



## End of Term Parent Bulletin



### A Message from the Headteacher

**We have made it to the end of another term and, despite the challenges, it has been a successful one. We have had so many positive things happen at Poltair, many of these will be featured in this Bulletin.**

At every given opportunity, our students have done us proud and they have been an absolute joy to work with.

We have witnessed demonstrations of huge confidence and character - like at the two sell-out performances of Annie Jr, and when our Year 7 & 8 Girls teams reached the semi-finals of Cornwall Cricket; the first time in a very long time that one of our teams had made it that far!

Our Young Enterprise students are not only carrying out their plans successfully, but they have also received positive feedback from judges and businesses at recent events they have attended, which makes us very proud, you can read more about their recent success in this Bulletin.

In the most recent newsletter, I mentioned how impressed I was with the steady rise in attendance across all Year groups. Our students' attendance is currently **1.2% higher** than that of other South West secondary schools and **1.8% higher** than that of other national secondary schools. This, to me, is not only a sign of your children's determination and perseverance, but also a sign of the support you give them.

Poltair is a caring, compassionate and secure community; our students can access support/advice if they are experiencing any problems. This can be done by speaking to their form tutor, their Head of Year, teachers, representatives of the School Council, a member of the Safeguarding Team and Student Support services, to name a few of the initial points of contact. We are a school that is so proud of its students and the local community. We respect and trust each other and strive to build confidence and character in every student, to enable them to flourish and make their goals a reality.

I am extremely proud of the way that your children have handled this challenging term; they have been mature and engaged at all times. We are, as always, grateful for all the support that you as parents/carers give the school, I hope that you manage to enjoy some quality, family time over the Easter break.

# Some of this Half Term's Highlights...



## Young Entrepreneurs' Product Launch

**On Saturday 11th March, our Young Enterprise students attended a Spring Fair at Probus Village Hall.**

The two student businesses, Sahalo and Kaps, set up their stalls, carried out live demonstrations and sold their products.

Sahalo were selling jewellery made from cutlery, while Kaps were selling customised keycaps from old computer keyboards. The students gained lots of valuable experience and feedback, which they will consider as their journey with Young Enterprise progresses.

Their enthusiasm, engagement and potential were recognised by Young Enterprise - who have invited the two Poltair businesses to participate in future events.



## A Glimpse Into Space for Year 10

**On Tuesday 14th March, 50 Year 10 students were lucky enough to go on a trip to Cornwall Spaceport in Newquay, to tie in with this year's "Connections" themed British Science Week.**

Students were given a guided tour of the facility, after which they had the opportunity to explore a life-sized replica of the rocket that was launched from Cornwall Spaceport, back in January.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students to ask experts questions about space, and the different career opportunities within in the industry, some of which are available right here on our doorstep. We would like to say a huge thank you to David Pollard and the Cornwall Spaceport team for hosting us, and inspiring so many young minds.



## Young Carers Recognition

**On Friday 17th March, we treated our young carers to a special lunch - to celebrate Young Carers Action Day, which recognises the selfless actions of many young people.**

Young Carers look after their family members who are unwell. The support/care they give often includes looking after siblings/other family members as and when they are unable to.

Pictured left is our Young Carers Support Team.





## LIGHTS... CAMERA... ACTION!

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, a talented bunch of our students took to the Poltair stage, to showcase their performance of the classic musical, Annie JR.

The cast delivered three excellent performances; a showcase to 250 primary school students and two sell-out evening shows!

All performances were a hit with the audience, with many parents taking to our social media to congratulate the students on an “Amazing” show.

We would like to say a massive “BRAVO”, not only to the cast, but also to the backstage team, the sound & lighting technicians and all staff involved – we are already looking forward to the next school production!



# World Book Day



Students and staff had great fun celebrating World Book Day this year. There were various activities taking place during the day, all aimed to promote a love of reading among our students, these included:

### The Staff Book Bake-Off:

Staff were tasked with making delicious cakes/goodies, themed around a particular book – these were then sold during break.

### Guess The Book:

In addition to demonstrating their culinary skills, staff were set a fancy-dress challenge! Each department needed to collectively dress up as a book that related to their subject - as you can see, they certainly rose to the challenge! Students had great fun trying to work out which books/characters each department was representing.

### Bring a Book:

We offered to exchange any unwanted books, that students may have at home, for Merits – we were absolutely blown away with the amount of books we received, these have been donated to the Library.



# Curriculum Enrichment Day

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, all students took part in an action-packed Curriculum Enrichment Day.

