

PRESS RELEASE



Glorious Sunshine on the Most Perfect Autumn day Welcomes 375 Runners to the 13th Bishop's Stortford Running Club School Challenge and Fun Runs on 27th September 2009

Bishop's Stortford Mayor, Colin Woodward, was the official starter of the four fun runs held at Grange Paddocks on Sunday afternoon which took part amidst a carnival atmosphere. A total of 375 children and adults took part with a record number of schools participating. As always the first race was the largest with the Junior Key Stage 2 children from 28 schools competing not only for individual honours but for a team and mass participation trophies.

Individual Jordan Brown from Thorley Hill primary came first in 6mins 33 secs, just beating Ewan Fewell of Edwinstree. Lucy Buckingham was the first female home for Bishop's Stortford College narrowly beating her sister, Nicole. In the team event the Sheppard's Trophy was won by St Andrew's C of E Much Hadham just beating Thorley Hill Primary and Bishop's Stortford College. The Norman Cook Mass Participation Award was won by Mandeville Primary with an impressive 25 finishers, 16 of whom were girls.

In the Infant's race Alfie Snook from Thorley Hill Primary was the first boy home beating off Thomas Edwards of Manor Fields Primary. Hallie Copping-Jones was the first female home running for St Nicholas Old Harlow. She again narrowly beat Freya Sale of Howe Green. The Sheppard's Trophy was retained by Thorley Hill. The Bill Stringer Award for the most entries was won by St Michael's JMI. Thorley Hill, Northgate and Bentfield all coming second equal.

In the 2 mile race, 15 Secondary schools competed for the HSBC Annual Trophy impressively won this year by The Bishop's Stortford High School. The individual race was won by James Waterman of TBSHS with James Philips and Jonathan Roberts 2nd and 3rd, both running for Bishop's Stortford College. Iona Greggor-Nelson was the first female, just beating Sophie Curran, both of Helena Romanes Gt Dunmow.

The afternoon was rounded off by the four mile fun run which was won by a team from Hockerill College having individually been won by Carlos Vasquez with a time of 24 mins 46 secs. Nicola Hunt was the first female.

The organisers are extremely grateful for the support of our main sponsor the Rotary Club Stansted Stort Valley who support young people in the community and hope to raise well over £1,000 for charity and supported by Starbucks who provided the goodie bags.. This year our charities being Cazfest in Association with CRY raising money to provide heart screen facilities for all young adults in the Bishop's Stortford area as well as Grove Cottage who have provided social and educational activities for people with learning difficulties under the MENCAP umbrella and based in London Road.

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

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