



SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Cornish Guardian

Do try and buy a copy of this week's Cornish Guardian. There is a very varied school page with a number of stories of great interest, including my debut in front of Poltair parents, the fantastic Accelerated Learner innovation being used in English with Year 7 pupils and the magnificent achievements of our Ten Tors teams last month. Enjoy the read!

Uniform

As we get close to the end of the year, and as it warms up, it seems timely to ask for your support in ensuring that the school uniform is worn properly by all pupils. Shirts must be fully buttoned, ties should be worn properly and not at 'half mast' and there is no place for white trainers (including on the journey to and from school). Moreover, getting in an early plug for the new school year, it would be great to see more ties on show in September; it makes our young people look so much smarter.



Stephen Tong
Headteacher

Year 9 Reward Trip

Year 9 have recently completed their SATs exams and thanks to their hard work and brilliant attitude the Science Department took them to the Royal Cornwall Show. The day was a huge success with over 130 pupils participating. Whilst there the pupils had the chance to read the weather on Spotlight television, watch the RAF parachuting from the sky and indulge themselves in the countless stalls and other events that were taking place during the day. The Science Department would like to thank all the pupils who came with us for making it a truly memorable day.

Science Department

Eden Race for Life

Sunday 17th June 2007 - 7.00pm

Well done to the following who completed the above event in glorious weather this year!

Isobel Pyle 46 mins

Fran Quinn 34 mins and her daughter Lauren Bennett 29 mins

Katie Thornton 10GS 31 mins

Rebecca Jane 10GS 35 mins

Swimming Success

Well done to Harry Eade, a Year 7 Sports Academy member, who swam in two events at the ASA South West Region Age Group Championships held at Millfield School over the last two weekends.

He qualified for the finals in both events, coming 6th in the 100 metres backstroke and 2nd in the 200 metres backstroke, for which he received a silver medal. The medal was presented by Harold Richards (Alex and Ben Welland's grandfather) who is President of the ASA South West Region this year.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday – 26th June

Year 11 Ball at the Eden Project 7.00 pm

Wednesday – 2nd July

Year 8 Parents' Evening 3.15 – 6.15 pm

Monday 7th July to Friday 11th July

Work Experience – Week 1

Thursday – 10th July

Year 7 Parents' Evening 3.15 – 6.15 pm

Monday 14th to Friday 18th July

Work Experience – Week 2

Activities Week

Poltair's Got Talent

The Poltair's Got Talent Evening on Thursday 22nd May was an evening planned and presented by the pupils in the Year 10 Bronze Arts Leaders Course. Acts included singers, dancers, instrumentalists, a magician and even an escapologist! There was also a wonderful Art Exhibition and Fashion Show.

We had a panel of celebrities from our local community and pupils from the Arts Leaders team and the prizes were recording sessions in our new recording studio.

A fabulous time was had by all and we raised £86.71 for the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Mrs K Samuels



The hosts for the evening
Paige Frost and Natalie Datson

Y10 Girls' Rounders - Thursday 12 June 2008

Poltair v Fowey	Poltair v Penrice	Poltair v Brannel
4 ½ 4	4 4	2 ½ 4 ½

Player of the day 'Kerry Tanner'

Former pupil success

Dan Gilbert, a former member of the school's U16 Basketball side which won the County Cup, has continued his playing success as a member of the Truro College team.

Dan played in the British College Cup for Basketball last week at Northampton, the score was 89 -89 with two minutes to go, but they lost 89 - 93. The Basketball team at Truro also won Team of the Year and Dan won Players' Player.

Cornwall Schools' Track and Field Cup

A huge 'well done' to all who represented the school last Saturday at Par running track. Outstanding performances came from Matt Booth, winning the long jump, Tony Richards winning the triple jump and Jade Martin coming 2nd in the 800m, taking eight seconds off her personal best.

For the second successive year the Years 10/11 boys relay team are County Champions, beating Newquay Tretherras into 2nd place by 50 metres.

Alex Welland (200m) and Philippa Brett (80m hurdles and 300m hurdles) have both been selected to represent the county at the South West Championships in Exeter this weekend - good luck to them both!

Other pupils who represented the school were: Jade Lewis, Abi Caple, Harriet Caple, Sam Trudgian and David Pearce.

PE Department

Student Council Report by Sam Truscott (Year 9)

During our meeting on Thursday 12th June the School Council managed to discuss all of your ideas.

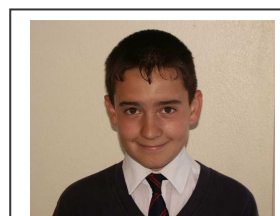
We started off by welcoming back Josh Gilbert to the School Council. We then went on to discuss the use of mobile phones out of lessons and during breaks and we will be continuing with this, once we have all had a chance to talk to our year councils.

The School Council asked some questions about the replacement of fences and making good an uneven surface in the lower playground.

The issue of litter was raised and how we can make sure that we reduce the amount not put in bins.

Finally, we looked at the proposed school aims. These had been written by the staff. We had the chance to add further aims and then we had to rank all of the school aims from most to least important. We asked if it would be possible for other pupils to do this as well and this was agreed.

The next topic to be discussed on the Council is homework.



Sam Truscott