

SPOTLIGHT



Issue 1

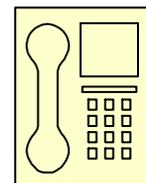
Parents' Information Newsletter

Summer Term 2012

Dear Parent/Carer

Two key messages this week from our school nurse Sally Barker, which both involve the health and safety of your child.

- 1) When parents change phone numbers or have new phone numbers (especially mobiles) it is crucial that the school is informed. The nurse has quite often encountered difficulty contacting a parent and this is of concern to us should we need to contact you at short notice in the event of an accident or incident. Please ensure your child has your emergency contact written in their planner, that you return the annual data check information and that you inform us between times if you change your phone number.



- 2) Now that the warmer weather is here (hopefully!) many pupils are seeking the nurse's help because they have a headache. Often we find this is because they have not drunk any or enough clear fluids during the day. Please ensure your child brings a bottle to school that can be used for water to drink. Pupils are allowed to drink water during lessons with the teacher's permission.



County Record for Maria Brett

Maria Brett in Year 11, beat the county record for U17 hammer at the Newquay & Par Open on Saturday 7 April with 36.34m! The record was held by Kim Rawling, a past pupil at Poltair.

It was only her 3rd competition of the year (she was close at the other 2), so hopefully there is much more to come! She achieved the qualifying mark for the English National Schools at all 3 competitions too.

Well done Maria!



DATES FOR DIARY

Saturday 21 April	Year 11 Prefects Trip to Thorpe Park Theme Park, Surrey
Monday 23 April	Year 9 Carpentry/Cooking students College Interviews SSC 12:00 onwards
Wednesday 25 April	Fit for Work Day for Year 10 (pupils must bring PE kit)
Thursday 26 April	Year 7 & 8 UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge Year 10 Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6.30 pm (Main Hall/Cyber Café)

Ten Tors Walk 8 Dartmoor

25 March

Walk 8 was yet another big walk for both teams. Another day of sunshine but a bitterly cold wind drove both teams to a sound start! The 35 mile team focused on pushing the 3.5km per hour time successfully proving themselves throughout the day with a number of consistent sections completed at 4km/p/h. A challenging 'leg' towards the end of the day tested the team's ability to work together when tired. The 45 mile team had a 'solid' start to the day but the formidable Trowlesworthy to Puper's Hill 'leg' sapped the team's energy. As Jack Barnell said, 'We had a great day! The weather was good and we all learnt a lot more about navigation and I can't wait for the next walk!'



Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition Dartmoor

31 March, 1 & 2 April

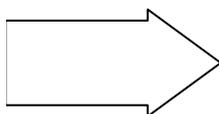
'The 3 day expedition was a new experience for all of us. We were all looking forward to it. Our first day flew by and we arrived at camp at 15.00 giving us time to learn some new bush-craft skills. We were all in bed by 19.00 leaving time for a long rest in preparation for a challenging second day. The weather was great throughout the whole day but this made it even more of a challenge! The third day was another early and cold start where we enjoyed a short walk to the finish. We had a surprise Easter Egg Hunt, it was fun! Overall we had a challenging practice and we are looking forward to the qualifying venture in May.'

Abby Crane and Ruby Waterfield (Silver participants)



H Blackburn (Ten Tors Team Manager & Unit Leader)

TOP TEN



Piano Workshop

A free piano workshop with Richard Meyrick concert pianist, will take place on Wednesday 16 May between 4pm-6pm in the Music Block. This will be part of G & T provision and for GCSE Music students in the first instance but also any budding keyboard players in Years 7 & 8

He will hear pupils play to him and then give demo/tips on improvement. See his website www.thepianostudio.co.uk to find out more about him and see Miss Taylor or Mr Hatt if you are interested in taking part in the workshop.

Rebecca Watson



- 1) **What option subjects do you do and what is your role in the Senior Prefect Team?**
I have chosen GCSE Music and a Hospitality Diploma. I am a Senior Prefect.
- 2) **What is your favourite meal?**
My Nan's homemade Shepherd's pie.
- 3) **What job would you do in the future?**
I would like to be a chef.
- 4) **Who are your heroes?** My Mum and Grandma.
- 5) **Who is your favourite singer/band?** I don't have a favourite, but enjoy music from the 70s onwards.
- 6) **What is your favourite book?** The Twilight Saga and Harry Potter Series.
- 7) **Name one thing that perhaps people don't know about you?** I am doing a grade 3 singing exam.
- 8) **What do you enjoy most about Poltair?**
Seeing my friends and learning new skills that will help me excel in life.
- 9) **What do you treasure most?** My seven year old ex-racing greyhound 'Duchess'.
- 10) **What one thing would you change in the world today?**
The fact that thousands of children die each day from starvation in Africa.



