



SPOTLIGHT



Issue 8 Summer Term

Week ending 4 July 2014

Parents' Information Newsletter

Year 8 Leadership project

Year 8 students from Poltair School have been working on an exciting joint Leadership Project with Year 8 Penrice Academy students. The four boys; Adam Mumford, Sam Couchman, Elliot Roffe and Dylan Jones have been working collaboratively with their Penrice counterparts to deliver sessions to four local primary schools. The sessions have focused on raising aspirations and being good role models for Year 5 students from Pondhu, Carclaze, St Mewan and Mount Charles as well as developing their own leadership roles.

The project culminated in a trip to the Eden Project where the Year 8 boys settled in their roles, almost immediately, and did a fantastic job of leading the primary school boys on their 'exploration' around the biomes.

Mrs Thomas

"The Leadership project has improved my leadership skills a lot. The thing I enjoyed the most was leading the Year 5s through the biomes at the Eden Project. I enjoyed working with the Years 8s and Year 5s because I made some new friends from a different school." Sam Couchman 8JHK



'The Takeaway homework menu'



The Mathematics Department has launched a fun alternative to homework - 'The Take Away homework menu'.

Pupils are given a choice of twenty seven different activities that give them time to reflect and consolidate the topics covered in class. Each homework is awarded a 'chilli rating' between one for a 'starter' and four for a 'special'. The chillies represent the time the pupils should spend on the piece of homework and they were given the task to complete twelve chillies worth by the end of the half term. The pupils have enjoyed the opportunity to select their homework task, be creative and link the maths they have learnt to their interests.



Lewis has created a set of 52 flash cards to help him revise

All classrooms have a homework display where the chillies are counted and ticked off and good examples are displayed.



POLTAIR WINS **GOLD** AT SCHOOL GAMES

WET WEATHER DOESN'T DAMPEN SPIRITS AT THE 2014 SAINSBURY'S CORNWALL SCHOOL GAMES

On Friday 27 June up to 2,000 young sports stars from primary and secondary schools across Cornwall, defied the weather to take part in the biggest sporting event in the county - the 2014 Sainsbury's Cornwall School Games and Poltair was there in force.

Students were scheduled to take part in over 34 sports across seven venues. However due to the weather forecast, which predicted rain and thunderstorms throughout the day, some of the outdoor sports had to be postponed. This did not dampen the spirits of the young competitors, who excitedly piled into the Richard Lander School's sports hall in Truro, to watch the opening ceremony for the games hosted by the official games mascot Chuffy and Great Britain's Beach Volleyball player Lucy Boulton.

The competition saw students from across the county competing at Richard Lander School, Penair School and Truro School. The standard of competition was very high and the community spirit among the competitors was equally impressive. Poltair had students competing in a range of events including girls' cricket, basketball, dance, skateboarding, scooting and Projectability. Well done to all the competitors but a special mention to Jordan Dodd and Owain Canniff for winning Gold in the Projectability Table Tennis category.



Well done to Oliver Burt, William Ferris, Kate Walker, Laura Cutlan, Holly Pike, Eleanor Grubb and Kallie Jarvis for successfully being young sports leaders at the school games final day.



 HOUSE STARS 	TEWINGTON <i>James Davey</i> 7RT For 'All round brilliance' and for exemplifying the 5Ps every day.	TREVERBYN <i>Katerina Wherry</i> 8JHK For displaying an excellent team spirit.	TRENANCE <i>Sam Clapham</i> 8GO For being positive and getting involved in everything.
	<i>Katie Sturtridge</i> 9NH For excellent attendance and behaviour throughout the year. Also for becoming Cornwall Under 25 pairs champion and under 25 singles champion at bowls at the weekend.	<i>Tom Rowe</i> & <i>Benjamin Philp</i> 1ODF For both having outstanding 100% attendance and positive attitude to learning.	<i>Lewis Clapham</i> 9W For his involvement in extra-curricular activities and representing the school.

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STAR ATTENDERS

Kian Burt 7KR

Liam Williams 7KR

Harry Stanton 7KR

Diogo Noronha 7LB

Katie Griffiths 8DT

Tiegan Glass 8DT

Ethan Chapman 9ABR

Karl Sincock 9ABR

Jake Ferris 9LT

100%

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Unwanted items of school uniform

If you have any clean but unwanted items eg sweatshirts, blazers, shirts/blouses or trousers these would be gratefully received. Please pass in to our school reception.

DIARY DATES

Monday 7 July	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 10 July	Sports Day
Monday 14 to Friday 18 July	Activities & Work Experience Week
Wednesday 23 July	Celebration Assembly Last day of term—School finishes at 1.00 pm
Thursday 24 July	TRAINING DAY—no pupils in school

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



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Headteacher: Stephen Tong

To all Parents and Guardians of children attending Poltair School

Dear Parent or Guardian

Poltair School - Election of Parent Governor

There is a vacancy on the governing body of the school for the category of parent governor. You are invited to nominate any parent or guardian of a child, on the register of the school for election. A nomination form is enclosed; further forms are available from the Headteacher. **Please note that you cannot seek nomination if you are an elected member of the County Council or if you are contracted to work at the school for 500 hours or more between 1st August and 31st July.** Completed nomination forms should be returned to the Headteacher at the School by **12 noon** on Monday 14th July 2014.

Should more than one valid nomination be received there will be an election, by secret ballot of all parents. Should there be no nomination the Governing Body may appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy. The elected governor will continue for the full term of office - even if in that time the parent governor's children leave the school. Governors are of course, free to resign at any time.

A short description is available upon request from the school setting out the duties and responsibilities of governors.

Please note that the successful candidate's details will be placed on the LEA's computer database. This data will be used in accordance with the principles set out in the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998. It will only be used for internal LEA purposes including sharing with members, governing bodies and for mailing information to the successful candidate as and when required.

Being a governor can be a worthwhile experience. It is hoped that, after careful consideration, you will take an active part in supporting the governing body either by standing for election, by nominating another parent or by voting for the candidates of your choice.

Yours sincerely

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CORNWALL LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY –
NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR AT
POLTAIR SCHOOL

COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY
12 NOON on: 14 July 2014

1. We nominate: (please print candidate's details)

Surname:

Forename(s):

Address:

To be a parent governor at Poltair School.

Proposed by (please print):

I am a parent/guardian of a pupil at the school.

Signature

Seconded by (please print):

I am a parent/guardian of a pupil at the school.

Signature:

2. For the candidate. I agree to this nomination being made. I understand that, if successful, I will undergo a pre-appointment check* and that my details will be held on a computer database. I am a parent/guardian of a pupil at the school; I am not an elected member of the County Council and do not work for 500 hours or more at the school.

** unless this check has been undertaken recently as part of the appointment process.*

Signature:

3. As a candidate for election, you may use the following space to let other parents know more about you and what you would wish to achieve as a parent governor. Should there be a need for a ballot, this information will be photocopied as it stands and will be distributed with voting papers to all parents. Please use a black pen or type.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

NAME:

Standing for election at Poltair School

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Signed: