

SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

TEXTING PARENTS

We are currently piloting a piece of software which allows us to send texts directly to parents and / or pupils. Some of you will already be aware of this, having received either a text reminding you of a forthcoming examination, or our Year 9 Curriculum Evening which took place last night. This is a potentially exciting development as we seek to further improve our communication with parents. Please be reassured that we do not intend to bombard you with texts. We will reserve its use for reminders of key events and letting you know about success stories. More difficult conversations are better held face-to-face or over the telephone. I hope that you share our enthusiasm for this development and ask you to ensure that we have the correct mobile telephone numbers for contacting you. Any changes to mobile contacts should be sent to the School Office.

UNIFORM

We have been monitoring the wearing of uniform quite carefully this week, especially as our focus has been being 'Proud.' The great news is that the vast majority of pupils (over 95%) continue to wear the uniform correctly and with great pride. However, there are one or two grey areas and I have been asked by pupils, parents and staff to bring clarity to these.

- Belts are acceptable if they perform an appropriate function; by this we mean the belt goes through trouser / skirt belt loops and is worn to hold these garments up. Belts worn as accessories are not part of school uniform. All belts worn should be plain black.
- It is acceptable for pupils to wear a plain white vest or t-shirt underneath their school shirt. When worn correctly we will not notice these as they will be tucked in or worn under a shirt where buttons are correctly fastened or a tie is worn.
- We encourage all pupils to wear a school jumper or a fleece as well as coming to school in a proper outdoor coat. Outdoor coats will have a lining and / or some form of waterproofing on the outside. All other forms of jumpers, fleeces and hoodies are not part of school uniform.

The school uniform is also outlined on pages 5 and 6 of the 'Student Planner'

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

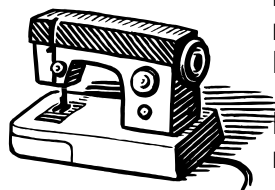
Stephen Tong

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Headteacher

The 5 Ps

The focus until 20th March is 'POLITE'
(are students speaking politely to staff and each other?)

WANTED



If you have an old sewing machine (in working order) that you no longer need we would be very pleased to receive it for use in the Art Department.

Please bring it in to the school reception. Thank you.

Mrs E Pearson

Jose Gilbert

**YEAR 9 STUDENT
OF THE WEEK**

For excellent work in
ICT and Humanities



Please note that the weekly Spotlight and any archived Spotlights, together with news items, are available to view or download from the school website www.poltairschool.co.uk

World Book Day

World Book Day Ltd is a registered charity whose financing of World Book Day comes mainly from contributing publishers, the generous sponsorship of National Book Tokens Ltd, some literacy partnerships and other supporters, as well as the participating booksellers who fund the entire cost of Book Token redemption. Your child has received their token and it can be spent as a whole or part payment of any book at participating booksellers.

The Book Token redemption period is: 03/03/09 – 29/03/09 inclusive.

Successfully launched in 2006, a new list of 'Quick Reads' titles will be published to coincide with World Book Day in 2009; these are available for £1.99 at most major bookshops. This voucher can also be used as part payment for an audio book.

I hope your child enjoys spending their token, happy reading!

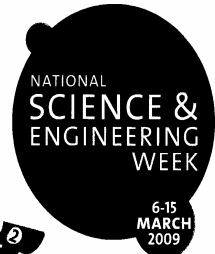
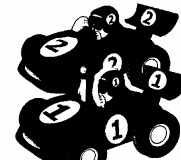
Mrs Hancock
School Librarian

Science at Poltair

In conjunction with the National Science & Engineering week (6th – 15th March 2009) the Science Department is holding competitions and activities during first break each day next week. The following challenge is also part of the week's activities.



Elastic Band Car Challenge!!



Your Challenge:-

To build a vehicle propelled by an elastic band.
The one that travels the furthest distance will be declared the winner!

Materials:-

Recycled or reused materials
Elastic bands

Rules:-

You have one week to design, build and test your vehicle.
Only the energy from the elastic bands can be used to propel your vehicle (this will be inspected by Mr Martin!)
The vehicle that travels the furthest distance will win the prize!
Final to be held in Mr Mack's classroom
Friday lunchtime.

Year 7 Netball Report

On Thursday 5th March Year 7 played a netball match against Roseland. We all played brilliantly and enjoyed the game, despite losing! Amy Floyd-Norris was the top scorer with three goals and Ellie Hughes not far behind with two goals.

Over all it was a close, action-packed game enjoyed by the players and everyone who watched. The final score was 8 – 5 to Roseland.

By Abbie Sedgeman 7KR



← Duchy Ballet

Bryony Walker is a former pupil of Poltair School and a present Year 9 pupil Julie Nicholls is also in the production.

Good luck to both girls.

DUCHY BALLET PRESENTS

COPPELIA



Rowes Honda



First produced in 1870, Coppelia has continued to charm audiences both old and young.

Franz is fascinated by Dr. Coppelius's daughter Coppelia. All she does is sit on her balcony reading, and nobody is allowed to enter the house. His girlfriend, Swanilda, is annoyed when Coppelia ignores her, but blows a kiss at Franz! The curious couple decide to investigate when Dr. Coppelius is out. The result is full of happy surprises – just what is Coppelia's secret?

Composed by Leo Delibes, the ballet is full of evocative, well-known melodies and charming Polish and Hungarian folk dances. Swanilda will be danced by Robyn Green, Naomi Solomon and Bryony Walker, who have progressed to soloist level in their eight years with Duchy Ballet. Franz will be danced by Daisuke Miura of the Slovenian National Ballet, Ballet West and Independent Ballet Wales. Over a hundred young dancers from all over Cornwall will perform alongside seasoned professionals.

This production, choreographed by Terence Etheridge, is ideally suited to Cornwall's unique ballet company – the Duchy Ballet.

Hall For Cornwall

Thurs 2nd April to Sat 4th April

7.30pm plus Sat. Matinee 2.00pm

Tickets £16.50 / £14.50 • Under 16s £11.50

Family: (4 people, min 2 children) £48 / £43

Schools: (15 or more) £6.25 (eves only)

Box office: 01872 262466 • Book online at www.hallforcornwall.co.uk

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