



SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter



HOUSE STARS



TEWINGTON

Patrick Lambourne

8LS

For being fabulous in tutor time,
English and drama.

Jessica De Sousa

9NH

For helping in tutor. For always being
fully prepared and listening and
following all instructions.

TREVERBYN

Cameron Plant

8JHK

For working above targets in all her
subjects.

Shelby Lee

9KL

For her continued strength and
fortitude.

TRENANCE

Azaria Hicks

8GO

For her positive start to the new term
and mature approach to school .

Chloe Carne

9VW

For her positive start to the new term.

TREGREHAN

Myrus Chapman

7KR

For being polite and helpful.

Chloe Jarvis 11MG

&

Jamie Chapman 11PM

For being elected senior prefects.

Spotlight on Design Technology

Pupils from our local Primary Schools were given a challenge to design and make a bag capable of carrying as many water bottles as possible without the bag collapsing.

*Year 6 Taster Day
Wednesday
18 September 2013*

The pupils were asked to group themselves into teams and the only material given was an old newspaper and the use of a glue stick. The main factor they had to consider was the time of 30 minutes to plan and make the bag.



Some pupils were given expert advice from our prefects/helpers on the day. It can get a bit messy and you need lots of fingers to hold parts in place!



Teamwork is quite simply vital for the group to succeed and so too is an extra pair of hands!



Here we have some pupils carefully considering how to 'contain' the bottles. The trick is trying to remember the task is to hold as many as possible and not worry too much if it was not pretty.



This bag managed to hold 19 bottles when the handle gave way, but it was not the winner which held 21 bottles of water and could not fit any more in. Well done Treverbyn!



We look forward to next year's challenge and wonder if any more records will fall, they are getting stronger and stronger each year.

TOP TEN

This week



Lynsey Toms

Welcome to Lynsey Toms our new Design Technology teacher - here is her 'Top Ten' to help you to get to know her a little better.

1) What exactly do you do at Poltair?

I teach Design Technology - mainly food and catering but this year I am also teaching product design, graphics and citizenship!

2) What is your favourite meal?

I love Italian food – simple antipasti, cheeses and freshly baked bread satisfy me easily!!

3) If you were not a teacher what would you be?

A paramedic! I always wanted to drive an ambulance when I was younger!

4) Who are your heroes?

Katie Piper is an inspirational young lady. She has achieved so much and in the face of adversity. But I have many heroes and they include my Grandad, Steve Jobs and Ben Ainslie too!

5) Who are your favourite bands?

I have way too many to name one! But at the moment I love Ben Howard and Nina Nesbitt.

6) What is your favourite book?

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson 😊

7) Name one thing that perhaps people don't know about you?

I appeared on 'Deal or No Deal' and my husband proposed to me on the show and was the first person to propose on Channel 4!

8) What do you enjoy most about Poltair?

The friendly staff and knowing that there is always somebody you can ask if you are unsure of something.

9) What do you treasure most?

Definitely my family.

10) What one thing would you change in the world today?

Poverty – I don't like seeing people suffer through no fault of their own.

Health & Safety of your child

When parents change phone numbers or have new phone numbers (especially mobiles) it is crucial that the school is informed. This is important should we need to contact you at short notice in the event of an accident or incident. Please ensure that you return the annual data check information we need and that you inform us between times if you change your phone number.

Thank you.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 25 September	Year 11 Group Photos
Wednesday 23 October	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	Half term
Monday 4 November	Staff Training Day No pupils in school.