



# Sports Newsletter

## Spring Term



February 2015

As we are now halfway through the year, we are coming towards the end of the winter sport season, with just one football and netball fixture remaining and the Par Cross Country Series completed for another year. The children have enjoyed representing the school in a variety of sports and can look back on some positive performances and great experiences.

The next few weeks will see the tag rugby team playing a few more fixtures, including hosting the second Biscovey Tag Rugby Tournament as defending champions after sharing the trophy in last year's inaugural competition. They also look forward to the Fowey Area Cornwall School Games Qualifying competition, in which they will be hoping to progress through to the next round. We also wish some of our most talented athletes luck as they attempt to qualify to run for the Mid-Cornwall team in next month's county finals in Newquay.

As always, thank you to all of the parents who have helped us to give these opportunities to the children. Hopefully the weather will improve over the coming months and their kit will be a little less muddy as we enjoy a beautiful summer of sport!

Mr. Wallbank

### *Cross Country Success!*

Finally, after all five races of the Par Cross Country Series, the results are in and we can celebrate the success of all of the children involved. Over the five races, we have been lucky with the weather, having enjoyed dry conditions throughout and generally good conditions for running. The children have remained enthusiastic and we have been one of the schools with the largest number of children involved in each race.

Two of the teams have finished in top three positions, with the **Year 5 Boys team finishing 2nd** and the **Year 6 Girls team finishing 3rd!** Later this week, representatives of these two teams will attend the awards ceremony to receive their trophies, before an upcoming celebration assembly to recognise the efforts of all runners. The year 5 boys must be especially congratulated, as the B Team finished in 6th place (joint first B team) and the C team finished in 12th place (top C team), ahead of some schools A Teams!

A special mention must go to the year five girls team who went into the final race in equal third position. They put in a superb performance, with several of the team achieving personal best positions and scored a superb 94 points, only to be beaten on the day by an equally impressive St. Stephen who snatched third place overall, with our girls finishing 4th. The team should be very proud of their efforts, as to finish as 4th best team of all St. Austell are schools is fantastic!

Finally, the year six boys team continued to run with enthusiasm, despite not being in medal contention. Again, many of the team achieved improved results in the final two races, and should be proud of their efforts.

Well done to all children involved - a full breakdown of results can be found inside this sports newsletter.



**Year 5 Boy's Team**



**Year 6 Girl's Team**



Primary Member  
2014/15



Healthy Schools



## League Football

The end of the season is now very much in sight, with only one game left to play. It has been fantastic to see such a large number of enthusiastic children turning up to football training each week - often around sixty children! Many children have represented the school, both home and away, at times playing some great football!

### A Team

The A Team have had a tough season, with the team consisting of many year five players, yet have kept working hard and have seen themselves improve with each game and put in some great performances recently. We started this half term against Carclaze, but with injuries and illnesses were short of our full team. However, we started well and the first half was evenly contested, with Carclaze taking the lead before we pulled a goal back through Rio Thomas. Unfortunately, Carclaze were the more organised and worked hard to capitalise on any slight mistake and pulled into a convincing 5-1 lead. Rio Thomas scored a screamer near to the end, but it was only a consolation goal in a one sided result. Well done to both Jack Ratcliffe and Rio Ward who played in goal on the day, with our usual goalkeeper unavailable.

Following this we travelled to title contenders Sandy Hill, who had shown their strength when they beat us earlier in the season. The first half started well, but Sandy soon started to create chances and duly scored their opener, before opening up a 3-0 half time lead. In the second half we fought back, with Jack Ratcliffe scoring his second A team goal of the season, but Sandy Hill proved too strong and went on to win 6-1.

