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THE SUN SHINES ON 2018 GREEN PARK CHALLENGE
2,000 school children and families lace up for fun run

Green Park shone bright this weekend with over 2,000 families and school children lacing up for the Green Park Challenge on Sunday. The 3km fun run, hosted by the organisers of the Sage Reading Half Marathon, concluded Reading's Children's Festival, a two week festival of family entertainment and children's events.

Sir John Madejski set the sea of colourful runners on their way from Brook Drive. A firm favorite in the running calendar, the event saw young talented athletes competing for the top spot of the short, fast race and complete beginners lapping up the excitement of running with their friends and family. The event also included the Green Park Schools Challenge.

Prizes are awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd boy and girl across the line. Team results for age categories U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 male and females will be announced soon. Provisional individual results as follows:

BOYS*:

1. Matthew Raynor, U15, The Willink School: 00.08.23
2. Tom Rickards, U17, Highdown School Emmer Green: 00:08:47
3. Oliver Moor, U17, The Willink School: 00:09:03

GIRLS*:

1. Alannah Chadwick, U17, Kendrick School: 00.10:01
2. Esmee Harding, U15, St Joseph's College: 00:10:50
3. Lucy Mann, U11, Polehampton School: 00:11:03

**All results are provisional*

"It's always such a magical day, seeing children as young as 4 take on the Green Park Challenge and thousands of school children and their families enjoying the sport of running," says Judith Manson, Race Director. "It really is one of the best ways to have fun, get fit and raise money for charity. Congratulations to all those who took part, we look forward to awarding the schools' prizes at the ceremony very soon. We'd also like to thank our partners for their continued support, especially Green Park, Reading Football Club and Reading Roadrunners for ensuring our rescheduled event went ahead for the families of Reading."

Sir John added: "This event is a fantastic introduction into running. Just look at these incredible running times from such young children – let's hope we see these runners taking part in the Sage Reading Half Marathon in the many years to come!"

For full race results and information on the 2019 events, please visit www.readinghalfmarathon.com



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