



SPOTLIGHT



Parents' Information Newsletter

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AN EASTER MESSAGE

The placement of Easter this early sees closure on a very short Spring Term. It also brings to a close the Leadership Team's management of the school, and, as you know, our new Headteacher Mr Stephen Tong takes over from the first day of next term. We all wish him well and look forward to him starting next term.

Year 11 and Year 9 have some important 'thinking' and preparation time to be doing in readiness for GCSEs and SATs next term, and, in the Year 11's case, some valuable time finishing off and meeting deadlines for coursework. We hope that parents will support us in encouraging these pupils in particular to be mentally adjusting to what will be hard work, dedication and commitment.

As for the rest of the pupils I am sure, like the staff, they are going to enjoy a well earned rest after their efforts this term. Next term commences on the 8th April following a staff training day on the 7th April.

Seán Hewitt

On behalf of the Leadership Team

Barry Richardson, Peter Booth and Helen Holmes.

World Book Day – Creative Writing Day

On Thursday 6th March a group of Year 10 pupils attended a creative writing day at St Austell College to celebrate World Book Day.

They attended workshops run by college lecturers in which they discussed their favourite books, examined famous openings and looked at genre and narrative perspective.

They then went on to write their own opening of a novel using the techniques they had learnt. Dan Hodgkiss was awarded first prize (£10 book voucher and t-shirt) with Grace Drake coming a very close second. She received a £5 voucher.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to experience a taste of A level studies and for them to learn more about the craft of writing.

Mrs Y Moore
English Faculty

Guide Dogs for the Blind – Stamp Appeal

We continue to collect postage stamps for this worthy cause.

Can you please send in any of your used postage stamps to the school reception area.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

19th March	Last day of term School finishes at 1.00 pm
20th March to 8th April	Easter Holidays
7th April	Training Day (No pupils in school)
8th April	Pupils return
16th April	Target Setting Day 2 (Further details at the start of the new term)

Dreams and Teams Partner School visit

Mr P Booth, Acting Headteacher and Mrs L Booth, Director of Specialism have just returned from their visit to our Dreams and Teams Partner School in Yirgalem, Ethiopia. The project is designed to develop leadership skills in the African School, provide leadership opportunities for pupils in the English School and so enable both schools to raise cultural knowledge of their partner area amongst their pupils.



A typical class in Yirgalem School

During the visit pupils and staff were taught rugby and rounders and they are to continue developing the sports during the project. We collected a variety of cultural information throughout our visit and are working on developing this through our curriculum. Pupils will have several opportunities to experience Ethiopian culture in their lessons during the next academic year. We will also be working on a pupil visit where young leaders from Poltair can visit Yirgalem to run a Sports Festival.

SUPPORTING SPORTS RELIEF

Sports Relief will take place next Monday 17th March, during Blocks 3, 4 and 5

Block 3 - Years 7 and 9

Block 4 - Year 8

Block 5 - Year 10



Pupils will be allowed to wear sporting dress to school on this day. A donation of 50p will be collected by the prefects.

The following sporting uniforms are the **only non uniform** items that may be worn on the day to support Sports Relief:

FOOTBALL KIT (shirt, shorts, socks)

RUGBY KIT (shirt, shorts, socks)

NETBALL KIT (top, skirt, socks)

HOCKEY KIT (top, skirt, socks)

FULL SCHOOL PE KIT (Poltair top, black shorts, socks)

DANCE COSTUME (leotard & pants or costume from a performance)

EQUINE UNIFORM (jacket, jodhpurs, hat, boots etc)

ROWING (club jacket and rowing pants/all in one)

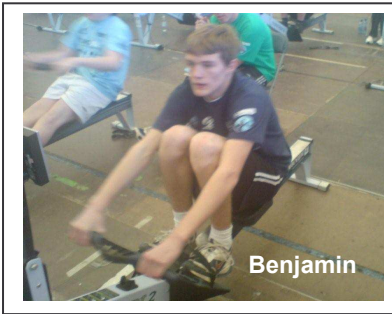
TENNIS (white shorts, polo shirt)

OUTDOOR EDUCATION (Poltair Ten Tors/D of E clothing ONLY)

SURFING (Wet suits only NO BOARD SHORTS/HOODIES)

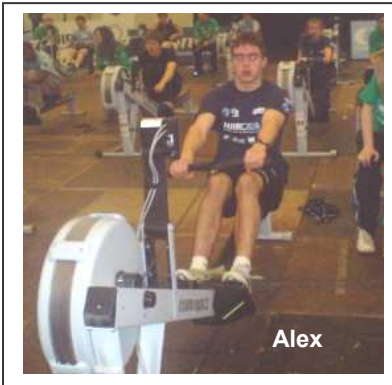
ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY (club tracksuits/shorts and vests)

The money raised by the school will be spent by Comic Relief to help people living incredibly tough lives both at home in the UK and across the world.



National Indoor Success for Alex and Benjamin Welland

Alex and Benjamin Welland rounded off a successful season of Indoor Rowing when they competed in the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships in London on 5th March. Alex 15 came 3rd in the U16 category rowing 1800m in 6 minutes and Benjamin 13 came 6th rowing 1141m in 4 minutes. Both boys have been rowing for the Poltair indoor team and at Castle Dore Rowing Club since they started at the school and have achieved huge success because of their hard work and determination.



RESIDENTIAL ART TRIP to Carnyorth Outdoor Education Centre

20 pupils from our gifted and talented register enjoyed a residential Art visit recently. Details of the visit are included below:

- Our main base was the Carnyorth Outdoor Education Centre at Pendeen.
- The pupils were given a private tour of the Geevor Mine by an ex miner David Harvey and heard about the exciting history of the mine and the area.
- We experienced all types of weather and enjoyed walking the coastal path around Botallick Mine and Levant. The pupils worked in all weathers sketching their experiences and taking photographs.
- Once we were back at base, we set up several art workshops, printing, drawing and painting; many pupils also enjoyed their own quiet time building on their artistic skills.
- All of the pupils were amazing and very supportive of each other; they all helped with the cooking and the eating!
- Staff in support of the visit:- Mrs Pearson, Mrs Whitbread-Aburutat Head of Art, Amy Ledger (PGCE Art student), Mr Martin Science support.



FREE fun programme for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7 - 13 years old?

Are you worried they might be unhealthy or even overweight?

Then call us on 07789 991 391 and join the MEND Programme!

The MEND Programme gets families into healthy eating and physical activity over 10 weeks. Find out about other children having fun on The MEND Programme www.mendprogramme.org