In a rearranged game, we were travelling to Carclaze the next week; a team who had beaten us 5-1 just two weeks previously. With our captain missing, the boys worked incredibly hard against a team containing some superb footballers. The first half was incredibly close, with Jack Rowe and Aidan Jeffreys playing really well in defence, with Rio Thomas working particularly well in the centre of midfield. With Shailan having made some good saves in goal, Rio Thomas scored a great free-kick from outside the area, just dipping over the goalkeepers outstretched hand and under the bar. With a 1-0 half time lead, the whole team were determined to earn themselves a win and chased and harried at every opportunity. Harry Hambly dropped back into midfield and, as Jack Ratcliffe on the other wing, spent 15 minutes non stop running! Aaron Jones got himself into a great position from a long throw and carefully steered the ball past the goalkeeper, but also just past the post - a great attempt that was so close! Unfortunately, with only a few minutes left Carclaze found the equaliser, finally scoring after the ball had bounced around the area. The final result of 1-1 was a good reflection of an even game and the boys should be delighted with their all round performance.

Finally we came up against league toppers St. Stephen. This was always going to be a tough game, especially with the in-form Rio Thomas missing. However, a much improved performance from earlier in the season earned the team a respectable result against a team who have won all but one game this season, including two tournament wins. The final score was 6-0 to St. Stephen.

### B Team

The B Team have had mixed fortunes this term, with good performances all round.

To start, they put in a convincing display at home to Carclaze, winning 3-1 thanks to goals from Josh Guard, Joxy Stewart-Ashley and Gabriel Davy. The whole team played some superb passing football and with a little more luck could easily have found themselves celebrating another goal of two.

This was followed by a very close game away to Sandy Hill, with Biscovey enjoying a lot more possession and creating several chances, but failing to put the ball into the net. Meanwhile, Sandy Hill showed a little more confidence in front of goal and took their chances well, with two well taken goals. Josh Guard's goal was the only one we could manage, meaning a 2-1 defeat - a disappointing result for a great performance.

A trip to Carclaze provided a very entertaining game, with both teams attacking well and enjoying plenty of chances to score. McKenzie Whereat scored his first goal of the season, along with Josh Guard and Joxy Stewart-Ashley, but Carclaze were equal to that and also scored three for themselves. A final score of 3-3.

Finally we had a trip to St. Stephen. In the first half, St. Stephen played hard and took their chances well, earning a 3-0 half time lead. At half time, we felt we were good enough to get back into the game, but we would have to play much better - and we did! Again, Josh Guard and Joxy Stewart-Ashley scored the goals to narrow the score to 3-2 and we pushed hard for the equaliser. Amelia Budge was playing particularly well in the second half, winning the ball regularly and creating chances for the team. With little time left, the whole team were pushing forward and we had the one chance we needed - we shot, the goalkeeper saved well and the ball was cleared. St. Stephen broke away and scored at the other end for a 4-2 win. The team were disappointed but I was delighted with an excellent second half and enjoyed watching their impressive attitude.

### Year 4 Team

The year four team have played some great football this year, but have struggled to score the goals that they deserve to, meaning that results haven't always gone their way.

At home to Carclaze, they played very well and took a 1-0 lead through Lucas Kaye. Through the rest of the game we enjoyed plenty of possession, but failed to score the second goal. Carclaze soon took advantage by scoring in the second half to earn themselves a 1-1 draw.

## "2 - Try your best."

*Andy Murray's motivational notes were spotted during his recent Rotterdam quarter final match. Despite being one of the top tennis players in the world, 'Try your best' is still a key motivation for him*

### 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 for all of your help!

## League Football Continued...

### Year 4 League

A week later we travelled to Sandy Hill where the team again played very well. We spent the whole game camped in the Sandy Hill half, with every shot we had either being blocked, saved or just wide. As has been the case in several matches this year, Sandy Hill broke away and scored to win 1-0 with one of their few chances.

We then played away at Carclaze, a team who would win the league if they beat us. In a very even contest, both teams played some good football and either team could have won. We had two really good chances to grab a winner, whilst Lucas Kaye did very well in goal to keep out the Carclaze forward. A well deserved 0-0 against a very good team showed that we are more than capable of matching the best teams in the league.

