



SPOTLIGHT

Poltair

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Parents' Information Newsletter

Sports Hall Athletics and Key Stage 1 Cross Country at Poltair!



MCSN FULL OF SPORT - 26TH JUNE 2015 CORNWALL SCHOOL GAMES

Poltair School has recently hosted two primary school events. On Thursday 5 March, the sports hall was used throughout the day for Sports Hall Athletics, which incorporates traditional athletics events we are used to seeing outdoors in the summer term. Sports Hall Athletics is for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and consists of field and track events, with schools entering teams of 9 boys and 9 girls working as a team to accumulate the highest team score. The winning team along with the runners up qualify for Tier 2 Cornwall School Games Sports Hall Athletics, where they will face other primary schools who have qualified from Cornish Schools in different areas.

Bishop Bronescombe, and Charlestown competed against each other in the morning in the Years 3 & 4 category. After a competition briefing with pupils and teachers, teams were given the opportunity to warm up ahead of a highly anticipated competition. At 9.30 am members of each team headed off to their selected field events. The events selected to compete in were; Soft Javelin, Speed Bounce, Medicine Ball Chest Push, Standing Long Jump, Standing Triple Jump/Five Strides, Vertical Jump.

Every individual who participated gave their all and it was fantastic to see each member of a team, cheering on fellow team mates. It was a close call throughout the morning's field events with both teams taking the lead after different events, however it was Bishop Bronescombe who took an early lead into the track events. Track events consisted of relay races involving all members of a team as each member has to compete in one race each.

"Sports Hall Athletics is a fantastic event, which in my opinion is the most enjoyable for all participants and teachers and gives every school an equal opportunity of doing well in competition".

Lee Adams

Poltair PE Teacher and

Head of House



Soft Javelin Competitor

Poltair



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Mid Cornwall Sports Network

Charlestown battled hard and with the cheers and encouragement bellowing through the sports hall, they won their points on track events and overtook Bishop Bronescombe in the overall standings to win the Years 3 and 4 event. But all was not lost for Bishop Bronescombe, coming in second place they still qualified for the next round along with Charlestown.

The afternoon was soon upon the team running this event, and the Years 5 and 6 teams had arrived. Bishop Bronescombe were back along with Charlestown, yet they had a new opponent to contend with, St Mewan being the new challengers. Once again field events were up first and team members headed to their selected events, this time Bishop Bronescombe and Charlestown pupils looked more determined to put in a good performance for their team as they realised further competition meant more difficult circumstances. St Mewan looked organised in the early stages, with some pupils showing great technique and skill in certain events. Leading into the track events St Mewan had taken an early lead with Bishop Bronescombe in second and Charlestown in third.

In the track events St Mewan pupils again looked well-organised and each pupil knew their role, they dominated the majority of the races from good baton passes and knowledge of event rules. Charlestown kept going throughout each race and managed to secure second spot. Unfortunately due to some drops of the baton and losing time from that, Bishop Bronescombe finished third, which ultimately saw them finish third in the overall Years 5 & 6 standings, with Charlestown just creeping into second and St Mewan finishing in that number one spot. However, some good news for all teams as they all went on to qualify for the next round as Bishop Bronescombe filled the spot left by a team who had to drop out of the next round.

It was brilliant to see the effort put in by all participants, each member of every team played their part and created a great day of competition. Good luck to all schools in the next round!

Sportshall

On Wednesday 11 March, Mid Cornwall Sports Network hosted a one off Key Stage 1 Cross Country event on the sports fields at Poltair School. Poltair students were involved as leaders, to help marshal throughout the afternoon. A 600 metre course was laid out ready for nine primary schools, consisting of boys and girls from Years 1 and 2. The wet and windy weather loomed over the top of the course and unfortunately left the ground slippery and muddy. Yet this did not deter the young participants who all had smiles on their faces and could not wait to take part in Cross Country, this is because primary schools only really have the opportunity to enter teams in our MCSN Cross Country League for Years 5 and 6. So this gave these Key Stage 1 pupils the opportunity to get a taste of what it will be like to compete in bigger races in a few years time.



A Luxulyan pupil enjoying himself



Year 1 Boys setting off, all battling to get a good position in the race.





First three finishers in Year 1 Boys race



Year 2 girls battling for the lead



First three finishers in Year 1 Girls Race, well done girls

Each race was highly competitive with participants overtaking, then being overtaken themselves, all trying to win individual battles and bump themselves up the leaderboard. Participants struggled to gain a grip underneath their feet under the testing ground which did lead to a few individuals falling over and losing their positions in the race. With 123 pupils participating, the turnout was better than expected and really showed how keen primary schools are in getting pupils active.

It was really humbling to see the turnout from family members who had come to cheer on their children in each race. Parents running alongside their children giving them constant encouragement is always a sight that you cannot help but smile at.

The event ran smoothly thanks to a helping hand from fantastic Poltair Leaders and from the organisation of the teachers, who had instructed their pupils on rules and where they needed to be etc. So a big thank you to those individuals is in order.

