

# SPOTLIGHT



Issue 6

Parents' Information Newsletter

Autumn Term 2011

## Dear Parent/Carer

We have all been thrilled this week to host the Pearl of Africa Choir from Uganda. Year 7 enjoyed their singing, drumming and dancing workshops on Monday morning and in the afternoon Year 8 pupils along with Year 5 from Carclaze Community Primary School were able to share in a mini concert and question and answer session. The joint concert with Penrice at St Johns was a great success and, taking into account the non-uniform day donations of just over £400, ticket sales and money raised through the sale of crafts we have raised almost £2,000 for this worthwhile cause.



Many of our pupils have been moved by the experience of meeting children from another culture who do not enjoy the security of a nuclear family or state-provided health and education services. The choir members in turn have touched many of us with their positive attitude to life and their appreciation of even the smallest kindness. On behalf of the school and the Pearl of Africa Charity thank you to all members of the Poltair community who have contributed in any way to the success of the tour this week. A very special thank you goes to those families who have so selflessly opened up their homes to host choir members.



The Ugandan flag produced by pupils in a workshop.

Stephen Tong

**Stephen Tong**  
Headteacher

## Dates for diary

### Wednesday 19 October

Year 7 Parents' Evening 3.30 to 6.30 pm (pupils should have received an appointment sheet already)

### Wednesday 19 October

Year 10 year group visit to Cornwall College St Austell 1.00 – 3.00 pm

**Friday 21 October to** (Tewington House  
**Saturday 22 October** Charity Event)

**Monday 24 October to**  
**Friday 28 October (Half Term)**

**Monday 31 October**  
On-site training – NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL

## SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

Due to unforeseen circumstances the patrol site outside the school has become vacant. You may wish to make alternative arrangements for your children's journeys to and from school during this time. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

***Please note that even when a School Crossing Patrol is provided it still remains the responsibility of parents to ensure their child's safety when travelling to and from school.***

We are always keen to recruit more School Crossing Patrols, Relief's and Flying Relief's. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested please contact:

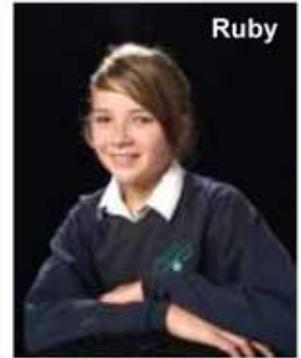
**Jane Lewis, SCP Co-ordinator, Cornwall Council**  
on 01872 327895 or [jlewis@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:jlewis@cornwall.gov.uk)



### MUSIC STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



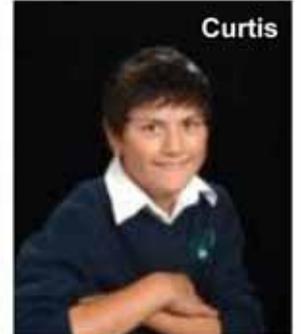
Natdanai



Ruby



12 September	Natdanai Denham (Voice)
19 September	Shanah Richardson (Voice)
26 September	Ruby Waterfield (Violin)
3 October	Curtis Coello (Guitar)



Curtis



### YEAR 10 Student Chefs of the week Food/Catering



Ellie



Sam

For positive attitude and production of appetising products.

#### School Nurse Team

*DROP IN service starting on Monday 17 October*

*At lunch time*

*The service is confidential for young people to discuss health issues.*

*This will take place weekly on Mondays in SSC at lunch time.*

*If a pupil is unable to come to SSC at the drop-in times they can still access this service by placing a question with their name and tutor group in the designated box in reception. The school nurse will then answer the question via a member of the SSC team.*

# HOUSE STARS

On Friday 21 October Team Tewington will be holding a '24 hour' House Charity Event in order to raise money for Cancer Research. The event is taking place in the school Main Hall and 36 pupils are aiming to keep an exercise bike pedalling for 24 hours. The event will start at 12 noon on Friday and will finish at 12 noon on Saturday. Although this event is for Tewington House pupils, any donations will be appreciated for Cancer Research in respect of the chosen charity. For further information regarding this event please speak to Mr Foster.

## TEWINGTON

*Maya Legg*  
7LW

For following the 5 Ps and she has had 100% attendance, no late marks, no behaviour points and also growing in confidence.

