



SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

OPEN MORNINGS

Earlier in the year we held a couple of very successful open mornings. I was able to show parents around the school whilst in session. During the tour we looked at the whole site ('warts and all'), visited a number of lessons, and spoke to both pupils and teachers. Following that we had a discussion over coffee and talked about Poltair School, its strengths and its plans for future improvements. I have decided to hold two more Open Mornings. These will take place on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April, both starting at 9.00 am. If you would like to see the school working 'live' please contact my PA, Mrs McPherson on 01726 874523 or head@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk and she will book you a place. I look forward to meeting you.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Tong
Headteacher

The 5 Ps

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

Accelerated Reader Scheme

All Years 7 and 8 pupils participate in the Accelerated Reader programme. This enables them to make improvements in their comprehension and vocabulary if they read a book per week from the appropriate level. This is decided by a diagnostic reading test. When pupils have attained three consecutive test scores of 100% they can then progress to the next level. To ensure that your son or daughter makes really good progress, please ensure that they are reading enough of their book each day to be able to take a test per week.

Certificates are awarded to pupils for their progress and some pupils have increased their reading ages by a whole year per term. We hold 'rewards assemblies' where pupils are recognised for their skills in English when their reading has improved and their reading age has increased.

Should you have any questions about the 'Accelerated Reader' programme please contact your son or daughter's English teacher.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday 27th March to Wednesday 1st April

Sports Tour to Manchester Years 7 and 8 pupils

Tuesday 31st March

Whole School Target Setting Day
(pupils will receive information shortly)

Friday 3rd April

Last day of term
School finishes at 1.00 pm
Buses depart by 1.15 pm at the latest

4th April to 19th April

Easter holidays

Monday 20th April

Pupils return

Sporting News

Rory wins Gold!!



Rory Jarvis,

a member of the Poltair Sports Academy, competed in the Devon Open Judo Championships on the weekend of 7th/8th March. He competed in the U42kg weight category and won gold. Well done to Rory!

PE Department

Year 8 Netball Report

On Thursday 5th March the Year 8 Netball team played Roseland and beat them 11-1. Everyone played exceptionally well and three goals were scored in the first quarter, two in the second quarter, five in the third quarter and one in the last quarter.

Roseland played well but only managed to score one goal in the third quarter. The game was enjoyed by the team and we were very glad that we won.



Team: Sarah Eastwood, Laura Fenner, Sophie Grubb, Imogen Kenny, Naomi Lagor, Stacie Marks and Lily Richardson

By Stacie Marks 8PM

Rowing Successes!

Poltair's rowing team had another successful mission to the South West Rowing Championships in Plymouth on Wednesday 4th March. Pupils compete for a set time according to age group, Y7 2 minutes, Y8 3 minutes, Y9 4 minutes and Y10 5 minutes. Pupils have been training hard to cover as many metres as they can in the allotted time.

Special congratulations to Jessica Newson (pictured), a member of the Poltair Sports Academy, who won her age group title for the 2nd year running, Jessica managed an outstanding 766m in 3 minutes which was 16m above the 'gold standard' figure that the Amateur Rowing Association use to benchmark young rowers with Olympic potential. Ben Welland (pictured), also a member of the Sports Academy was placed 3rd in the Y10 boys event, rowing 1433m, which exceeds the 'gold standard' by 3m. Abi Caple started strongly, but was just pushed out of a top three place and finished in a very close 5th in the Y9 girls race.



Everyone did brilliantly, with all of the Y7 girls and boys placing in the top half of the field.

Well done to everyone!

Ten Tors selection

Congratulations to the following participants who have been selected for the next stage of Ten Tors training and will be taking part in the Ten Tors Challenge in May 2009.

The selection was tough as always and each individual can be proud of their achievements so far;

Michael Barnell, Jacob Double, Oli Elston, Ben Mace, Ollie Scott, Jonathan Sheppard, Michael Southey, Ashley Stone.

Ten Tors Training 4 - Dartmoor Sunday 1st March

Another early start in preparation for a long day. The 45 milers started the day full of enthusiasm and optimism which allowed us to get ahead of our 4.5km/hr time. For once the weather was on our side allowing us to complete our route and leave us in no doubt of our ability to complete the Challenge in May.

The 35 milers had fun and walked at 3.5km/hr all day - a great achievement.

