

# SPOTLIGHT

Parents' Information Newsletter



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## SAFETY AT SCHOOL

*Whilst your children are with us at school during the school day we have a duty of care to make sure that all young people are safe.*

*Poltair, as many of you will know, is situated in a busy area of the town and to some extent is rather vulnerable in terms of public access. It is a huge site and requires careful monitoring. We have CCTV cameras at all major points around the campus and staff on duty are vigilant and challenge any visitor not wearing an official visitor's badge.*

*As you also know we are situated next to St Austell FC grounds, the Rifle Club and the park. From time to time these areas act like a magnet to a small minority of pupils who have 'wandered' out of the school grounds.*

*In recent months the Football Club and the Rifle Club have experienced increases in graffiti and vandalism. We have also had complaints from the owners of the Bowling Club which is situated in the park. There is a definite increase in the number of pupils who are using these areas as meeting places before and after school.*

*We want to maintain our good relations with all of these community partners. In spite of what your children may tell you - no child is permitted to leave the school premises during school hours which include break and lunch time. Now that Cornwall College has relocated to John Keay House the small number of Years 10 and 11 pupils attending College courses have no need to pass by the areas mentioned.*

*We hope that you will emphasise to your child that they are expected to be on the school site at all times during the school day and that the areas mentioned above are strictly out of bounds before and after school times. Further incidents involving pupils on these sites may involve the police.*

Seán Hewitt  
On behalf of the Leadership Team  
Barry Richardson, Peter Booth and Helen Holmes.

## Community Trampolining Club



Monday 18th February to Monday 28th April  
(Term time only)

4.15 – 5.15 pm in the Sports Hall with Miss C Mitchell  
Ages 8 to 13 (you do not have to be a pupil at Poltair to attend, so brothers and sisters are more than welcome.)

**£1 per session per child**

Maximum of 20 places on a first come first served basis each session

For more information see Miss C Mitchell or Mrs L Booth

## INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

We had our most successful Poltair Rowing Championships ever on Monday 4th February with pupils producing excellent performances and pushing closer to the higher national rankings scores. The event was supported by Tom Pattichis, the Amateur Rowing Association Development Officer, Alistair Barr and Tommy Gee from local rowing clubs. The pupils have been working with Alistair from the Castle Dore Rowing Club throughout the winter and have improved their technique to really achieve some excellent results:

<b>RESULTS</b>		
<b>YEAR 7</b>		
FIRST	James Price	457 m
SECOND	Mark Wherry	440 m
THIRD	Tarl Raven	436 m
FIRST	Jessica Newson	475 m
SECOND	Charlotte Cutlan	470 m
THIRD	Shannon Wheat	456 m
<b>YEAR 8</b>		
FIRST	Abi Caple	717 m
SECOND	Lauren Golley	642
THIRD	Ashleigh Barnard	588
FIRST	Ollie Elston	714 m
SECOND	Jamie Rickard	699 m
THIRD	Dom Hallett	684 m
<b>YEAR 9</b>		
FIRST	Abigail Duckworth	802 m
FIRST	Ben Welland	1109 m
SECOND	Graham Endean	964 m
THIRD	Chris Chard	946 m
<b>YEAR 10</b>		
FIRST	Philippa Brett	1150 m
SECOND	Lauren Jarvis	973 m
THIRD	Danielle Emerson	921 m
FIRST	Tony Richards	1251 m
SECOND	Alex Kimpton	1241 m
THIRD	Curtis Murray	1213 m
<b>YEAR 11</b>		
FIRST	Emma Toms	1361 m
FIRST	Alex Welland	1518 m

The top 3 students from each category have been invited to represent the school at the South West Rowing Championships at Heles School in Plymouth on 26th February. We won the overall boys' title last year and came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the South West, a success that we hope to at least equal in the next competition.

Rowing Club is held every Friday after school in the gym with Mr Barr and Mr Carter. Please just come along if you feel up for a challenge!

Mrs L Booth