Mid Cornwall Sports Network received a great response to the event and were thanked by members of staff for putting on this event and are enthusiastic about this event running again next year and for years to come.

Well done to all participants and bring on next year's race, hopefully the word will spread and we will have more participants next year.



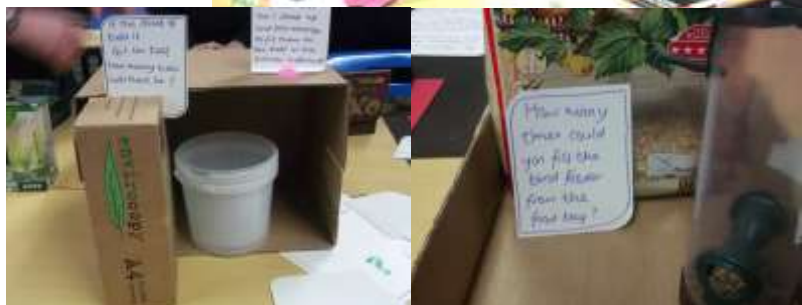
First three finishers in Year 2 Boys Race, well done boys

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HOUSE STARS	<p><i>Ellie Hodgson</i></p> <p>8KH</p> <p>For improving attendance and performing excellent ambassador duties.</p>	<p><i>Jazmine Glazebrook</i></p> <p>8JB</p> <p>For her positive approach to school and improving attendance.</p>	<p><i>Abbie Burton</i></p> <p>8SMc</p> <p>For continued positivity and contribution to the tutor group.</p>	<p><i>Jaydon Craddock</i></p> <p>8KR</p> <p>For being a ray of sunshine in tutor time.</p>
	<p><i>Marcel Siekierski</i></p> <p>11CP</p> <p>For improving attendance and no behaviour points.</p>	<p><i>Alfie Adams</i></p> <p>9AR</p> <p>For being a true role model to his peers and always following the 5Ps.</p>	<p><i>Marcus Reynolds</i></p> <p>10VW</p> <p>For sorting work experience and excellent effort with behaviour and attendance so far. Positive attitude towards school.</p>	<p><i>Jake Ferris</i></p> <p>10LT</p> <p>For maintaining 100% attendance.</p>

Parents visit Mathematics faculty

On Thursday 12 March the Mathematics faculty invited parents into school. The parents of Year 7 to 10 pupils were shown examples of the types of misconceptions their child has. We also gave them some practical, simple and easy to use ideas of how everyday items can be used to help support their child make their expected progress. The parents of Year 11 pupils worked with their child in creating revision resources and finding out about all the different support available to them in helping their child prepare for the exam.

We would like to thank all of those who attended, we had a fantastic evening and it was a pleasure working with our parents. We are looking forward to the next session in the Summer Term.



WEEKLY MATHS QUESTION

A cereal company decided to increase the height of its boxes by 30 percent and reduce the width in order to maintain the same volume.

If initially:

length = 20cm

height = 40cm

width = 30 cm

What will the new height and width be if length stays the same?



The answer to the Maths question in Spotlight Issue 7:

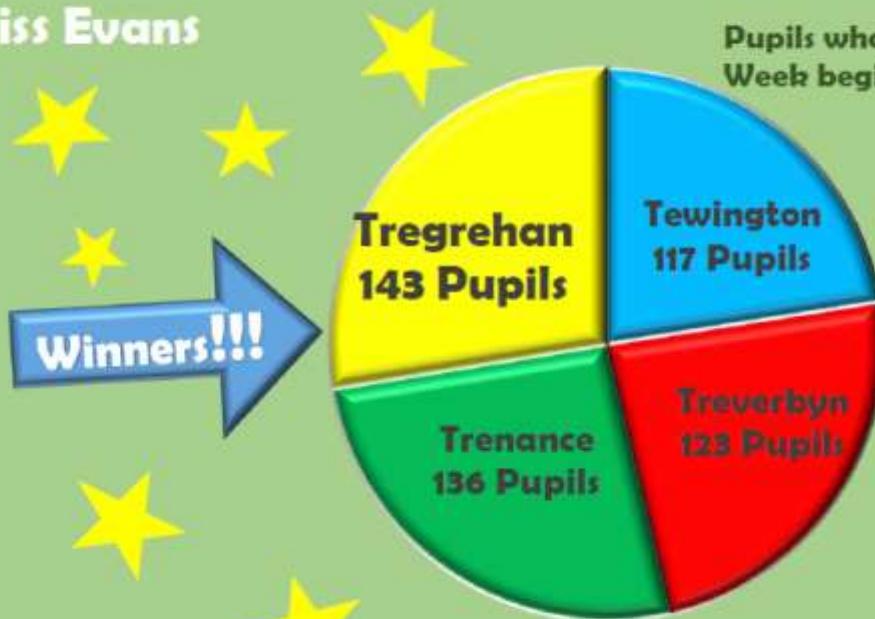
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**Congratulations to every pupil
that was able to attend every day
last week!**