*Ross Peace*  
9LKV

Members of staff have been commenting on how fantastic he has been this year.

## TREVERBYN

*Millie Clements*  
8KS

For offering to support the Humanities Department on Open Evening and for having a 100% attendance and always being punctual.

*Ellie Hughes*  
10JJ

For always following the 5Ps, having 100% attendance, always punctual and having 0 behaviour points

## TRENANCE

*Ashley Murrell*  
8KP

For being helpful on Open Evening and for consistent good behaviour in Tutor time.

*Tom Begen*  
11GO

For impeccable manners during Tutor time.

## TREGREHAN

*Emily White*  
9PM

For going the extra mile at special events eg taster day, open evening, cross-country and lots of sports fixtures.

*Kim Pelagio*  
10KR

For settling in very well and being very positive.

# SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

**The STEM Club** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

**Thursdays during twilight sessions**

The STEM Club allows children to explore, investigate and discover in a stimulating learning environment, away from the constraints of the school timetable or a prescribed curriculum. It allows pupils and teachers to work together and explore many different ideas and activities.

The Club is presently looking to purchase a solar powered kit car and is seeking sponsorship from local businesses.

If you can help us in any way please contact Miss Brader by email:  
abrader@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk



## TOP TEN



**AMANDA FINNIE**

- 1) **What exactly do you do at Poltair?** I am a Science Teaching Assistant.
- 2) **What is your favourite meal?** T-bone steak and salad.
- 3) **If you didn't work in a school what would you be?** A social worker.
- 4) **Who are your heroes?** My Mum and Dad.
- 5) **Who is your favourite singer/band?** I like all music but my favourite singer is Adele.
- 6) **What is your favourite book?** 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson, Axel Scheffler (I have read this book several times to my children).
- 7) **Name one thing that perhaps people don't know about you?** I have just passed my Teaching and Learning Degree.
- 8) **What do you enjoy most about Poltair?** Working with the students and helping them achieve.
- 9) **What do you treasure most?** My family.
- 10) **What one thing would you change in the world today?** Child poverty.

## TOP TEN



**JANE THORN**

- 1) **What exactly do you do at Poltair?** I am a Science Teaching Assistant.
- 2) **What is your favourite meal?** Sunday roast (lamb).
- 3) **If you didn't work in a school what would you be?** A tailoress.
- 4) **Who are your heroes?** My Mum and Dad.
- 5) **Who is your favourite singer/band?** UB40 and Coldplay.
- 6) **What is your favourite book?** I like to read a variety of books but my favourite is 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C S Lewis.
- 7) **Name one thing that perhaps people don't know about you?** I have undertaken an unaided parachute jump.
- 8) **What do you enjoy most about Poltair?** All the students.
- 9) **What do you treasure most?** My children and grandchildren.
- 10) **What one thing would you change in the world today?** Poverty.

# GCSE Science Revision FAQ

## Science Revision Sessions - Thursdays after school

### Exam Dates

#### Year 11

#### **Additional Biology:**

24th January 2012 - am

#### **Additional Chemistry:**

26th January 2012 - am

#### **Additional Physics:**

30th January 2012 - pm

### Resits for Year 10 Modules

15th November 2011 - am

#### Year 10

#### **Biology:**

12th January 2012 - am

#### **Chemistry:**

18th January 2012 - am

### How to get Specifications and Past Papers

Go to [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)

On the home page there is a 'Find your specification' box:

If you are in **Year 10**, select and click the **GCSE from 2011 qualification** drop down, then **Science A** beneath it.

Select the **Resources** tab on the left-hand side of the page to access *question papers*, *mark schemes* (the right answers) and *controlled assessment* help and guidance.

**Year 11's** should select the **Outgoing GCSEs** drop down then the **Additional Science** option instead.

Clicking on the **Key Materials** tab that appears will give you access to the *Specifications* (list

### Science Revision guides

#### Year 10

Revision guide £3.50

Work book £2.75

£5 when ordered together

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#### Year 11

Revision guide £3.50

Work book £2.75

£5 when ordered together

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### Separate Science students

Revision guides £2.75 each

3 books required

Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Available from the Science Prep Room during first break only

### **Any Questions?**

Phone: 01726 874520 Extension No. 211 [briley@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:briley@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk)