

## SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

As many of you will know, James Butterworth will be leaving us at half term, after two and a half very successful years at Poltair School. He will be joining St Ives School as Director of their Mathematics Academy. Mr Butterworth is a fantastic teacher who has played a major part, alongside his colleagues, in the rapid improvements in Poltair School's mathematics faculty. This has been evident in both the quality of provision and the ever-improving outcomes achieved by students. He has been a teacher much beloved of those he has taught, has been an able deputy to Mrs Kellow, and diligent and warm colleague to all those at Poltair School.

We will of course miss Mr Butterworth but it is important that we express our delight in his achievement, as a Poltair member of staff, in securing a promotion at another school. We talk a lot at Poltair School to the students about high aspirations and setting oneself clear goals for the future; this is epitomised in the school's motto 'Believe and Achieve'. And in moving on to genuine new and exciting challenges, and as a learner leading learners, we should equally congratulate Mr Butterworth on his achievements, as well as thanking him and wishing him all the best for the future.

Stephen Tong

Stephen Tong Headteacher



Another successful Final of Poltair's Got Talent 2014 was held on Thursday 15 May. The evening's entertainment of music, singing, dancing and comedy with a judging panel including some of Cornwall's finest producers, comedians, entertainers and expupils: Stephen Tong, Shane Solomon and Edward Rowe (AKA the Kernow King), promised to be extremely exciting yet again.

For those lucky viewers who were fortunate to secure tickets on a sell-out show will agree that the evening proved no less than

Runner up: Courtney

spectacular. The ten finalists, having endured a process of nail-biting auditions, performed their remarkable talents with exceptional pride and joy.

The judges had a very difficult task in their deliberations. Congratulations to Ethan Champion and Alisha Armstrong who were this year's



The winners: Ethan & Alisa

winners with a fantastic version of 'Read all about it'. The runner up was Courtney Jade Rowden with her delightful solo 'Travellin' Soldier' and third place was Casey Mounce who danced to 'Lived a Lie'.

Congratulations to the winners and well done to all those who took part. We are very much looking forward to next year's audition process and the final of Poltair's Got Talent, 2015. We hope you will join us again for the final!

## **Poltair Primary sessions**

Over the past year a number of our feeder primary schools have been visiting our energetic maths department. The pupils from Bishop Bronescombe, Carclaze, Mount Charles, Pondhu and Sandy Hill have been investigating and exploring the wonderful world of mathematics. Through the use of new technologies, mixed with hands on collaborative learning activities, the primary pupils have thoroughly enjoyed covering a broad range of advanced mathematics.

'It is fantastic to see how polite, enthusiastic and talented the Year 5 and 6 pupils are. I can't wait to teach them when they arrive at Poltair over the next 2 years.' Mr Sugden

'Wow, Maths can be fun!' A comment from a Bishop Bronescombe pupil.

We will continue to work closely with the Year 5's for the remainder of the summer term and will hopefully expand on

the activities and maths covered.

The Maths team.









## YEAR 11 YEARBOOK

The Year 11 Yearbook will be available for purchase from Mrs Chard at both breaks in the Admin Office.

(You can use your vivos).

Cost - £14.50



Activities Week Special Offer 14th – 18th July 2014

Packed lunch - £2.20 per day or £10 for the five days

Packed lunch consists of filled roll, cake, piece of fruit

and carton of drink

If you would like to take advantage of this special offer, orders should be received in the Canteen <u>before</u> 7th July.

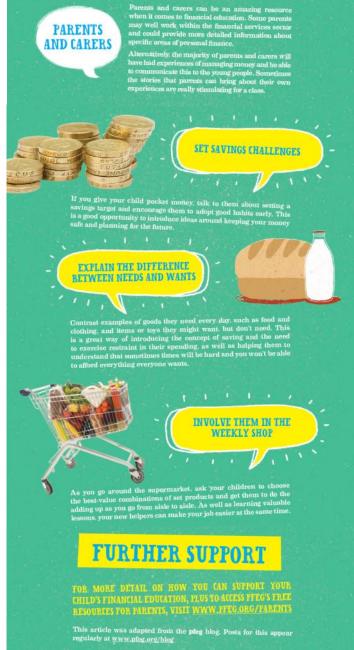
Packed lunches for pupils entitled to free school meals will be ordered through their activity leader.





After the success of last year's 'My Money week' this year's will be bigger and better, running from 9 June to 15 June. There will be a number of KS3 and KS4 challenges during tutor time, such as quizzes and competitions that will be Numeracy and Literacy based. Also there will be lots of vivo's up for grabs.





DIARY DATES	
Monday 26 to Friday 30 May	Half Term holiday
Monday 2 June	All pupils return to school
Monday 9 to Friday 13 June	Money Week—Maths Department

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