

# SPOTLIGHT



Issue 2

Summer Term 2008

Parents' Information Newsletter

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION – THURSDAY 24th APRIL

I hope you will have already read the separate letter sent by post on Thursday. However, I thought it appropriate to summarise arrangements in the newsletter as well.

As we have some of our teaching staff taking strike action next Thursday, **the school will only be open for students in Year 11**. We have selected this group as they face public examinations in the next few weeks. Unfortunately, this means **the school will be closed to students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10**.

Students in Year 11 will follow their normal timetable. Transport to and from school will remain unchanged as will the school's catering facilities. We trust that we have your understanding regarding this matter and support for the arrangements we are putting in place.

## COME TO THE EDGE!

I thought parents might like to know a little about how I have been going about introducing myself to the youngsters during assemblies in the last two weeks. I have been telling them the story of Larry Walters, the man who fulfilled his lifetime ambition to fly when he attached 42 helium filled weather balloons to his lawn chair! I will leave it to your child / children to tell you more about this. It is a funny story and it will be interesting to see if they can remember the story. My point to the students was that Larry had dreams. He also hung on to them (a bit like his chair) and did something about it. I tried to emphasise to the students that working hard does make it more likely that their dreams will come true. Of course they may need help along the way, often from the adults in their lives, whether that is at home or in school. I finished all my assemblies with a poem which compares achieving your dreams with 'learning to fly'. It also describes the role of the teacher (not necessarily a school teacher) in persuading, encouraging and making others believe in themselves. It was written by a man called Apollinaire and I thought I would share it with you...

Come to the edge,  
We might fall.  
Come to the edge,  
It's too high!  
COME TO THE EDGE!  
And they came  
And he pushed  
And they flew.

**Stephen Tong**  
Headteacher

## County Success for swimmer Harry

Well done to Harry Eade who came 2nd in the 11 Year old boys' age group Cornwall Amateur Swimming Association Championships. The event was held over two weekends in March and Harry put in great performances in all events to finally achieve his 2nd place overall.

Harry is also a member of the Poltair Sports Academy and represents the school in basketball, football and rugby. We look forward to following his continuing success.

If any student has a sporting talent and achieves out of school time; please let us know about it by email or letter to:-  
Mrs L Booth(lbooth@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk).

## Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change

'Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities' Learning Together

Free Course for Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles of children 11-18 years old

Taster session on  
Tuesday 29th April 2.30 – 4.30 pm

Full Course to run for 13 weeks  
Commencing Tuesday 6th May 9.30 – 12.00 noon

Place: St Austell Children's Centre,  
Woodland Road, St Austell

If you would like to find out more or book a place, please call or text Diane Maudling on 07817 014585 or 01209 721547  
**(Childcare and transport can be arranged if required)**

## StreetGames

StreetGames is an exciting project which offers sports activities for 11-16 year olds. It takes place within local communities and it is totally free of charge. Participants have the opportunity to play a number of games including football, tag rugby, cricket, rounders, volleyball and basketball. **All abilities are welcome just turn up and play!!**

StreetGames have begun in the following areas:

### St Stephen Recreation Ground

Mondays 5pm to 6pm

### Mevagissey Activity Centre

Mondays 6.45pm to 7.45pm

### St Austell: Poltair Park

Tuesdays 5pm to 6pm

### Bugle Multi Use Games Area

Tuesdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm

StreetGames will be delivered in these areas for 1 hour per week with the longer term ambition to encourage local people to keep the StreetGames sites running by volunteering in their local community.

If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a volunteer on the project please contact Claire Boyd Street Games Development Worker on 01209 310062.



## SKI TRIP 2009

**Depart – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**Return – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

(These dates are in term time)

**Location – Alpe D’Huez France**

**Accommodation – Club Hotel Belle Aurore**

**Cost - £699 per person inclusive**

**Deposit - £100 (payable to Poltair School)**

Alpe D’Huez consists of seven different ski areas, each served by an excellent lift system, offering up to 238 kms of varied piste, including pretty tree lined runs as well as a 16 km long black run. There are two snow parks and an immense variety of off piste skiing.

The Club Hotel Belle is located 200m from the town centre and only 50m from the lifts. All rooms are en-suite and the majority are south facing with balconies. The hotel has a TV room and sun terrace.

**THERE ARE STILL PLACES AVAILABLE  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
PLEASE SEE MR P BOOTH**