

Polwhele House Hosts Interschool Cross Country

Polwhele House held an Interschool Cross Country Run last Saturday, March 16, which saw five Cornish schools compete throughout the morning.

Polwhele House, Truro School Prep, Truro High School, Bosvigo School and Bolitho School in Penzance entered their pupils into the multi terrain event, which covered grass and woodland areas in the grounds of Polwhele House.

Starting at 9am, approximately 110 children took part, all working hard to win medals and certificates at the 11:30am presentation.

With three age categories: under 9; under 11; and under 13; there were individual and team prizes to win.

The under nine category, across a distance of 1.2k, was won for the boys by Truro Prep School with a time of 6:09; whilst the girls' category was won by Truro High School with a time of 6:57.

The under 11s, across a distance of 1.9k, was won for the boys by Truro Prep School in a time of 9:47; whilst the girls' category was won by Truro High School with a time of 10:32.

The under 13s, across a distance of 2.5k, was won for the boys by Bolitho School in a time of 11:59; whilst the girls' category was won by Truro High School with a time of 12:55.

All of the age categories faced challenging conditions as the ground throughout the woodland route was undulating and muddy underfoot, finishing with a steep hill at the end of the woods referred to by pupils as "Death Hill" in Polwhele folklore.

The Interschool Cross Country Shield team event was won by Truro Prep School who narrowly piped Truro High School to the post, taking the shield from last year's champions.

Nick Hawker, Deputy Head at Polwhele House said:

“This is the second year that we have held our Interschool Cross Country event and it was extremely well attended by pupils and their families who came to support them, growing from 90 children last year to 110 this year.”

Nick continued: “Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to hosting the event again next year. We have fantastic facilities for this event – not many schools are able to boast their own woodlands and a course as impressive and difficult as ours. It's one of the most challenging around and we hope that even more competitors will want to come and take part in 2014”

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