

## End of Term Parent Bulletin



### A Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy but successful year at the school, during which we have welcomed numerous schools from both in the county and from across the country to look at what is happening at Poltair. This is down to the hard work that both the staff and the students have been putting in, day in and day out, and also your support as parents and carers.

Your contribution to the journey that the school has taken is extremely valuable, something I recognise wholeheartedly, and it is very much appreciated.

Next year, we are welcoming just over 200 new students into Year 7, a record number for the school, and I am very confident that your children will welcome them into the Poltair community.

As I write this, the weather is just about holding for what will be a great week of activities for Years 7, 8 & 9, and for the Year 10s on work experience. Unfortunately, it didn't hold out last week and we had to cancel our Sports Day - this was a huge shame for all students, but especially for Year 10 as, due to Covid, they have never had the chance to experience a full Poltair Sports Day.

Over the past few weeks, I have been receiving feedback from trips, activities, events, visitors to the school and the general community, all of which have been phenomenally complimentary about your children - their attitude, the way they engage with others, their appearance, their manners and general demeanor. All of this is a testament to both them and you, and you should be rightly proud of them. We talk daily about building character and confidence - I can see both of these qualities developing your children, and this will help them be successful in life, no matter what challenges they may face in the future.

As we enter into the summer break, the return to school will be far from many of your minds, but as you do prepare, please look at the expectations around uniform for the return (details are up-to-date on the school website). Before purchasing shoes, trousers or skirts, please do check the website to ensure you are aware of what is acceptable for students to wear in September.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you and your families a great summer!



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



## Cornwall School Mining Games

Earlier this month, a selection of our students took part in the Cornwall School Mining Games at King Edward Mine.

They had a great day, competing against other schools across Cornwall in various mining events such as mineral separation, mucking, hand steeling, surveying and panning. Poltair gained medals in hand steeling and surveying and came first in the mucking competition!

A huge well done to everyone that took part!



## Attendance Reward Trips

Last week, students who had excellent attendance this academic year (96% or above), were treated to one of the following:

Year 7 – A trip to **Chessington World of Adventures**

Year 8 – A trip to **Drayton Manor Theme Park**

Year 9 – A trip to **Thorpe Park**

Year 10 – A trip to **Alton Towers**

Well done to all students who earned a place on one of the trips!

*Remember: Attendance Matters*

## Cinema Reward Trips



Last week, this term's top Merit earners from each Year were treated to a trip to White River Cinema, to watch **Spider Man - Across the Spider-Verse**.

In September, Merits will be reset, so all students start the term on a level playing field with the chance to earn a place on the next rewards trip.



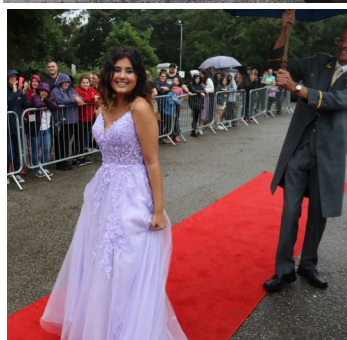


**On Friday 30th June, our annual Prom took place at the Carlyon Bay Golf Club.**

Year 11, Class of 23, arrived in style for the final part of their Poltair journey, with everything from tractors to sports cars being vehicles of choice.

A little rain certainly didn't dampen the arrivals, as in turn students made their way along the red carpet, in front of a packed crowd of proud parents, family members and staff.

We wish all of the students the very best for whatever comes next...





## Students Support the St Mewan Summer Fayre

**This month, a group of KS3 students supported with the running of 4 stalls at St Mewan School's Summer Fayre. We received lots of positive comments about how well they represented our school, well done to them all!**



## Badminton Success for Bridget



**Back in May, the Cornwall Badminton County Championships took place. Invites were sent out to clubs, schools and county players - there was a great turn out of some of Cornwall's finest badminton players.**

Year 9 student, Bridget, played in the U17 category during the first tournament weekend, entering all three disciplines: singles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles!

In the singles, she had to compete against some very strong girls and, as it was an U17 event, she was competing against girls with some two years' more experience and strength than her. However, without conceding a single game, Bridget came out on top and won the category!

In both the doubles and the mixed doubles' tournaments, Bridget and her respective partners, came up against some very experienced partnerships...

