

Foodbank Project

The winter months following Christmas can be a considerably difficult time for families in crisis all across the country, this is no different for those living in St Austell who are battling hardships.

Last month, staff and students at Poltair decided to collect items to donate to a local Foodbank.

St Austell Foodbank, a project by St Austell Light and Life Church, is run by volunteers who are passionate about helping those in need. We held a House Competition to see which house was able to collect the most food (results below) - this really motivated our students and led to an incredible 236 items being donated!

On 15th February, six students from Year 10, along with Miss Waters (Year 10 Team Leader) paid a visit to the foodbank and delivered the collection.



Volunteers at the food bank were very grateful to receive such a generous amount.

We have since received the following message from one of the organisation's organisers:

Thank you to all those who contributed to your recent donation of 117.6 kg of food to the Foodbank. The Foodbank continues to be very busy and so far this year we have already given out a 3-day emergency food parcel to nearly 500 people, of which 182 were children. As we rely totally on donations this would not have been possible without the generosity of those such as yourselves and your donation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Results of the House Competition:

- 1st - Tewington - 63 items
- 2nd - Treverbyn - 59 items
- 3rd - Trenance - 58 items
- 4th - Tregrehan - 56 item

Calendar Dates



March 7th
World Book Day



March 7th
Year 8 KS4 Progression Evening
(letters have been sent to Year 8 parents and carers)

March 11th - 15th
Science Week

March 15th
Red Nose Day



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If you are interested in donating to St Austell Foodbank, they are currently looking for any of the following items:

- Fruit juice (long life carton)
- Instant mashed potato
- Instant coffee
- Sponge puddings
- Cereal
- Tinned fruit
- Milk (long life carton)
- Dried Pasta and Pasta sauces
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Custard
- Long Grain Rice
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Jam
- Biscuits
- Chocolate
- Juice

Mathematics at Poltair

On Tuesday 12th February, Mr McNally attended a CASH meeting with a significant number of CTL of Mathematics from across the county.

The main speaker was Andrew Taylor, Head of Curriculum for AQA.

His presentation was insightful and highlighted areas of challenge for both Higher and Foundation students.

Mr McNally has created a booklet for Year 11 teachers based on 'Questions that Proved Challenging'

(from Mr Taylor's presentation). He completed these questions as a mini WTM activity with 11xM2a, the pupil feedback was extremely positive.

He also made some notes on topics needed to secure the higher grades on each paper:

Foundation	Higher
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dividing by a two-digit number (Chunking)• Approximation (using 1 sig fig)• Interpreting Pie Charts (from an angle seen when given the total population)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpreting Sine and Cosine curves• Solving simultaneous equations with one linear and one quadratic (showing only one solution)• Deducing the equation of a tangent from a diagram

Teachers will include these topic areas into starters, plenaries or HW tasks (if they teach an upper Foundation or Higher group) and invite Mr McNally in to see it!

February's Maths Puzzler

In the year 2004, the units digit (4) was equal to twice the thousands digit.
In what year will this next happen?

The correct answer was: 2024

Well done to Bronwen Craddock who was the winner!
Bronwen received 15 House Points and a GCSE Maths revision book.

March's Maths Puzzler?

If 'AND' is written as 'EQF'
and 'THE' is written as 'XKG'
then how will 'COM' be written?

Email your answers to Mr McNally:
SMcNally@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk
along with your name/tutor group.

Poltair School & Community Defibrillator Campaign



After months of fundraising we were absolutely when we reached our £2500 target.

Duchy Defibrillators installed the device over the half term - it is situated just inside the main gates (to the right).

We hope there is never cause for it to be used, however, it is there in case of an emergency.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection, we couldn't have done it without you!

We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Wingrave who not only came up with the idea, but also ran the campaign.

We are still welcoming donations which will go towards the annual upkeep of the machine.



