




Parents' Information Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

As I write my editorial for this week's Spotlight, something rare has just happened. The mist has cleared and the sun has started to shine! About time of course.

Despite the absence of any summer weather this year, the school's multifarious activities have continued unabated. On Monday, despite the constant threat of rain and drizzle, we completed this year's Sports Day. It was undoubtedly the most successful in many years. This was the first year that pupils competed for their new House communities. We also introduced many more team activities. We think that over 75% of all pupils participated in the various competitions.

Once again, despite the rain, Poltair School participated for the first time in the STEM Greenpower Formula 24 Eco Car Challenge last week (see report). Working under the supervision of Miss Brader and Mr Martin, a group of pupils have been working after hours all year to construct a car to compete against others. By the beginning of last week, final tests were being undertaken and the race day was last Thursday. Incredibly, Poltair School came second in their class. A remarkable and special achievement!

Well done.



Stephen Tong
Headteacher

Music Showcase

Thursday 5 July
6.30 to 8.30 pm

A medley of music will be performed by
Poltair pupils and staff in the main hall

Adults £2.50
Concess £1.50
(to include refreshments)

Tickets will be available from the school reception

DATES FOR DIARY**Thursday 5th July**

Summer Concert – Main Hall 6.30 – 8.30 pm

Friday 6th July

Staff Training Day – no pupils in school

Monday 9th July to Friday 13th July

Activities Week Years 7-9

Work Experience Year10

Friday 13th July

Year 11 Ball – 7.00 – 11.30 pm

The Seahorse Centre, Pentewan Sands

Tickets available from Mrs Chard in the
Finance Office (1.00 – 3.00 pm) £25 or £35

to include the yearbook (**PLEASE NOTE:**
the last date to purchase tickets is
Thursday 12th July)

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

Canoe Launch at Porthpean

Year 9 pupils proudly prepare for the launch of their hand-built canoe. This has been designed and built as part of their Step-Up Carpentry lessons with Mr Axe. It did float! Thank you to Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre for their support.



L to R: Cale Payne, Nathan Fryer, Reece Floyd, Martyn Dyke, Christian Adkins and Shane Francis

Amazing Opportunity
'Open to all'



History Trip to:

AUSCHWITZ

POLAND

8TH - 11TH July 2013
(Next Year's Activities Week)
£370



First deposit - £120
20th July 2012
See Miss Venn for
more details

England football team on 8th June 2012

SHAKESPEARE INSPIRES

Cornwall Secondary Art Exhibition



Students from The Roseland, Falmouth, Cape Cornwall, Helston, Redruth, Humphry Davy, Looe and Poltair Secondary Schools will exhibit artworks inspired by the plays by William Shakespeare

PRIVATE VIEW 5pm-8pm Thursday 28 June
EXHIBITION RUNS FROM Thursday 28 June
to Saturday 30 June, 9.30am-4.30pm

University College
FALMOUTH

KEAP
KIDNEY EXHIBITION ART PROJECT

ICF Photography Centre, Tremough Campus, Treliever Road, Penryn, Cornwall TR10 9EZ

A group of our GCSE Art students have successfully had their work submitted into the 'Shakespeare Inspires' Secondary School Art Exhibition. The Venue is the Photography Centre at the Tremough Campus (UCF); the private view takes place on Thursday 28th June (5-8pm) and stays open till Saturday 30th (9.30-4.30pm). We have sent a mixture of 3D construction, clay, drawing and paintings. The work has been created by both Year 9 and Year 10 GCSE students. The themes are related to either phrases created by Shakespeare or parts of a verse from some of his plays.

Year 9 students

Arnas Stankevicius, Grace Ratty, Samara Jehan, Moisha Horsefield and Emily White

Year 10 students

Beth Collett, Casey Job, Ben Pill, Katie Round, Keron Cooper, Marcus Bunt, Shaunna Davies, Natasha Skelton, Victoria Hooper, Ruby Waterfield, Caitlin Pickford, Rebecca Hemenstall, Daisy James.

A group of 13 dedicated year 9 students, interested in Science, Engineering and Technology, have become the 'dream team' otherwise known as the Poltair Pirates. The team consists of Hope Couchman, Lauren James, Tori Marks, Courtney Long, Bradley Hallett, Kieran Powell, Alfie Chambers, Stephen Fage, Darrian Lee, Brierley Rickard, Jessie Lucas, Serina Hussain and Alisha Armstrong. The team have been building their car for the past 5 months; it was a big challenge and required huge amounts of team effort. It was decided to make the bodywork out of corrugated plastic. In total it took three and a half hours to put the bodywork onto the car, with cardboard templates used first to ensure the measurements were accurate.

