



SPOTLIGHT



Parents' Information Newsletter

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A Year 9 pupil invited Mrs Holmes and me to come to his Food Technology lesson to taste his fairy cakes this week. As I am always keen to sample food of any type and on any occasion, I jumped at the chance! The pupils under the fantastic teacher guidance of Mrs Peters were busy at work, practising all the techniques and skills associated with cooking.

Standards for school food are a big issue of discussion within Government circles at present. You might have heard on the news that reports are suggesting that every child should know how to cook eight basic meals and that the emphasis on Food Technology should concentrate on the skill of cooking. At Poltair, the Food Technology Department already provide an excellent grounding in the preparation of several basic meals.

There is also an expectation that schools should provide a hot meal cooked on site from fresh and seasonal ingredients. We are already fulfilling this. We know from our Canteen Supervisor that the number of pupils wanting a main school meal (as opposed to a snack) has increased from a single figure to over a hundred per day in the past year.

Following the same guidelines, we have increased the amount of choice, a wide range of fresh fruits is always available, sweets and confectionery are not sold to pupils and water, milk or juices are readily available.

Parents should note that the Government is also hinting that a 'Lunchbox Policy' is around the corner. We are not sure about the practicality of organising 'Lunchbox Police' to look into the contents of pupils' sandwiches but watch this space!

We are confident that we are already fulfilling most of the guidelines to do with cooking and healthy eating in school but would welcome your thoughts and views on the subject.

By the way – the fairy cakes were delicious!

Seán Hewitt

On behalf of the leadership team Barry Richardson, Peter Booth and Helen Holmes

Year 11 Subject Parents Evening

Thank you to the parents of Year 11 pupils who attended the Subject Consultation Evening last Tuesday. We are confident that the home-school partnership will enable our Year 11 pupils to achieve the best they can in the GCSE Exams this summer.

YEAR 9 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Year 9 Pathways booklets have been issued and should be brought home today. Pathways information can also be viewed on our school website in the students area – www.poltairschool.co.uk
- **Year 9 Pathways to Success Evening**
Wednesday 6th February
7 – 8 pm in the Sports Hall
(Pupils should wear school uniform)
- **Year 9 Subject Parents Evening**
Wednesday 20th February
3.15 – 6.15 pm in the Smith Block

NETBALL RESULTS

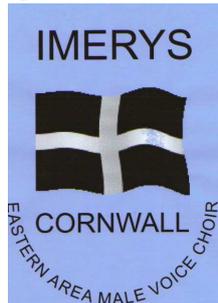
Year 7 Poltair 2 – Fowey 3
Poltair 4 – Brannel 4

The team has worked extremely hard and made huge improvements, well done.

Year 10 Poltair 6 – Brannel 1
Poltair 2 – Fowey 6

Well done to the Year 10 team!

Variety Evening



in aid of
Imerys Eastern Area
Male Voice Choir

To be held
at Mount Charles Social Club
on
Thursday 7th February
at 7.15 pm

Members and bona-fide guests only
Tickets on the door - £2.50

Soloist



Dance Troupe

Strings & Wind
Groups

Featuring
Poltair's

Rock & Pop

finest youth talent

Choir

RAFFLE

Comedian