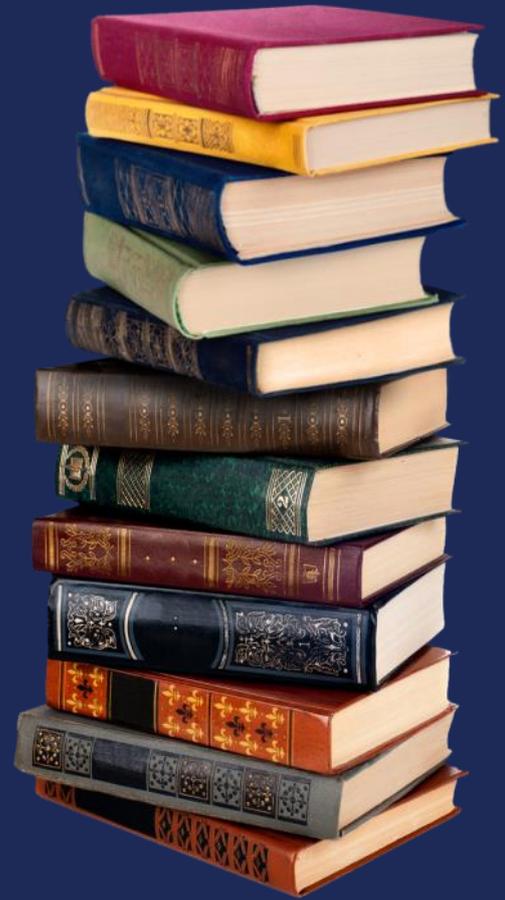
World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

House Competition!

Rules:

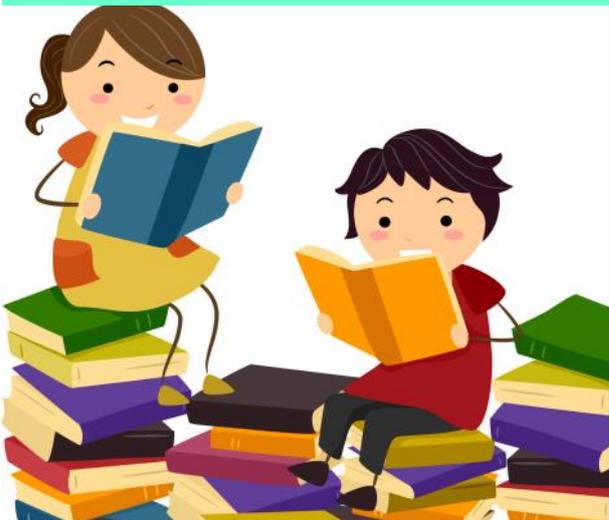
- ◇ Read a book
- ◇ Fill in a “Chain Review” slip
(You will receive 10 House Points for each review slip you complete)
- ◇ Each slip will be added to your House’s chain
- ◇ The House with the longest chain on 7th March will be the winners!



“Share a Story” Book Swap Shop

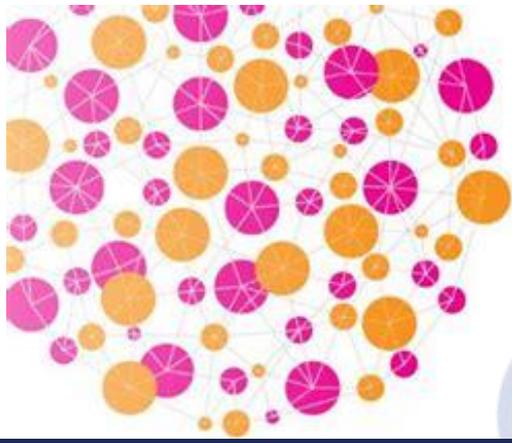
WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

**Do you have any books that you no longer read?
We would welcome any donations to our swap shop!**



Our aim is collect as many good quality, second-hand books as we can and share them amongst our students.

Although the Swap Shop will continue long after World Book Day, we would love to have enough books so that on World Book Day, every student can have one book to begin with which they can then swap for another once they have read it.



British Science Week

11th - 15th March

2019

Ways to get involved...



THE GREAT BRITISH

Science Week

BAKE OFF



Get creative and bake a cake!

Your cake must have one of the following 3 themes:

- ◇ Journeys in Science
- ◇ Exploring Space
- ◇ 100 Years of the Periodic Table

Entries to be with Miss Dingwall or Miss Spicer by Friday March 15th

Poster Competition

- Design a poster with the theme "Journeys"
- The poster must be either A4 or A3 in size
- Entries must be submitted to Miss Dingwall or Miss Spicer by Friday March 15th

Send us a photo of yourself doing a "Beach Clean" and we will give you **20 House Points!**

Post your photos on our Facebook page:
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