



School Games Cross Country – A resounding success

Tuesday 23 September saw the first event of this year's schools competition programme take place in Uttoxeter. Nearly 100 year 3 & 4 pupils from a number of First Schools in Uttoxeter took part in the School Games Cross Country at Thomas Alleyne's High School. The threatening rain didn't make an appearance and children's faces beamed like the sun.

The competition, in its second year, saw Year 3 students run a course of 600m and Year 4 students a course of 800m around the fields at the High School. The event was ably supported and marshalled by young leaders from Thomas Alleyne's who made sure all students managed to follow the correct route and complete the course.

The standard this year was much improved with the children working hard on ensuring that they paced themselves and maintained sufficient stamina to run the whole course. There were as always some outstanding performances both from individuals and collectively from the schools. It was fantastic to see a number of individuals take part who had never participated in any schools competitions before and everyone managed to achieve their personal targets and goals – whether this be completing the distance and taking part or challenging for 1st, 2nd or 3rd. The event was well supported by staff from the schools and parents and thanks must go to them for bringing their teams and enabling the young people to take part.

The schools who took part in the event were:

- Picknalls First School
- St Mary's First School
- Richard Clarke First School
- All Saints First School, Denstone
- St Peter's Alton
- St Peter's Marchington

Picknalls took a clean sweep of the races winning each age group. Congratulations to Lucy, Grace, Charlie and Bertie on fantastic performances. There were also 2nd places for Poppy, Lauren and Jack and a 3rd place for Henry making it a very successful evening for the school.

St Mary's (first time participants in the event) also saw Tommy gain 2nd place and Georgie and Jasmine from All Saints were bronze place finishers. A full list of all finishers has been provided to the schools for their records.

Picknalls were also the team winners in each age group (4 pupils per team), although it was a close competition with Richard Clarke and St Mary's in the Year 4 competitions.

Once again, well done to everyone who took part, thanks to Thomas Alleyne's sports leaders, all the staff and parents who attended and most importantly the pupils who took part.

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Runners in action!



Cheering on our teams!