 44th to give the team a score of 100. This gave us 9th place, but in a close league a few positions would soon see us bounce up the league. Our B team scored 150 and the C team 198 to finish in 13th and 15th places. The team's enthusiasm was great, with Biscovey being the only school to have a year 6 boy's C team.

Year 6 Girls

The afternoon was capped by a really impressive display by the girls, with Amelia Klups leading the team home in 12th place. Supported by Aimee Lumb (18th) and Kaitlin Wotton (24th) the team scored 54 points. In a tough field, this was good enough for 4th place, only 7 points behind Mount Charles and a medal position! The B team followed in with 104 points in 9th place. Again, we were the only school to field a year 6 girl's B team - a sign of the enthusiasm throughout the school.