

SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased that our recent Ofsted Inspection recognised the quality of our broad curriculum and the impact of a range of enriching learning experiences offered to our pupils. Inspectors praised our 'very effective links with the community' and the Year 7 STEM day this week was one such clear example of close collaboration with community partners. We were delighted that colleagues from Cornwall College St Austell and others such as Devon and Cornwall Police and the Air Quality Unit offered Year 7 pupils fun and interactive challenges which demonstrated career opportunities using STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

The community theme continued this week with a Family Fun Quiz night sponsored by Coodes Solicitors and Cornwall Learning. Exhibitors representing a wide field of community services were able to share their expertise with Poltair families and quiz and raffle prizes were donated by a number of local businesses. Particular thanks go to Ian Taylor of Coodes as the quizmaster.

The ethos of Poltair pupils contributing positively to their local community will be celebrated through our Christmas House charity events including the Tregrehan Santa Run for Cornwall Hospice Care and Treverbyn's gifts to troops serving in Afghanistan. Furthermore we are delighted that members of our school choir and brass band will be performing at Mount Edgcumbe's Christmas Fayre. We have just heard the exciting news that Poltair are the 2011 winners of the local Royal British Legion's secondary school trophy for the most money collected for this year's Poppy Appeal.

Each of these opportunities helps our pupils to develop into the responsible and caring adults we all want them to become.

Stephen Tong

**Stephen Tong
Headteacher**

CORNWALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

Saturday 21 January 2012

at Truro School

AGE GROUPS:

Year 7

Years 8 & 9

Years 10 & 11



**For further information
please see Mr Marshall**

LOST PROPERTY

There are several items of lost property in the Admin Office. Please can you check with your child that they have not lost any items of school uniform.

It is very important that all school uniform (including equipment) is named to enable us to return lost items to the correct child.

School Website

Please note that the weekly Spotlight and any archived Spotlights, together with news items, are available to view or download from the school website.
www.poltairschool.co.uk

DATES FOR DIARY

Sunday 11 December

School choir and some members of our brass band will be the star attraction at Mount Edgcumbe's Xmas Fayre. 11.00 - 3.30 pm and we will be performing at 2.30 pm.

Wednesday 14 December

Treverbyn Christmas Fete am
Carol Service pm

Thursday 15 December

Tregrehan Santa Run – Cornwall Hospice Care
End of term Concert (school closes 1.00 pm buses depart 1.15 pm)

Tuesday 3 January 2012

Training Day (no pupils in school)

Wednesday 4 January 2012

All pupils return

Thursday 19 January 2012

Year 11 Parents' Evening (details to follow)

TEN TORS - **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday 5 December Ten Tors Selection Training (for new recruits)
Saturday 21 January Ten Tors Checkers (support team)
Sunday 5 February Ten Tors W4 on Dartmoor (complete team)

Ten Tors Training W3

Sunday 27 November was another sunny but very windy day! The 35 mile team gathered all the learning points for improvement from last week's walk and strode out on the moor with purpose to their step.

The 45 mile team had a good start but illness stopped play. 'It was a good day out and we finished beating our fast time on our route plan. Overall we had a great training walk and we are really looking forward to our next walk out on the hills.' Ruby Waterfield and Abby Crane.

Miss Blackburn
(Outdoor Learning Co-ordinator)



FORTHCOMING HOUSE TEAM EVENT

SANTA FUN RUN – 15 DECEMBER TREGREHAN'S CHARITY EVENT IN AID OF CORNWALL HOSPICE CARE

Tregrehan pupils have now received full details and a letter for parents.

This letter can also be downloaded from our website, follow the link

<http://www.poltairschool.co.uk/Communication/Letters.html>

Are you ready?



Tregrehan Santa Run
don't miss out!

Ask your tutor for details



TOP TEN Head Boy



Sam Cross

1) What option subjects do you do and what is your role in the Senior Prefect team? I have chosen Geography, French and History as my option subjects. My role in the senior prefect team is Head Boy.

2) What is your favourite meal? Cornish pasty.

3) What job would you like to do in the future? I hope to become an airline pilot.

4) Who are your heroes? My parents as they always encourage me in whatever I do.

5) Who is your favourite band? Muse.

6) What is your favourite book? 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo.

7) Name one thing that perhaps people don't know about you? I have shot target rifles at a national level and I also do clay pigeon and game shooting.

8) What do you enjoy most about Poltair? I enjoy being with friends and the learning opportunities that the school offers.

9) What do you treasure most? My Cocker Spaniel called Roxy.

10) What one thing would you change in the world? Stop all wars because of the unnecessary death and destruction that they cause.



REWARDS TRIP TO THE CINEMA
Monday 12 December
(Letters have been received by the
lucky pupils!)

200 pupils are being taken to the
cinema to see 'Arthur Christmas'.
Top 5 pupils in each tutor group.

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Caleb Chillingworth
7DGB

For always being polite, cheerful
and helpful to others.

Michael Carne
10KH

For continually following the 5Ps
and being a polite and courteous
member of his Tutor Group.

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Ben Philp
8JS

For being a role model, having
the highest score in the tutor
quiz, 0 behaviour points, 100%
attendance and excellent
punctuality.

Amie Scott
11LM

For having excellent attendance,
punctuality and attitude.
A hard working role model.

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Chloe Carrington
8KP

For settling in well.

Jade Truman
10HV

For constantly demonstrating
the 5 Ps.

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Jodie Gallacher
9JAX

For 100% attendance, no lates
no behaviour points.

Ellis King
10KR

For 100% attendance, no lates
and no behaviour points.



Christmas
Christmas
House activities
House activities

SANTA HAT DECORATION COMPETITION

£1 each
Decorate in house colours, hats
to be worn in final assembly.
See Mrs Chard or
Mr Foster (All extra money
raised goes to charity).



CLASSROOM DECORATION

Best decorated tutor group
to receive prizes.



TEAM TREVERBYN

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

On Wednesday 14 December, Team Treverbyn will be staging a Christmas Extravaganza, with all proceeds going to Treverbyn's nominated charity for the season, FLEET. The event will see all ten tutor groups in Treverbyn House running stalls including Hoopla, Decorate-a-Cake, Putt the Golf Ball and a White Elephant stall plus many more.

We would very much welcome any donations of prizes from parents and carers in order to support the event.

In addition, we would like to turn our Main Hall into a 'Winter Wonderland' for the experience and are therefore asking for donations of decorations to help aid the festivities. All donations will be very gratefully received. If you are able to help, please send your donations in to school, via your child, to their tutor or pass them directly to the school reception, clearly marked for the attention of Mrs Bond, Head of House.

Team Treverbyn Support British Forces

Christmas can be an exciting time for young and old and as we enter the festive season, Treverbyn House pupils have been thinking about those who may have a different Christmas experience.

Ex Poltair pupil, Matt Bale is currently serving in Afghanistan and has been in contact with Director, Barry Richardson. Matt said, "We're doing some pretty intensive high risk search stuff for Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's), finding them and stopping the threat, so you can imagine the stress. There's nothing better than receiving things from home to know people back home care about the job we're doing."

To support Matt and his Army friends, every tutor group in Treverbyn House is preparing a shoe box style gift box to send out to Afghanistan. If you would like to donate any small items including toiletries, sweets and puzzles, please send them in to school via your child.