HOUSE ATTENDANCE

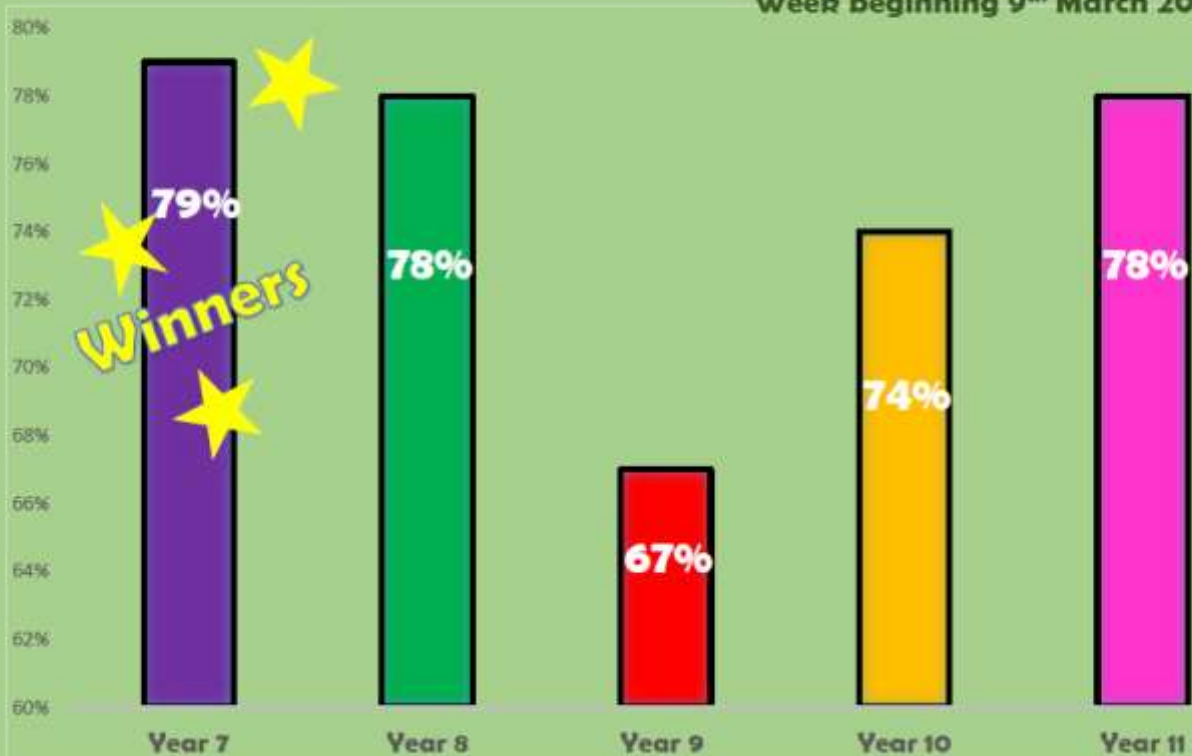
Miss Evans

**Pupils who have attended 100%
Week beginning 9th March 2015**



YEAR GROUP ATTENDANCE

**Pupils who have attended 100%
Week beginning 9th March 2015**



PARENTS WANTED!

Do you have a smart phone or device that can download APPs?

Would you be willing to trial a new parent APP for us and give some brief feedback?

We are looking for volunteers who can support us with choosing a new tool for communicating attendance and behaviour data daily to help keep you better informed about your child. Your feedback is vital in making sure we get this right! There will be a small token of our gratitude for anyone willing to take part.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mr Harrison,

Assistant Headteacher at sharrison@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk



	DATE	EXAM START TIME	SUBJECT	ROOMS
EARLY EXAMS	Mon 23 Mar	9.00am	Catering Practical Exam (Set 11A/Cg1)	Food Rooms
	Mon 23 Mar	10.40am	Art / Photography Practical Exam Session 1 of 3	Photography - E10 Art – Art Rooms
	Tues 24 Mar	9.00am	Catering Practical Exam (Set 11ab/Cg1)	Food Rooms
	Fri 17 Apr	9.00am	Art / Photography Practical Exam Session 2 of 3	Photography - E10 Art – Art Rooms
	Wed 22 Apr	9.00am	Art / Photography Practical Exam Session 3 of 3	Photography - E10 Art – Art Rooms
	Tue 28 Apr	TBA	PE Entry Level Moderation	PE Areas

DATES FOR DIARY

Friday 27 March

Last day of term school finishes at 1.00 pm (buses leave at 1.15 pm)

Saturday 28 March to Sunday 12 April

Easter holidays

Monday 13 April

Staff Training Day (no pupils in school)

Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum

In line with governmental guidelines, over the next half term Year 9 and Year 11 students will be studying units on Relationships and Sex Education during their tutor times. If you have any questions with regards to the programme or content, please do not hesitate to contact Miss K Hughes via the school phone number or email khughes@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk

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