HOUSE STARS



TEWINGTON

Sam Currell
7LW

Damaging his shoulder during rugby but continued to attend school and lessons positively.

Zoe Davey
11ABR

For a really positive attitude and improved performance in all subjects.

TREVERBYN

Bradley Peach
9KW

For always working hard and always following the 5Ps.

Harrison Williams
11LM

For always trying his best.

TRENANCE

Kallie Jarvis
Hannah Wisner
8KP

For constant effort during the Dance-a-thon.

Paige Jones 11FG
Kayley Warne 11GO

For leadership during the Dance-a-thon.

TREGREHAN

Owain Caniff
7SHP

For marked improvement in science

Shana Horsefield
9PM

For setting an example with the 5Ps.

Tewington's Egg and Spoon Fun Run

On Friday 30 March the Tewington House held their Charity Egg and Spoon Fun Run. Pupils from the House raced against each other and 'hopped' over obstacles whilst wearing bunny accessories and carrying an egg and spoon. The fun run was not only a 'cracking' way to finish the term, but members of Tewington House raised an awesome amount of money for Cancer Research and Mount Edgcombe Hospice.



So far this year the Tewington House has raised more than £2300 with more sponsor money still coming in. I would like to thank all pupils and staff for taking part in the event and raising such an impressive sum of money for such good causes. I would also like to thank anyone who sponsored the pupils taking part in the event. Pictures and footage from the day will soon be available on the school website under the Poltube tab.

Mr Foster



POLTAIR SCHOOL
(Poltair +) Summer 2012



DAY	CLUB	INFORMATION	STAFF/ROOM
MON 3.15 - 4.30	Poltair Live Lounge	Be a recording star in the music recording studio	Miss Johnston Music Practice Room
	Fitness Suite	All welcome	Mr Shepherd
TUES Break 2	Fitness Suite KS3	All welcome	Mr Shepherd
TUES 3.15 - 4.30	School Choir	All years	Miss Taylor
	Summer Toy Making	Y7 & 8, make your own toys, ready for summer gifts	Mrs Peters T9
	Maths revision	Y11	Maths staff/Maths rooms
	Rounders	All years	Miss Owens/Miss Stevenson
	ICT	Homework and improve skills. All years	Mrs Nicholas E7
	Homework Club	For all subjects and all years	Mrs Warwick SSC
	3.15 - 5.30	<i>Boys' Fixtures</i>	<i>See next week's Spotlight for fixture dates</i>
WED 3.15 - 4.30	Maths revision	Y9 & 10	Maths staff/Maths rooms
	Athletics	All years	PE staff
	Fitness Suite	All welcome	Mr Shepherd
	Dance	All welcome (boys and girls)	Mrs Hulbert Dance Studio
	Music GCSE	Y11	Miss Taylor M1
	Art Club	All welcome	Mrs Pearson/Mrs Whitbread-Aburatat
	Summer Cooking Club	All welcome - please see Miss Partis before 16th May for recipe cards (starts 16 May)	Miss Partis T7
	English	Exam Preparation - Y11	English staff/English rooms
	DT Catch Up	All years	Ms Lobb
	Homework Club	For all subjects and all years	Mrs Warwick SSC
3.15 - 5.30	<i>Girls Fixtures</i>	<i>See next week's Spotlight for fixture dates</i>	<i>Various</i>
THURS Break 2	Fitness Suite	All welcome	Mr Shepherd
	Football	All years 'Fancy a kick about, just bring trainers?'	Mr Watkinson Astro
	Chess Club	All years and all abilities welcome	Miss Fairweather S17
THURS 3.15 - 4.30	STEM Club	For pupils in the STEM Y9 group to build their formula 24 car ready for the race in June	Miss Brader, Mr Martin S7 Mr Axe and Mr Boden (various places each week)
	Science	Exam Revision	Science breakout
	English	Y10	English staff/English rooms
	Girls' Fitness Suite	All girls welcome	Miss Stevenson
	Geography Unit 2 Exam Skills	Y9 & 10 17 May, 24 May, 31 May and 14 June	Miss Hughes W2
	1-1 Maths	Targeted pupils	Various
	Media Studies	Revision, coursework and catch up session	Mrs Venables
	ICT	Homework and improve skills. All years	Mr Jones E7
	GCSE Workshop	Love to sing, come along!	Miss Taylor/Miss Johnston
	Homework Club	For all subjects and all years	Mrs Warwick SSC
	Literacy Club	Improve your reading and writing	Mrs Webb SSC
	3.15 - 5.30	<i>Boys' Fixtures</i>	<i>See next week's Spotlight for fixture dates</i>
FRI Break 2	Football	All years 'Fancy a kick about, just bring trainers?'	Mr Watkinson Astro
FRI 3.15 - 4.30	Indoor rowing/ outdoor rowing	For pupils wanting to give rowing on the water a go!	Alistair Barr - Castledore Rowing Club
	Geography Unit 1 Exam skills	Y10 & 11 18 May, 25 May and 1 June	Miss Hughes W2
4.00 - 5.30	Fitness Suite	Staff only	
4.00 - 5.00	Ten Tors	Team Training	Miss Blackburn T1
5.00 - 6.00	Silver D of E		
Enhancement buses - run on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 4.30 pm from the front of school			
Don't forget your ORANGE bus slip			
(Remember that you get 10 Vivos for attending an after school club from the teacher who runs the club.)			