Finally, a trip to St. Stephen resulted in another 1-0 defeat, again having plenty of opportunities to attack the opposition's goal and enjoying plenty of possession. St. Stephen worked very hard and managed to create a couple of chances, again being stopped by Lucas Kaye in goal before they snatched the one goal that won them the game.

With one final game to play, the need for further practice in and around the opposition's goal area will be something to work on before the new season starts again in September, as otherwise there has been a lot of talent on show throughout the season.

### Friendlies

Our Year 5/6 C Team and our Year 3/4 B Team have both enjoyed some friendly games over the last half term, with three wins over the games played. For the year 5/6 C team, a good performance in a close game brought a 1-0 victory for Biscovey, thanks to a goal from Asa Moore. Meanwhile, it was Josh Compton scoring all of the goals for the year 3/4 B team as they won 2-0 in both fixtures, once at Carclaze and once at St. Stephen. However, it was good all round play from the team that earned the wins, with Brady Soloman playing very well in midfield and the defensive pair of George Underwood and Jack Hicks keeping the opposition at bay so that Leon Penrose in goal had very little to do in each game.

# Sport in Numbers

497 different children took part in this year's Par Cross Country Series, with 46 representing Biscovey. That's 9.3%!

This season's F.A. Cup saw 736 hopeful teams entering, with 184 of them being knocked out in the extra-preliminary round back in August. Winners of that round pocketed £1500 in prize money, much less than the £1,800,000 awarded to the eventual winners of May's final.

### Historical

Many of the sports we now enjoy in school have their formations during the Victorian period, when the growth of the railways and invention of steam ships helped national leagues to develop and made international sport more accessible. Here are some of today's major sports that have their origins during the 1800s.

- 1863 - Football Association formed.
- 1871 - Rugby Football Union formed
- 1888 - Lawn Tennis Association formed.
- 1894 - International Olympic Committee formed.

## Cross Country Results

Below are the overall results from this season's Par Cross Country Series. To qualify for a final position, runners need to have complete four of the five races. To work out final positions, the best four positions for each child are added together, so a child who finished 1st in every race would score four points. The team results are worked out in the same way, with the best four positions added together.

### Year 5 Boys

Pos	Team	Pts
1	St Mewan A	4
<b>2</b>	<b>Biscovey A</b>	<b>8</b>
3	St. Stephen A	11
4	Gorran	18
5	St. Petroc A	21
<b>=6</b>	<b>Biscovey B</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>=6</b>	<b>St. Mewan B</b>	<b>26</b>
8	Carclaze	27
9	Charlestown	33
10	Roche A	35
11	Mount Charles	44
<b>12</b>	<b>Biscovey C</b>	<b>45</b>
13	Tywardreath A	46
14	Roselyon	50
15	St. Petroc B	57
16	Luxulyan	68
17	St. Stephen B	69
18	St. Petroc C	78

Pos	Name	Pts
7	Josh Robinson*	28
10	Joxy Stewart-Ashley	44
14	Kieran Rundle*	62
19	Jack Ratcliffe	84
20	Zac Bromley*	95
28	Aidan Jeffreys	113
38	Rio Ward	153
42	Alfie Carr	160
46	Josh Guard	187
57	Callum Wotton	224
58	Hayden Teversham	227
59	McKenzie Whereat	230
67	Ben Wright	284
86	Benji Parker	363

### Year 5 Girls

Pos	Team	Pts
1	St Petroc's A	4
2	St Mewan A	9
3	St Stephen	11
<b>4</b>	<b>Biscovey A</b>	<b>13</b>
5	Mt Charles	17
6	Pondhu	22
7	St Mewan B	30
8	Roselyon	34
9	Charlestown	36
<b>10</b>	<b>Biscovey B</b>	<b>37</b>

Pos	Name	Pts
9	Amelia Budge	47
25	Scarlett Guy	100
27	Anna Kittow	112
30	Molly Enright	124
34	Hermione Robinson *	136
44	Katie Robinson	190
46	Ruby Ralphs	196
59	Kiera Rubidge	263
67	Madison Moriarty	315

\* Children marked with an asterisk are year four children running for the year five team.

