

SPOTLIGHT

Parents' Information Newsletter



Autumn 2007

Dear Parents and Carers

Once again I am delighted to tell you about the fantastic success of our Open Evening. It appeared that we had many more visitors this year. Our helper pupils and prefects were a credit to you and the school. Prospective parents were able to see our new Science rooms for the first time and as usual there were treats to be tasted in Food Technology and a superb array of wonderful displays and activities throughout the whole school.

We have made an excellent start to the academic year with many sporting victories in local fixtures and tournaments and we hosted the local Primary School Football Tournament with great success. Our Junior Sports Leaders were outstanding!

We would like to thank you for the support you have given to our new uniform. The pupils look very smart indeed. I would remind parents though that pupils should be wearing white short sleeved cotton shirts or blouses. Some pupils, boys in particular, are wearing either oversized or long sleeved, long tailed shirts and a minority of those are wearing these in an unsuitable fashion. Pupils who are choosing to wear their shirts in this way are being asked to tuck them in.

The uniform was designed to allow some flexibility through a range of choices but the main aim was to have a smarter appearance and we wish to maintain the standards already set by the majority.

Seán Hewitt

On behalf of the Leadership Team

Peter Booth, Helen Holmes and Barry Richardson

PROTOCOL REGARDING MOBILE PHONES

It has been brought to my attention that parents have been phoning their child/children on their mobiles during the school day. Please can I remind you that pupils should not be using their mobile phones during the school day. Please follow the normal procedures and phone school through the main school switchboard 01726 874520; any emergency calls will be dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

The rules below apply for mobile phone use at school:-

- 1) *The phone is the pupil's responsibility not the schools.*
- 2) *Mobiles should be switched off at all times during the school day.*
- 3) *Pupils should not make or receive calls during school hours.*
- 4) *If phones go off in lessons, they will be confiscated.*
- 5) *No mobile phones or Mp3 players will be collected by PE staff during PE lessons.*

POLTAIR PARTNERSHIP with YERGALEM SCHOOL, ETHIOPIA

We are fortunate enough to have been chosen to take part in an exciting new partnership scheme. Through the Youth Sports Trust 'Dreams and Teams Scheme', Poltair School is being twinned with a school in Yergalem in Ethiopia.

Next week we will be playing host to the Headteacher, Getachew Ayele and Mekbib Teka a member of staff from the school. Yirgalem is 2 hours from Adis Ababa in Southern Ethiopia .

The school serves a huge area and has 6,000 students aged from 15 - 20 years old.

We hope to make a return visit to Ethiopia next spring with pupil exchanges scheduled for the future.

Year 9 Rugby Tournament Report

The tournament was a great success with Poltair winning every match. The tournament consisted of three games with Penrice, Brannel and Fowey Schools. We won against Brannel 31 – 12, then had an outstanding win against Penrice 26 – 5. We headed into our final match with lots of confidence and in a very even and close game we overcame Fowey by two points winning 14 – 12. It was a great achievement for the whole squad.

These are the try and conversion scores:-

Joe Early – 6 tries and 8 conversions

Adam Marks – 2 tries

Daryll Chambers – 2 tries

Ben Welland – 1 try

Report by Adam Marks and Joe Early



THE WINNING TEAM

JADE MARTIN

Congratulations to Jade who has been selected to train for the Cornwall U13 Hockey Development Squad.

PE Dept

MATHS REMINDER

The Maths Department has subscribed to the MyMaths website – www.mymaths.co.uk.

This site can be used for all pupils to enhance their learning in maths with revision, games and extension work. It is ideal for catching up with work missed due to illness or other absence from lessons. Many pupils already have their own individual login for online homework and tests, the rest will have them soon.

Mrs K Walker

TESCO SPORTS VOUCHER SCHEME

Poltair School is taking part in the latest Tesco Sport for Schools & Clubs Voucher Scheme. Please help us purchase additional sports equipment through the scheme by sending vouchers in to Mrs Hancock in the School Library.



Cornwall
COLLEGE

Advice Sessions Dates 2007-08
Camborne, Newquay, Saltash & St Austell

2007

Saturday 20th October*
10:00am – 1:00pm

* A Newquay member of staff will be at the St Austell event and Newquay campus will be closed on this date.

Wednesday 7th November*
5:30pm – 8:00pm

* A Newquay member of staff will be at the St Austell event and 2 at the Newquay campus.

2008

Thursday 7th February
5:30pm – 8:00pm*

* The Newquay campus will be open and there will be no Newquay representative at the St Austell event.

GCSE Results

Thursday 21st August, 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday 22nd August, 10am – 3pm

End June – Introductory Day
14th August 2008 – A-level results day
21st August 2008 – GCSE results day