

Year 8 Reporters Have a Blast in BBC Schools News Report By Jess Allen

On the Thursday, 10th March 2016, a group of Year 8 pupils were reporters for the day as part of the 10th Annual BBC School News Report. Along with Mrs. Venables, they spent the day sniffing out news stories from around the school. The students created a news video, including filming and editing the news, which is now available to watch on the school's website here (along with the previous years' news videos): <http://www.poltairschool.co.uk/introduction/Poltube.html>

In order to create the news, they had to plan and research their news stories, write questions for interviews, and learn how to film and edit the video—all within one school day! Some of the topics they covered were the Performing Arts Show, the election in America, the impact of Option Choices and what the school has done to raise money for charities. They even included a special feature on the effects of El Nino and the weather!



Most exciting of all, four of our Year 8 students, Rhys, Paul, Chelsea and Tyler, received a phone call from Nick Grimshaw (Radio 1 Breakfast Show's Presenter) and they had an exclusive interview with him about the importance of the BBC's #1millionhours Campaign. He told them that by participating in the #1millionhours event, they learn not to be selfish and are taught how other people live. He added that "it's better to give your time and patience than money." The students also learned that, as a school, we have given nearly £31,000 to charities over the last few years—a rather impressive amount!

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Grimshaw gave Rhys an exclusive when he told him that he was going to do his own “Grimathlon” to rival the Gregathlon completed earlier this year by Greg James, the Drive Time Presenter on Radio 1. And Rhys was even cheeky enough to ask Grimshaw if he would follow Rhys on his Snapchat account! Fortunately for Grimmy, he said no, but Rhys is still living in hope that this will change in the future.

As a former participant of the BBC School News Report, I think that doing this is important because, as well as finding out about recent news in school and around the world, it can give students an opportunity to experience what being a news reporter is like. It can also boost our confidence in being in front of a camera. It’s a great learning experience!

St Austell Primary Schools Tag Rugby Festival



Poltair School held their annual Primary Tag Rugby festival on Thursday 10th March, at which nine schools attended. All the children that attended enjoyed the afternoon and did their schools proud. The event was very well supported by parents and guardians as well as two rugby legends in Matt Shepherd (Plymouth Albion) and Verity Waters (Plymouth Albion). The competition was a round robin tournament where all school’s played each other and it resulted in a close finish. The final placings were St Mewan 1st, Charlestown 2nd, Bugle 3rd, Mount Charles 4th, Pondhu 5th, Bishop Bronescombe 6th, Treverbyn 7th, Sandy Hill 8th and Mevagissey 9th.

All matches were played in the spirit of the game and the level of rugby was fantastic.

The top four schools have now progressed to the next round of competition on the 15th April @ Tregorrick. Best of Luck to you all.



Exam Invigilators Required

Rate of pay: Grade B (approx. £7.00 per hour at present).

We are seeking to recruit Invigilators to join our current enthusiastic and professional team. We are now recruiting for the summer exam season, starting 3rd May through to beginning of July, although help may also be required at other times during the academic year. Full training will be given.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and all staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment. All our recruitment and selection practices reflect this and successful applicants are subject to Criminal Records Bureau checks along with other relevant employment checks.

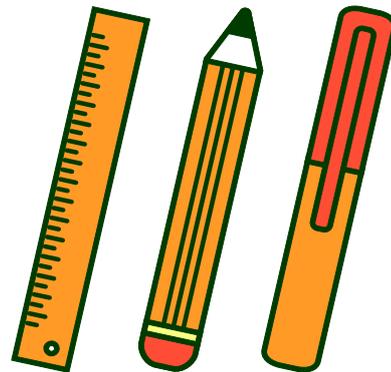
For further details please contact Mrs Kathryn Northcott, Exams Officer on 01726 874520 (ext *266) or download information from www.poltairschool.co.uk

Behaviour for Learning Policy Update

After launching our new Behaviour for Learning policy in September 2015, it has become apparent that some minor adjustments are needed in order to raise basic expectations. One area of focus is around the essential equipment needed to be successful in school and indeed the workplace.

The essential equipment for school is as follows:

- Writing pen (blue or black ink)
- Sharpened pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Sharpener

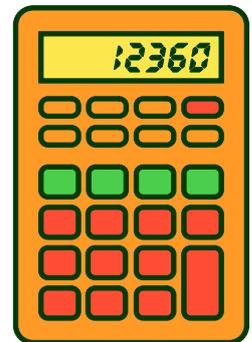


The list above should be kept within a pencil case or pencil tin which should of course, be graffiti free. Having the equipment within a suitable case supports the longevity of it.

This is the minimum expectation for all students. All equipment can be sourced at a very low cost from local supermarkets and shops and via the Vivo Reward Store for students.

In addition to the list above, students would also benefit from the following:

- Highlighter
- Coloured pencils
- Scientific calculator (this can be purchased via the Maths department)



Students arriving at school without the essential equipment for school will now be issued with an A2 breaktime detention by their tutor on every day that they do not have the equipment. This change has been made to ensure that students are well prepared and ready to learn from the moment they enter the classroom. Not having equipment can detract from learning of both the student without equipment and also from other students in the class. Equipment will be checked every morning at tutor time.

As parents, we hope that you will support us in this drive to raise standards and expectations by ensuring that you check your child's equipment and replenish this regularly where needed. If you are struggling to provide equipment, please contact your child's tutor who will be able to offer

Spring Term Ends

1.00pm Thursday 24th March 2016

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