### Year 6 Boys

Pos	Team	Pts
1	St Petroc's	5
2	Charlestown	6
3	St Mewan	12
4	St Stephen A	20
5	St Petroc's B	21
6	Mt Charles A	23
7	Pondhu	24
8	Gorran	32
9	Luxulyan	37
<b>10</b>	<b>Biscovey</b>	<b>40</b>

Pos	Name	Pts
35	Oliver Dillon	155
37	Shailan Dungey	159
40	Louis Hart	171
56	Ashley Dormand	275
59	Macartney Retallick	304

### Year 6 Girls

Pos	Team	Pts
1	St Mewan	4
2	St Stephen	8
<b>3</b>	<b>Biscovey A</b>	<b>11</b>
4	Roche	20
5	Probus	20
6	St Petroc's	24
7	Ladock	29
8	Polruan	36

Pos	Name	Pts
12	Amelia Klups	42
18	Aimee Lumb	68
21	Kaitlin Wotton	82

## Tag Rugby

We have been delighted to see larger than ever numbers attending club night on Friday; ensuring that we have a great squad of quality players to call upon when the time comes for more matches in the second half of the Spring term. A couple of stars of the future from the lower school are already showing their talents: Lillian Smith, George Underwood, Ella Nicholas, Logan Macnab, Brodi Moriarty (sister to the legendary Megan and looking likely to follow in her footsteps) Andrew and Kenan Kitt, Joshua Frost and Riley Tucker to name a few.

On the first of the month, 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 with narrow win to St Mewan, a fair reflection of the game in general. The children, as always, played extremely well and behaved impeccably all day, a credit to their parents and the school. Indeed a group of regular supporters were so impressed with the behaviour and positive attitude of the children that they felt the need to comment to us teachers, which of course was met with much delight on our part! Many thanks 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 as the Pirates beat Bristol in a thrilling match! Well played Rio, Asa, Joxy, Hannah, Ebony, Harvey, Kaitlin and Callum.

Despite the awful weather at times this half term, we were fortunate enough to squeeze in two last minute fixtures against Bugle and Mount Charles.

The first saw us take an A and B team away to Bugle and gave a good opportunity for some up and coming B team players to show their calibre as well as giving the A team, including a lot of players who have had limited A team experience, another chance to play together as a team. The opposition was tough, Bugle showing that they are a well coached, strong and committed team. Although starting well, the A team eventually lost their match; however the B team played superbly to win theirs.

On the last day of term we took two lower school teams to play at Mount Charles. This proved to be a real treat and a delight to watch the younger children finally getting an opportunity to play opponents from another school and put some of what they have been learning on the training ground to practise! In two very mixed teams in terms of ages and match experience, the children played superbly despite facing a more experienced opposition. The result was a win and a loss to both teams, once again a very fair reflection of how they matched up on the day. What both teams lacked in experience they clearly made up for in teamwork and excellent communication, showing that this is what often counts far more than individual skill. This is perhaps something that the A team need to build on to see an improvement in their form as the season progresses.

With Biscovey hosting its annual tag rugby tournament on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and a few other friendly matches in the pipeline, this term should once again prove to be an exciting one for tag rugby at Biscovey Academy!

*Mr. Corbett*

### Spring Term Dates

#### February

24.02.15 County Table Tennis Championships  
25.02.15 Par Cross Country Presentation  
26.02.15 County Cross Country Qualifiers

#### March

02.03.15 Football & Netball v Mount Charles Home  
03.03.15 Biscovey Tag Rugby Tournament  
13.03.15 Swimming Gala v Mount Charles  
26.03.15 County Cross Country Finals