

Junior Team report 2024

YBT heat

Team competitions got off to an early start this year with the YBT heat on 20 Jan at Little Budworth in Tarporley. A clash with a Talent North training weekend, and a last-minute injury, meant we couldn't field a full scoring team. All our juniors ran well with Sophie and Lily 1st and 2nd girls on Green; George 2nd boy on Green; Eva 1st girl on Light Green; Ruth 1st girl on Orange; Hiro and Finn 5th and 6th boys on Orange and Sola 4th girl on Yellow, but we are a TD5 heavy squad and even with the full complement of juniors I doubt we would have qualified for the final. We managed to save ourselves a trip to Watford!

JK relays

The JKs this year took place in and around Cannock Chase over the Easter weekend as usual. The relays were held Stanton Moor on 1 April. WCOC fielded 2 teams in the junior classes. The WCOCtopuses team of Sophie, Sola and Eva came 10th in W48- and Toby, Hiro and George running for WCOC Wildcats came 9th in M48-. Older juniors Daisy, Dan, Ruben and Isaac ran in the adult classes, with Dan and Ruben running with Charlie to come 11th in the JK trophy and Daisy and Isaac running with Jamie to come 10th in the Men's Short

British Long relays

This year the British relays were held in Whitby, Mulgrave and Skelder Woods on 14 April. WCOC entered 3 teams in the junior classes. Daisy, Eva and Sophie ran in the W18 class coming 7th, and Toby, Sam and George ran in the Junior Ad Hoc class, coming 5th. Unfortunately, a mis-punch in the M18 relay meant that Dan, Isaac and Ruben missed out on a likely win.

Scottish relay

Not normally a competition that we enter but this year saw Dan and Isaac enter the Scottish relay competition at Roseisle on May 26. A switch round in teams meant that Dan ran with ex-juniors Charlie and Dan Spencer to come 6th in the Open class, whilst Isaac ran for a EUOC team (??) coming 13th.

British Sprint relay

The Mixed Sprint relays were held in Birmingham University on 22 Jun. Only 1 junior team this year, the WCOC Whippets team of Sophie, George and Sophie again coming an impressive 5th especially as they should have been non-competitive! Daisy ran in the Open class (with Jamie, Issy and Emma) coming 9th, holding their own against a challenging field, with a non-standard team of 3 females and 1 male.

Peter Palmer relay

We rounded the Junior team competitions off this year with the Peter Palmer relay which was held on home territory at Leaps Beck and Keltonfell Top on September 8th. With all the organisation of the event taking up the adults' time, acting Junior team captain Issy Sunley stood in and organised the teams for this year's relay. Two teams were fielded and despite illness requiring an 11th hour shuffle, the WCOC Warrior's team of Isaac, Toby, Matthew, Daisy, Ruth, Eva, Dan ran a closely fought race with AIRE and SYO to take the winning position on the Peter Palmer race. This is the 6th Peter Palmer title for WCOC having won the relay 6 out of the last 7 competitions. The WCOC Wildcat's team of Myrtle, Sophie, Lily, Hannah, Sola, Hiro, Finn and George ran an excellent race to come 4th in the Joan George (for younger teams) class.



Retiring juniors this year are Daisy Rennie, Dan Heppell, Ruben Razetti and Matthew Birkinshaw.

Well done to all the juniors for the hard work they've put in this year, and a big thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and organisation, especially for all the effort that went in to hosting the Peter Palmer relays;

Janette.

Junior Team Captain.