Year 7's topic for the morning was "Relationships", this was followed by an afternoon of team-building games, which the students had great fun engaging with.

The activities for Years 8 and 10 focused on the topic of "Democracy", while the Year 9's activities related to "Options & Careers". Guests from various outside organisations, and some of our own staff members, rotated around groups of Year 9 students, speaking to them about their careers and the pathways that led them to where they are now. We would like to say a big thank you to the representatives from the various organisations (see left) for giving up their time for the benefit of our students.

Year 11 took a break from Revision Masterclasses to take part in an Escape Room type activity, which certainly got them thinking! Thank you to [DreadLock Escape Rooms](#) who kindly donated vouchers for us to give to our winners.

All in all, a very productive day for our young learners!





# Poltair Sport



On the evening of Friday 17th March, we welcomed over 200 primary school students to Poltair, to compete in the Mid-Cornwall Inter-Area Cross Country.

We would like to say a huge well done to everyone who took part in the event.



On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 7 & 8 Girls Cricket Team competed in the Under 13s Girls' County Finals, in Truro.

Their first game was against Launceston, which they won. The team then played another game straight after, this time against Liskeard. An excellent performance from the whole team led to them securing their 2nd win within their pool, which saw them into the semi-finals. They then faced the well-rounded and experienced Richard Lander team. Despite an amazing batting performance, they fell just 7 runs short of progressing into the finals. Our girls finished 3rd overall, which is an amazing achievement! A member of the Cornwall Cricket Board commented on their performance, he said:

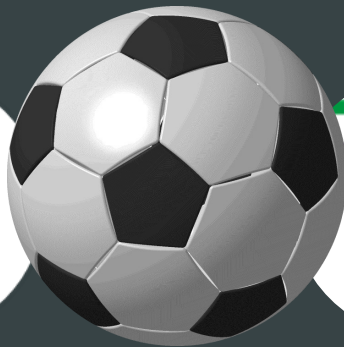
"It is phenomenal how much the girls have progressed in all aspects of their Cricket. They should be so proud of what they have achieved and I'm sure we will see them again at a County Finals Day." Well done team!

This term, our Year 7 (Los Angeles Lakers) and Year 8 (Los Angeles Clippers) Basketball Teams took part in the Jr NBA competition.

Coach, Mr Vicary, is proud of how the squad has improved over the academic year, he said:

"Training both on a Wednesday and Friday has massively improved their teamwork, skills and ability to play - on both ends of the floor (offensive and defensive). I am excited to see how both squads further develops in the future."





## The CELT Cup



On the evening of Friday 24th March, we hosted the CELT Cup, which saw Poltair & Penrice take on Brannel & Tretherras.

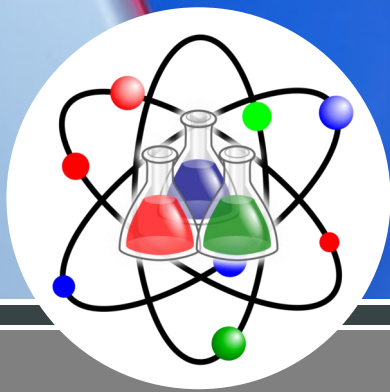
We saw some great football action, in some tough conditions, and were very impressed with everyone's attitudes and sportsmanship.



The final result was a 7-0 victory to the Poltair/Penrice team!

Well done to all the players and thank you to everyone who came along to watch the match and support the students... We are already looking forward to the next CELT Cup game, which will take place next term.





## Poltair Science Week



**Last week, we celebrated all things science here at Poltair with our very own Science Week!**

Various competitions took place throughout the week, these included a junk model making competition and a jigsaw making competition.

On Thursday lunch, we hosted our Big Science Quiz, which saw teams of staff and students go head-to-head to test their scientific knowledge.

To round off the week, our staff dressed up as various famous names from the world of Science.

Thank you to our Science Department for organizing the week's activities for our students.



## Poltair +

### Summer Term 2023 Activities Booklet



A booklet, listing next term's Poltair Plus activities/clubs, is available to view on our website.

Click [HERE](#) to view it now!

**Poltair +, our termly package of extracurricular opportunities, gives students the chance to participate in activities, acquire new skills and enhance existing skills outside of the classroom.**

At Poltair, we believe that participating in Poltair+ is an essential part of a student's education.

We would strongly encourage all students to join in, as we feel it helps to cultivate a well-rounded individual and builds confidence and character.

We want our students to be able to leave us at the end of Year 11 as fully-developed young adults.

## Term Dates



### Summer Term:

Monday 17th April - Friday 21st July

### Half Term Break

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