Race Day

The inter-schools race was held at RAF St Mawgan and was to last 4 hours from 11:00am-3:00pm. In total there were 7 drivers and 6 pit crew. The idea was to see which car could cover the most distance in the 4 hours - the same principle as is used for the world-famous 24 hour Le Mans race. The whole course was 0.8 miles long; the drivers had to be cautious while driving as penalties could be awarded for disobeying the rules. The Marshalls who were watching the track had 3 flags. A yellow flag meant slow down; a red flag meant slow down to walking speed and a black flag held up to any car awarded a penalty.

Kieran Powell had the fastest lap time amongst Poltair's drivers. There were a fair few crashes with other teams' cars with the cone of one car coming off; however all teams were great at fixing their cars swiftly and smoothly by working as a team.

Overall the day was fantastic even though the weather was awful with wind and rain sweeping across the course - it made the experience a whole lot more interesting!

At the end of the race Poltair came second in their class and 8th overall in the south-west; for a first attempt the team were all so proud of how well they did. Most of all 'thank you' to Miss Brader and Mr Martin who have supported the team through the last 5 months and for giving them the opportunity to take part in the Greenpower Formula 24 race 2012.

Report by Alisha Armstrong

Greenpower Formula 24



Race Day



Thursday 21st June





HOUSE STARS



TEWINGTON

Tyler
7DGB

For always being polite.

Roseanne
10MWA

For always being polite and positive.

TREVERBYN

Alana
7GH

For her excellent attendance, behaviour and punctuality as well as her participation in Sports Day.

Bradley
10JJ

For his excellent attendance, punctuality and participation in Sports Day.
An excellent team player!

TRENANCE

Jessica
7SF

For adapting to Poltair.

Daisy & Matt
10HV

Both working hard on revision in Tutor time.

TREGREHAN

Denver
8AL

For continued good progress in music.

Jodie
9JAX

For continued good progress in ICT

Spotlight on MFL

Mrs Hancock is running two quizzes in the run up to the Disneyland Paris trip in activities week. Whilst you are walking around the school this week, have a look for questions about some well-known Disney films – answer the questions correctly and you could win a prize! Hand your answers to Mrs Hancock by Thursday 5th July to be in with a chance of winning!



I am very excited about going to Disneyland Paris because I have never been to France before. I think that this is a very good opportunity to go as I would have never had another chance to go.
Grace Haberland 7MP



I am really looking forward to the trip to France, especially the thrill rides at Disneyland. Something I particularly think is a must see, is the Eiffel Tower. I have never been abroad before so this will be my first journey across the sea.
Ben Bassett 7LW

Miss Obet and Mrs Hancock are excited as this year they are going to Disneyland Paris with some pupils....here is what some of them had to say about it:

I am looking forward to going to Eurodisney because I have never been there before and it will be a new experience. I am also looking forward to experiencing the French culture and hopefully there will be a variety of French food to eat!
Shannon Thomas 9BM

I chose to go on the Disney trip because I wanted to visit Disneyland to go on all of the rides and also so that I can explore Paris. As I am a GCSE French student, I think I will benefit from this trip as I can put my French speaking into practice.
Beth Collett 9JD

TOP TEN



David Winter 10DT

1) **What option subjects do you take?**

I have chosen GCSEs in French, Spanish, Geography and Art, and I am also part of the Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh teams.

2) **What is your favourite meal?** Spaghetti bolognese.

3) **What job would you like to do in the future?** I am considering the teaching profession – perhaps in primary schools.

4) **Who is your hero?** Miss Blackburn, the Ten Tors Team Manager.

5) **Who is your favourite singer/band?** Green Day.

6) **What is your favourite hobby?** Walking my dogs.

7) **Name one thing that perhaps people don't know about you?** I am a volunteer helper at a community youth club.

8) **What do you enjoy most about Poltair?** Seeing my friends and working at my best, I especially enjoy the challenge of studying two languages.

9) **What do you treasure most?** My dogs, a Collie cross Spaniel and an Alsatian cross Greyhound.

10) **What one thing would you change in the world today?** The amount of litter.

ACTIVITIES WEEK 9TH TO 13TH JULY

REMINDER:-

All money for trips should be paid up by 5th July.

Poltair School
Class of 2012
Year 11 Ball
Friday 13th July 2012
7.00 pm-11.30 pm
The Seahorse Centre, Pentowan Sands
Cost of Admission - £25