

SPOTLIGHT



Issue 2

Summer Term 2011

Parents' Information Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

Student Voice is an ever-increasing influence in Poltair's decision-making process. Nowhere is this clearer than in the key improvements we are making to both facilities and the day-to-day running of the school. Pupils have a number of means through which they can voice their opinion on issues which matter to them - each year group has a Year Council of tutor group representatives and this then feeds into the School Council which meets regularly with me as Headteacher. We also have a Learning and Teaching pupil group which holds frequent discussions with Miss White, Assistant Head. You will have seen questionnaires on our school website which provide another mechanism for pupils to express their view on proposals for improvements, such as the recent school uniform survey. So I am delighted to share with you some of the current changes being made as a direct result of the Student Voice. Firstly we will be introducing from today a more closely supervised and orderly method of assembling pupils together before they board the school buses at the end of the school day. Secondly I am pleased to inform you that the refurbished toilets in Smith Block will soon be ready for use and will be reserved for pupils in Years 7 and 8. Thirdly Poltair has negotiated a contract with a new provider in the canteen (Chartwells) so that our excellent canteen staff are able to provide a more varied and efficient service. Pupils have already noticed the wider range of food on offer and in future we will be harnessing new technology to further improve the speed of service. The message is clear - we listen to our pupils and when they express their views in an appropriate and polite manner we work with them to enhance their daily experience at school.

Stephen Tong
Headteacher

'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Chosen by Mr Mack

As part of our focus on
Literacy in the
MFL Department



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A fond = Go for it !

Dates for diary

Tuesday 17th May

Year 9 Careers in Science Day

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Spring Bank Holiday

Year 8 Reports

Due to a technical fault caused by our software providers it has been necessary to delay the writing of the Year 8 Reports. We may need to delay the publication of these reports but we will inform you should this be necessary.

School Website

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

Students of the week

Year 7

Kate Walker



For consistently achieving
the 5 P's.

Year 9

Brad Cripin



For winning the long jump
competition.

UPDATE

Some fantastic news, Matthew Horsfield has arrived at over 4 million words read. He is still top of the table but there are several pupils who are trying to catch him. Everyone has got back into the swing of reading and testing after the Easter break. It is important to make sure your child reads during the holidays; several days without picking up a book can hinder all the good work done during the term. Keep reading!

Mrs Hancock, Librarian

Year 11 'Celebrating Success' Event at Cornwall College St Austell

On Thursday May 5th Year 11 students who have been following a range of courses at Cornwall College St Austell for the past two years were able to celebrate their achievements at a special ceremony for family and friends. The evening event was held in the Key Theatre and hosted by Debbie Wilshire Head of Cornwall College St Austell (and a Poltair governor). Students were awarded a certificate and a small gift by the College and the audience heard from each course tutor about the progress made by the students from nervous Year 10 pupils who started their courses in September 2009 to the confident young people they have now become at the course end in May 2011. Poltair is proud to work in a consortium with the College and other local schools which is recognised nationally as an example of good practice in order to provide these excellent courses for its learners. This cohort has included Young Apprenticeship in Engineering, Young Apprenticeship in Construction, Level 2 Diploma in Hair and Beauty, Level 1 Salon Services, Level 1 in Building Craft Occupations. Special mention goes to two Poltair students: Jon Gibson was awarded Outstanding Achievement in Building Craft Occupations and Cherlyn Crocker was awarded Outstanding Achievement in Salon Services. Well done to them and to all Year 11 students successfully completing these courses.



Year 10 students with recipe for success

Level 2 Hospitality Diploma students have recently tasted success at their first experience of restaurant service at Cornwall College St Austell's Cloisters restaurant. Tom Prior explained: 'This was the culmination of our hospitality unit on teamwork and practical hospitality skills.' While Tom was on bar duty, Rebecca Watson, Louise Symons and Chloe Rowlings were on table service.

All agreed that the real restaurant environment with 30 guests for lunch (including some of their parents and relations) offered a great opportunity to demonstrate the need to be flexible and to 'think on your feet' when working in what can be a high pressure setting. Rebecca added 'A high standard of personal and table presentation is very important.' Chloe agreed 'We really grew in confidence through this experience.'



MOCK Ten Tors during William and Kate's wedding day...

Temperatures reached massive heights on Thursday 28th April when the 35 and 45 mile teams set foot on Dartmoor for the last time prior to the Ten Tors Challenge 2011. The sun beat down as the teams made a strong and positive start on what would be a long and challenging 24 to 36 hours. As time passed, the teams persevered through pain and exhaustion to camp at Shilstone... 35 milers arrived at 21.00 and 45 milers at 05.45 the following morning! Day 2 was misty, windy and cold with tough terrain underfoot making the expedition all the more challenging. Two teams emerged in the sunshine by 18.00hrs on Friday exhausted but totally prepared for the Ten Tors Challenge 2011.



DofE Bronze teams train in Cardinham woods

On Tuesday 3rd May following a long bank holiday weekend, the Bronze DofE teams were out training once again to work on basic navigation skills along with 'skills for life' for those aspiring to be Mountain Leaders in the future by learning about and practising micro-navigation skills i.e. pacing.



Ten Tors Challenge 2011 13th to 15th May

'What lies behind us, and what lies ahead of us, are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.'
Ralph Waldo Emerson.

But Emerson had not seen Dartmoor, its weathers or its brooding temper. Nor had he seen four hundred Ten Tors Teams head south from Okehampton Camp onto Dartmoor on a mid-May morning, totally aware of all that lies before them, and push on, eager for the trial they are about to face.

