



Cross Country Racing Events

Unity Learning Partnership is a well-established group of small schools; we have been meeting for our pupils to run in cross-country races for many, many years.

This year, there are 5 schools able to host a race throughout the year. Races are held on Saturday mornings and usually the event runs from 10.30am to 12 o'clock (or earlier).

What happens:

Each school sends at least 1 member of staff who has a flag which is placed along a boundary line, this gives the parents of the school a place to gather together.

There are 8 races (boys and girls run separately), each progressively longer: Reception go first, then mixed Year 1s and 2s, followed by mixed Year 3s and 4s, and finally Years 5 and 6. At just before the first race, the staff will take the Reception children to the start line.

They are given instructions, then they follow 'hares' around the course. There are also runners at the back, to help those that need some encouragement to get to the end. At the end, they are given a place number, which they show to a member of staff from our school so we can write this down. We then gather the children and bring them back to parents on the sideline, at the flag.

This process is repeated until all pupils have run.

Each school will then email their results to a central person who collates them so that at the end of the academic year, we can invite pupils to a celebration evening and give out awards for the top 3 runners in each category and also team awards. In order to qualify for an award, runners will usually need to have attended 3 races as we use the best 3 scores. We always give each runner from our school a certificate in Achievement Assembly on the Friday after the race.

The PTA of the host school usually sells hot food and drinks and provide a drink for the children.

What to wear:

Trainers and PE kit. We have bibs for pupils to help identify them as they are running around. Pupils can alternatively wear their hoodies, if they would prefer.

These are the dates that we have so far for this year:

Congerstone Primary School (held at Market Bosworth Park)	23 rd September
Packington C of E Primary School	TBC
Woodstone Primary School (Ravenstone)	27 th January
Snarestone C of E Primary School	9 th March
Griffydham Primary School	13 th April

We will send out a flyer prior to each event to remind you; and so we know who is likely to come; and so that you can request a bib, if your child would like to wear one.

These are usually fun, friendly events and gives the pupils a chance to compete with pupils from similar schools to our own.