Having won all their matches, Bridget and her mixed doubles' partner made it through to what turned out to be a nail-biting final, playing against a pair of very experienced 16-year-olds. This match came down to the very last point, but we are delighted to say that Bridget and her partner were triumphant!

In the ladies' doubles, Bridget and her partner didn't lose a single match, despite playing against some very experienced partnerships, and were therefore victorious in that category as well!

The following weekend, Bridget took part in the U15 tournament. Success once again in both the singles and the ladies' doubles – again with no games conceded! Bridget had not intended to take part in the mixed doubles, however, on the day of the tournament, she was approached by the Referees and asked whether she would partner an inexperienced boy who had not managed to secure a partner for the tournament. On a high from her wins in the two earlier disciplines, Bridget accepted the challenge, and they romped home with a tournament win – again with no games conceded!

Bridget received gold medals for all six wins (the only player to achieve a clean sweep), and at the June presentation evening the relevant cups were awarded. She now has her sights set on the U21 Cornwall County Championship, to be held in December. This will be quite a challenge for her, competing against adults with a lot more strength and experience, but she is undaunted and will give it her best shot - despite being only 14 years old!

We can't wait to follow Bridget's sporting journey, there is no doubt lots more to come from this talented young lady. From all of us here at Poltair, WELL DONE!





# Poltair School



## -Sports Partnership-

Every Monday afternoon, Poltair hosts a different sporting festival for our Partnership Primary schools - Mount Charles, Bishop Bronescombe, St Mewan, Sandy Hill, Charlestown, Pondhu, Mevagissey, St Stephen Churchtown, Luxulyan and Treverbyn. Examples of festivals we have run this term include:

### **Rounders Festival**

Over 30 children competed against other schools and learnt to play different types of rounders, one of which being "kick rounders".

### **Quad Kids Athletics at Par Running Track**

Participants had a go at four different events - standing long jump, long distance run, throw and sprint. For a bit of fun, the event ended with a few relays which everyone enjoyed.

### **Racket Festival**

Over 40 children were able to upskill themselves in both tennis and badminton, by completing multiple engaging stations.

### **Handball/Bench ball**

Over 40 children competed against other schools in an afternoon of handball and bench ball games – great fun all round.

### **KS1 Sports Day**

Over 50 pupils had a go at 4 events - standing long jump, throw, sprint and beanbag toss. The children's goal for the festival was to try to beat their previous score and set themselves a personal best.





## Instrumental Lessons at Poltair



Is your child interested in learning to play an instrument? From September, we will be offering the following instrumental lessons here at Poltair...

- Violin Lessons with Mr Timms
- Vocal Lessons with Miss Minnear
- Brass Lessons with Miss Minnear
- Drum Lessons with Mr Hendry
- Piano Lessons with Mr Douglas
- Guitar Lessons with Mr Frazer-Wright (currently full)

All lessons are delivered on a one-to-one basis, and can be either single (15 minutes) or double (30 minutes) lessons.

Prices start from £75 per term, with payments being made at the start of term via ParentPay.

**\*Students in receipt of Free School Meals could be eligible for free lessons**

To find out more, or to sign your child up for lessons, please visit: [www.poltairschool.co.uk/instrumentlessons](http://www.poltairschool.co.uk/instrumentlessons) or [CLICK HERE](#)

## Curriculum Enrichment Week



There have been lots of fun and exciting things happening here at Poltair this week, as we rounded off the action-packed term with an Enrichment Week.

Year 7 students had a great time kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and mega-suppering at Golant! While some of our Year 8 students were enjoying camping at Pill Farm, others had fun at school, taking part in a range of different activities - everything from bake-offs to rounders tournaments! On Monday, Year 9 took a train trip to St Ives for a day of beach games, sandcastle building and general fun in the sun. Students also enjoyed some inflatable fun back at school, with "Wipeout" style inflatables and even a bouncy castle!







# SUPER SIXES

## Summer School

Monday 24th - Friday 28th July  
10am - 2pm

**Meet new friends | Maths | Orienteering |**  
**Build confidence | Science | Kayaking |**  
**Reading | Coasteering | English | Meet staff**

A week of FREE Activities for Year 6s  
who are joining us in September!

To sign up, scan the QR Code



Or visit: [www.poltairschool.co.uk/supersixes](http://www.poltairschool.co.uk/supersixes)

## Term Dates



### Return to School

Tuesday 5th September - Year 7 & 11 students return  
Wednesday 6th September - All students return

### Half Term

Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October