These are young people who make his lines live and breathe, for Ten Tors is no mean task - Dartmoor makes sure that every yard of 35, 45 or 55 miles is a thorough examination of physical drive and mental strength. In a world where much has been tamed and made safe, Dartmoor offers an unforgiving - and beautiful - alternative.

35 mile team: Georgina Hide (Leader), Jack Barnell, Abby Crane, Jess Newson, Ruby Waterfield and David Winter.

45 mile team: Michael Barnell (Leader), Luke Bryant, Ben Caney, Oli Elston, Josh Gilbert and Jack Lobb.

Miss Blackburn (Ten Tors Team Manager/Unit Leader)

PE DEPARTMENT



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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ~ SUMMER 2011



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch		Fitness Suite	Boys Football	Boys Dance	
After school (3 rd hour)	Fitness Suite	Athletics Boys Fixtures	Cricket Social Football Fitness Suite Girls Fixtures	Fitness Suite Street surfing/ Table Tennis Dance Rounders Girls Fixtures	Fitness Suite Staff

****Clubs are for boys and girls and run for all year groups****

ENHANCEMENT BUSES RUN ON TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUN 3:15 - 4:05pm



PE FIXTURES BOYS & GIRLS				
DAY	SPORT	YEAR	VENUE	Times
Tues 10 May	Cricket 8-side (Boys)	Y7	Poltair	4 – 6 pm
Weds 18 May	ATHLETICS (Boys/Girls)	Y8 & Y10	Par	4 – 6 pm
Thurs 19 May	Rounders (Girls)	U15 U13	Penrice Poltair	4 – 5.30/6 pm
Tues 24 May	Cricket 8-side (Boys)	Y8	Poltair	4 – 6 pm
Weds 25 May	ATHLETICS (Boys/Girls)	Y7 & Y9	Par	4 – 6 pm
Thurs 26 May	Rounders (Girls)	U14 Y7	Penrice Poltair	4 – 5.30/6 pm
Tues 7 June	Cricket 8-side (Boys)	Y7	Poltair	4 – 6 pm
Weds 8 June	ATHLETICS (Boys/Girls)	Y8 & Y10	Par	4 – 6 pm
Thurs 9 June	Rounders (Girls)	U15 U13	Penrice Poltair	4 – 5.30/6 pm
Fri 10 June	Partnership Games	Details still to be finalised		10 – 2 pm
Weds 15 June	ATHLETICS (Boys/Girls)	Y7 & Y9	Par	4 – 6 pm
Thurs 16 June	Rounders (Girls)	Y7	Penrice	4 – 5.30/6 pm
Weds 22 June	ATHLETICS (Boys/Girls)	All years	Par	1 – 5 pm
Thurs 23 June	Rounders (Girls)	U14	Poltair	4 – 5.30/6 pm
Tues 28 June	Cricket 8-side (Boys)	Y8	Poltair	4 – 6 pm
Weds 29 June	Rounders (Girls)	U13 U15	Poltair Penrice	4 – 5.30/6 pm
Friday 1 July	Have a Go Heroes	Details still to be finalised		
Weds 6 July	Rounders (Girls)	Y7	Penrice	4 – 5.30/6 pm
Weds 13 July	Rounders (Girls)	U15 U13	Penrice Poltair	4 – 5.30/6 pm

TOP TEN

Mrs Davies



- 1) What exactly do you do at Poltair?** I am a Sports Technician and I also teach some PE.
- 2) What is your favourite meal?** At the moment any meal!
- 3) If you were not a Sports Technician what would you be?** I would work in an airport so that I could people watch all day I think it may have something to do with just being nosey!
- 4) Who is your hero?** Steffi Graf as I always wanted to be her when I was younger.
- 5) Who is your favourite singer/band?** Hard to say as I like all sorts of music, mainly dance type music or whatever is out but I hate 70's music.
- 6) What is your favourite book?** I only ever read books when I'm on holiday and I can't remember the last book that I read.
- 7) Name one thing that perhaps people don't know about you?** I'm pregnant!
- 8) What do you enjoy most about Poltair?** The friendly pupils and my department - I will miss all the banter.
- 9) What do you treasure most?** My friends - they're the best.
- 10) What one thing would you change in the world today?** All student loans would be cancelled.

TREMOUGH CAMPUS CULTURE FESTIVAL

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
DAPHNE DU MAURIER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 21 MAY, 2011 10:30AM-6PM
TREMOUGH CAMPUS, PENRYN TR10 9EZ

A day of events exploring our complex and fascinating relationships with place and fashion, featuring:

- Orange Prize winner and Man Booker shortlisted novelist Linda Grant
- Sculptor Peter Randall-Page
- Novelist Sarah Moss
- Glamour historian Carol Dyhouse
- Prizewinning poets Alyson Hallett and Kym Martindale

For full booking and ticket details visit:

www.duMaurierFestival.co.uk

or call 01726 879500.



XL HAIRDRESSING

10TH ANNIVERSARY!

59 CLIPDEN ROAD, ST AUSTELL. TEL 01726 67555

CHARITY DAY - SAT 28TH MAY

IN AID OF THE

'ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY'

- HAND MASSAGE AND MAKE UP FROM A 'BODYSHOP' REPRESENTATIVE
- CHILDRENS FACE PAINTING
- SALE OF 'TEENYBASH' JEWELLERY
- CAKE SALE
- HAIR CONSULTATIONS
- RAFFLE DRAW
- ALL TIPS AND DONATIONS IN AID OF THE 'ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY'

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW

PRIZES: MAKEOVER - HAIR CUT, COLOUR AND MAKE UP

MOROCCANOIL

VOUCHER FOR SET OF ACRYLIC NAILS (NAILS BY OLIVIA)

TWO WHITE RIVER CINEMA TICKETS

PLUS MANY MORE!