Miss Blackburn (Team Manager)

The full results are below:

NAME	YEAR	DISTANCE	POSITION	% Gold
Sophie Collings	7	466	8th	95
Victoria Hooper	7	443	20th	90
Casey Job	7	455	14th	93
Sonny Nowell	7	478	10th	94
Kyle Rickard	7	432	32nd	85
Tom Tyrell	7	429	34th	84
Jessica Newson	8	766	1st	102
Harry Eade	8	656	30th	81
James Price	8	745	12th	92
Abi Caple	9	984	5th	96
Jamie Rickard	9	995	26th	88
Oli Elston	9	989	28th	87
Benjamin Welland	10	1433	3rd	100
Graham Endean	10	1345	14th	94

Disneyland Paris Trip 2009

Calling any pupil who loves the thrill of riding the 'Vertical Drop', a roller coaster in the dark, talking to Disney characters and the spectacular parade of Disney's favourites .

If this is you, then sign up for a trip of a lifetime with your friends on the Disneyland Paris Trip in July 2009.

The trip lasts 4 days and includes a river boat trip along the Seine in Paris. Each day will be full of fun and laughter. Pupil places are still available but only for a limited time.

The cost is £220 per person.

What do you need to do?



Express your interest to Mr Boden or Mr Barrows who will discuss this with you, give you further details and issue an invitation letter. The completed reply slip must be returned with a £50 deposit by **Friday 20th March**.

SKI TRIP 2010

Depart – Saturday 23rd January

Return – Sunday 31st January

Location – Alpe D'Huez France

Accommodation – Club Hotel Belle Aurore

Cost - £675 per person inclusive.

(£25 cheaper than the 2009 trip)

*(Equates to £100 deposit followed by
42 weekly payments of £13.70)*

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 238kms of varied piste, including pretty tree lined runs as well as a 16km long black run. There are two snow parks and an immense variety of off piste.

<u>Ski Facts</u>	
Resort Height	1860m
Lift Range	1350m – 3300m
Kms of piste	238
No. of lifts	87
Kms of easy runs	70
Kms of medium runs	34
Kms of difficult runs	17
Longest run	16km.

The Club Hotel Belle Aurore 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 a sun terrace.

FURTHER DETAILS FROM MR BOOTH

PENDENNIS SHIPYARD - Falmouth

Is delighted to announce that they are offering a total of 20 new apprenticeship places on their two award winning schemes.

For further information regarding the apprenticeships and an application form please contact:-

Jill Carr, Pendennis Shipyards Ltd,
The Docks, Falmouth, Cornwall,
TR11 4NR

Tel: 01326 211344

(Closing Date 20.03.2009)

Email: jill.carr@pendennis.com

Thinking about joining **The Army**
but going to **college** first?

Then the FE Bursary scheme is just for you. You could get £1000 a year whilst you learn.

To find out more details log into:
www.armyjobs.mod.uk/febursary





Calling all Parents/ Carers of additional needs/ disabled children and young people
"Everyone Welcome"

Find out everything you have ever wanted to know about the Parent Carer Council but were too afraid to ask!

Listening to you

The Parent Carer Council would love to meet you to hear your views.

We will be showing our latest DVD's

Come and join us for a buffet lunch and tell us what's working and what's not.

We have two events so please choose the most convenient to you.

Need directions?
Contact Andria Roe
01752 813358
0777 619 1271

When and where!

Need directions?
Contact Ruthanne Lyne
01326 221025
0789 621 7312

Friday 20th March 2009 Monday 16th March 2009

From 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. From 11 a.m till 2 p.m.

At Coldrennick Farm, Helland, At the Penventon Hotel,

Bodmin, PL30 4QE Redruth, TR15 1TE

Parent Carers of Disabled Children

Find out about the how the Citizen's Advice Bureau can help you and how you might be able to help other parent carers

Topics covered: welfare benefits, debts advice, training with CAB

Choose from 1 of 4 days
Lunch provided

- Truro Thursday 26th March 2009
- Hayle Tuesday 21st April 2009
- Saltash Thursday 30th April 2009
- Bodmin Friday 5th June 2009

Arrive 9.45 - Lunch 12.30 - Finish 2.30

There is no charge but places are limited. To reserve a place please contact Parent Carer Council's Participation Worker:

Andria Roe 01752 813358 07776191271 andria.roe@cafamly.org.uk

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