ST AUSTELL SPRING FAYRE

Saturday 28th
Sunday 29th
April 2012

Bringing plants,
Sunshine
& laughter into
ST AUSTELL TOWN CENTRE
FREE ENTRY
10am to 4pm

WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

Live music!

Black Friday playing in
Biddicks Court noon
on Saturday.

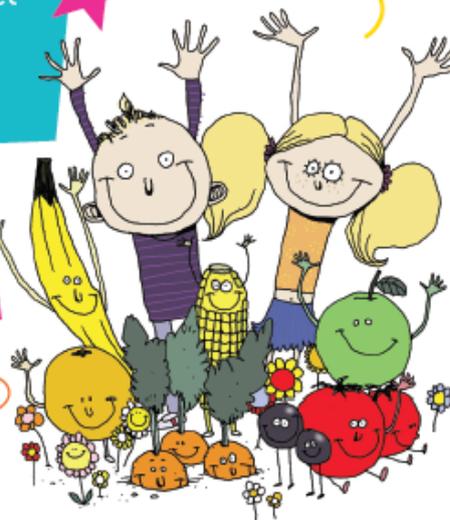
Food marquee

Cornish food & drink
@ White River
shopping centre.

20 Designers, artists &
crafters at the Market
House all weekend
with live body
paint artist.

Flower power
parade on
Sunday!

PTO For Full list



SATURDAY 28TH APRIL

12 noon Black Friday

A hugely popular celtic band in Biddicks Court

All day food and drink marquee and local
produce stalls throughout White River

Cornish dancers in Vicarage Place, Biddicks court
and Fore street

Childrens rides White River Place

Cornish choir and dance outside the
Market House

All day 20 craft stalls in the Market House

Story telling in Eden Cafe lunch time
and mid afternoon

Lunch time full body painting in the
Market House

Food & trade stands Biddicks Court

Buskers in Fore Street

Live music in the Western Inn
Saturday evening



SUNDAY 29TH APRIL

• FREE PARKING AT PRIORY CARPARK •

10am children meet at Wheal Martyn for the
march to take back the town

12 noon the great big flower power parade
gathering in Biddicks Court

All day Eden Big Green Bus and swing boats
in Biddicks Court

All day artists and crafters stands
in the Market House

All day face painters in the Market House

All day food tent and produce stands
in White River

All day food trade stands in Biddicks Court

Mid morning and afternoon cornish choir
outside the Market House and Museum

Childrens rides White River Place

3pm speech and prize giving
outside the Eden Cafe

Contact: Ally Watkins (Nature's Kitchen) 07717352870

Cornwall Neighbourhoods
for Change



CN4C

'Get Growing' Organic Gardening Course

Would you like to learn the basics of organic gardening?
We can show you how to grow seasonal food and learn more
about how to improve your garden for wildlife.
We can also provide you with FREE tools to get you started.

Dates: Tuesday 1st May for 10 weeks 9:30 am to 3pm

Location: At the Penwithick Community Centre

Cost: Free

For information on the course, please call /text

Claire Brown on 01209 310 610 / 07966 400 621 or on email: claire@cn4c.org.uk

