



End of Autumn Term Parent Bulletin



A Message from the Headteacher

As we rapidly approach the end of term, I would like to thank you for all your support - for both the school and your child. Last week was extremely challenging with the weather, and I know that many of you had to overcome a number of difficulties to ensure that your child made it into school, this is really appreciated by everyone. I have been really impressed over the last few weeks, seeing the determined faces of the children who are struggling through to the very end of term. Their commitment to their education and determination to succeed is fantastic. At the school, we talk about building character and confidence - they are certainly showing both now. I would like to thank those of you who braved the weather in order to support the Winter Concert last Thursday evening; a hall full of parents supporting the children was great to see. There were some fantastic performances with children showing great confidence.

There have been some fantastic activities taking place over the past couple of weeks, in the run up to Christmas, but what has stood out to me the most is the support shown for the Christmas Box Appeal. It has been amazing to see such generosity in a time where everyone is feeling the impact of the cost of living. This will be a hard Christmas for a lot of families - the cost of living has impacted hard and energy prices continue to rise; as do fuel costs. To me, this kind of generosity brings home the true meaning of Christmas and also the strong community spirit within Poltair.

Christmas lunch was a joy to see, with so many children involved, and today we round off the long and hard term with our annual Santa Fun Run.

As some of you may have read in the National press, we have been successful in bidding to be part of the Schools Rebuilding Programme - one of only 239 school this round. As it was only announced on 16th December, I have very few details to share with you on this at present, but hopefully I will be able to share more information in the new year.

When we return in the new year, we will be opening our new Creative Learning Centre - something exciting to look forward to! We will look forward to sharing lots of photos of the completed works with you in January...

In the meantime, I wish you all a very merry Christmas, happy new year and I thank you once again for all your support.

Venice Art Trip



One of the biggest highlights of the term has to be the GCSE Art trip to Venice!

This is our first school trip abroad for over three years, and what a trip it was! Students enjoyed three action-packed days of gallery visits, shopping, walking and eating. They visited the Guggenheim, Ca' Pesaro, St Mark's Square and Basilica; they travelled by water bus and soaked in the city's incredible atmosphere - and their behaviour was excellent.

Thank you to the staff who organised and supported this trip, in order to give these students an experience they will never forget.



Swimming for Success



A huge 'well done' to Year 7 student, Milo, who earned the following medals when he swam as part of the St. Austell Sharks last month.

Gold in the 100m Backstroke
Silver in the 100m IM (Individual Medaling)
Silver in the 100m Breaststroke
Bronze in the 50m Backstroke

It is great to see our students taking part and competing in events outside of school, great work Milo!

Children in Need



On Friday 18th November, students and staff participated in a number of different activities, in order to support and raise funds for Children in Need.

Staff competed in a 'bake off', with the task of baking something that linked to their subject area. They rose to the challenge and produced some delicious, sweet treats - these were then sold by our prefects during break-times. Also, during the lunch break, students attempted to 'Beat the Teacher' in a basketball shoot-off, for a small donation. We are thrilled to say that collectively, we raised just over £600!

KS4 Careers Event



Last month, we hosted a joint-school careers event. The event gave KS4 students, from both Poltair and Penrice, the chance to meet all of the region's Colleges and Sixth Forms.

They were able to speak to representatives from universities about future career aspirations and find out about Higher Education, degrees, student finance and student life. This was also a golden opportunity for Year 10s to talk to employers about work-experience placements. There were representatives from many local businesses and organisations present, all on hand to advise students and answer any questions they had about their post-16 options.

Hitting the Right Notes



Our Year 7s have been learning all about the four families of the orchestra this term.

They have loved exploring and playing a variety of instruments; learning about how they produce a sound and how they are put together. They've played everything from a cornet to a drum kit... and there are plenty more instruments to try next term!

Mr Richards, Head of Creative Learning, said: "Our Year 7s are full of excitement, energy, and talent - it's so wonderful to see and hear so many students enjoying making music. I'm looking forward to giving them the opportunity to share just a taste of this talent with the community soon!"

Student Council Elections



Last month, student council elections took place, in all Year groups. In Year 7 alone, we had over 100 students running for council - which is fantastic!

Well done to all students who had the confidence to run for election, and congratulations to those who have been elected to represent their tutor groups.

Pictured, is our newly elected Year 7 School Council



Poltair Sport



Year 7 Rugby



Last month, the Year 7 Rugby Team took part in the East Cornwall Tournament at Liskeard.

They played exceptionally well and represented the school with pride.

Well done boys!

Year 7 Netball



This month, the Year 7 Netball Team played their final fixture of the year... and secured an incredible 17-0 win!

The girls have worked incredibly hard this term, developing their netball skills. They have turned up to training every week and have played some tough matches, but did not let that stop them.

Their dedication and enthusiasm towards the sport has been fantastic to see, we look forward to seeing more from them next year...

Well done girls!

Year 7 & 8 Basketball



Recently, we entered both our Year 7 and Year 8 Basketball Squads into the Jr. NBA.

Throughout the year, each team will play 10 rounds of games against numerous schools in the Southwest Pacific conference. If successful, we will then go into the play-offs in a bid to win the Jr. NBA title!

Earlier this month, the Year 7 Basketball Squad (pictured) travelled to Penryn College, to start their Jr. NBA season. They played 2 high-intensity games against Penryn College and Newquay Treviglas.

The Year 8s will be travelling to Penryn to kick-off their Jr. NBA season after the Christmas break.

We wish them all the best of luck!



Subject Awards



Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
English	Keira	Haydyn	Toby
Maths	Silas	Mia	Pedro
Science	Dragos	Jodie	Charles
PSHE	Kian	Jayden	Lea
Languages	Aston	Esmea	Kaitlin
Product Design	Elliot	George	Alfie
Music	McKenzie	Rihanna	Elliot
Drama	Harry	Leah	Jennifer
History	Seth	Molly	Ashton
Computing	Lexi	Sidney	Alfie
Food Technology	Alfie	Madeline	Imogen
Physical Education	Tyler	Sam	Kaitlin
Religious Education	Dragos	Charlie	Lowenna
Geography	Lucas	Rocky	Lowenna
Art	Evie	Jess	Sophie

Subject	Year 10	Year 11
English	Caleb	Skye
Maths	Alfie	Ollie
Science	Olivia	Ollie
Engineering	Kostas	Reuben
PSHE	Teagan	Ollie
Performing Arts	Ryan	Jess
Languages	Holly	Maisie
Product Design	Jayden	
Media	Lily	Daisy
History	William	Daniel
Health & Social Care	Aneta	Polly
Computing	Ryan	Nathan
Catering	Bradley	Caitlin
BTEC Sport	Jacob	Charli
Physical Education	Kiko	Yazmyn
Geography	Caleb	Josie
Art	Eloise	Kizzie



A festive poster for Christmas Super Camps. The background is grey with various Christmas-themed illustrations: a spiral, Santa Claus, a car with a tree on top, the Poltair crest, a candy cane, a snowman, a reindeer head, a small tree, a snowflake, a gingerbread man, a snowman, a white tree, and a QR code. The central text is on a white, torn-paper-like background.

Please join us for our

CHRISTMAS SUPER CAMPS

10:00 - 14:00
Wed 21st | Thurs 22nd | Fri 23rd
December

For Children in years 5|6|7|8

Free for Free School Meal Children
£5 per day for non Free School Meal
Children

Spend time with friends get active
& creative

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On behalf of all the staff here at Poltair, we would like to wish
you all a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
See you next year...

