

PRESS RELEASE



Glorious Sunshine Welcomes Over 350 Runners to the 12th Bishop's Stortford Running Club School Challenge & Fun Runs 28th September 2008.

Infant and Junior children from 44 Primary Schools and pupils from a record 11 Secondary schools participated in The School Challenge and Fun runs this Sunday basking in glorious sunshine at Grange Paddocks. A record of over 60 people in 9 teams competed in the open 4 mile race.



In the Infants race Thorley Hill narrowly beat St Andrews, Much Hadham to secure the Sheppards Shield (KS1), but St Andrews, Much Hadham did manage to retain the Shield in the Junior (KS2) section. For the first year Herts & Essex Girls beat The Bishop's Stortford High School to take away the HSBC Cup in the two mile race. The individual infant race was won by Charlotte Roberts in a fantastic time of 6.48 (BS College) beating off Alex Smink of Hillmead by some 5 seconds. In total 83 participated.

The Junior race was won by George Cook St Andrews, Much Hadham in a time of 5.42 while Olivia Barfoot was the first girl home from Manor Fields (KS2) in a time of 6.11. Running obviously runs in the family as Tom Barfoot was the first male home in the 2 mile race representing The Bishop's Stortford High School in a time of 10.07, while Nelly Dalton was the first lady home coming 4th overall in an excellent time of 12.37.

The Stringer Shields (KS1 and KS2 Schools) for the most entries was won by St Andrews, Much Hadham (KS1) while Mandeville Primary School had an impressive 35 running to secure the KS2 shield.

This year over 60 competed in the 4 mile won by a team representing Thorley Hill School. The race was won by Mike Pask in a time of 25:56 while Connie Roberts was the first lady home in 8th place in a time of 26:30.

It is estimated that over £1,200 will be raised for the local charities Rhodes Arts Complex and Grove Cottage.

The main sponsors of the event were Mullucks Wells and supported by D.C. Poulton and Sons of Stansted and Phillers Sandwich Bar and Café, The Dells, Bishops Stortford.

Full results are available from funrun@bsrc.org.uk.

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