



WEEKLY BULLETIN

14th June 2012

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

As we move towards the end of the academic year, can I ask that you keep an eye on the school's diary, which can be found on our website: www.richardlander.co.uk

The last few weeks of term are so busy, with 'drop down theme days', sports day, celebration of achievement day, 'summer fun in the sun day' and of course activities week. This will be a busy time with so much going on, so we would appreciate parents being 'ahead of the game' by referring to the school's diary on a regular basis.

Please also take some time to read the school bulletin each week – and thank you for reading this edition!

The value of reading...

I was reading an article recently which detailed the link between reading proficiency and all round academic success. The basis of the article suggested that many children, during their secondary school years, lose their love for reading and replace this with watching TV, playing computer games or spending time using social media such as Facebook.

Please could I encourage parents to make sure there is access to quality reading material at home, such as novels or quality newspapers. Engineer opportunities to read with your children – for example, show them an article in a newspaper and ask them what they think about it.

And more than that... a good non-fiction book will beat a good film or computer game any day. Try to keep that love for reading alive in your own children so that as they grow older, they read lots and pass on this most precious of skills to their own children!

Kind regards,

Steve Mulcahy

Year 10 College Taster Days

Students in year 10 will be attending taster days at Truro and Cornwall Colleges on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July to give them the opportunity to experience some of the courses on offer and sample college life. Please look out for the Parental Consent Forms which need to be returned to Student Reception by Friday 22nd June



Important Dates for your Diary

MONDAY 18TH JUNE

Celebration of Achievement Evening in Truro Cathedral.

TUESDAY 19TH JUNE &

WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE

HMS Raleigh Schools Challenge for Public Services students

WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE

Y8 G & T Geology Trip

WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE

Young College Induction for Y9

THURSDAY 21st JUNE

Y6 Science Detective Workshop supported by Y8 mentors

THURSDAY 21st JUNE

Newquay Greenpower Heat at RAF St Mawgan.

FRIDAY 22ND JUNE

Cornwall School Games at Newquay Tretherras for all year groups.

FRIDAY 22ND JUNE

Cake sale, Cows for a cow competition, and raffle to raise money for Uganda.

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Richard Lander students recognised for their Shelterbox fund-raising

A group of students from Godrevy Learning Community were recently invited to be part of a special ceremony at Truro School in recognition of their fund-raising achievements for Shelterbox, their chosen charity.

Over £4500 has been raised for the Cornish based organisation over the last few years. Godrevy students have held sales of cakes and unwanted goods, organised tombola stalls in the main corridor and have made and sold key-rings and Christmas cards.

The presentation of a Shelterbox pennant was made at Truro School by Mike Perham who is embarking on a tour of Britain and then the world to raise awareness and funds for the charity which provides practical and rapid aid in areas hit by disaster.

Mike, who sailed across the Atlantic single-handed at the age of 14 and around the world when he was only 17, intends to travel



Pictured here are Amy, Libby (holding award) , Mike Perham, Martin, Megan, Amy and Lacey in front of the SpaceShip!

through many of the disaster zones during his expedition. He will keep everyone informed about his adventure on his blog and we shall certainly be following his progress with interest. You can follow it too at www.mikeperham.tv.

During the presentation, Mike told the students about the reaction of his parents when at age 14 he announced that he intended to sail solo across the Atlantic, and also described the inside of the SpaceShip as "just like a teenagers bedroom!"

The Godrevy students who attended the presentation were:
Martin Kelly, Lacey Barker, Megan Budd, Amy Milne, Libby Cock and Amy Walker.

Libby Cock, aged 15, said: "I was really proud to receive the pennant

on behalf of the school from Mike Perham, and it was interesting to hear how he is helping others less fortunate than himself, I have one year left at Richard Lander and I intend to continue raising funds for Shelterbox"



Libby, year 10, receives the Shelterbox pennant on behalf of the school from Mike Perham.



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Arts Award Bronze Workshops



Year 10 students have been busy leading a variety of Creative Arts workshops as part of their Arts Award Bronze certification. Our students have organised and facilitated workshops varying from 'Ballet for Beginners' to 'Improvisation Skills' and 'Comic Strip Illustration' with younger students from Richard Lander, our feeder primary schools and even at a local Stagecoach Theatre Arts School. In order to achieve their Arts Award qualification students complete four assessed units the final one being 'Arts Apprenticeship- passing on arts skills to others'.

Arts Award Leader and drama teacher Miss Scholes commented on what a privilege it has been to witness our highly gifted pupils sharing their interests and skills so confidently and enthusiastically with their younger peers. The breadth of talent and active involvement in the Arts at Richard Lander is huge and therefore the Arts Award is the perfect opportunity for students to be recognised for their commitment. The



candidates this year have produced some superb folders that document their involvement in the Arts and we are excitedly anticipating the moderation in July.

Fleur Anderson said; "I think leading an arts workshop has built my confidence further and encouraged me to do more workshops in the future and it's taught me how sharing my skills in Drama can be really beneficial to those who may lack confidence or wish to extend their skills further through the experience I can offer."

Holly Summerson said; "I really enjoyed my arts workshop, it was fun and interesting, and something I might not have done if it wasn't for arts award. It was great to be able to share my skills, and witness how the other pupils responded to my teaching and passion for Art."





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American Exchange Students Visit Richard Lander

This week we have hosted both students and staff from Mechanicsburg Senior high School, Pennsylvania USA. This is the thirteenth year that the exchange has run. So far over 700 students have benefited on both sides of the "pond".

This year despite the poor weather everyone has been having a great time. Students have enjoyed visits to Eden, Fowey, Camel Trail and

Lanhydrock House, not to mention surfing in the rain at Perranporth.

At the heart of the programme is the experience of living in each others cultures and communities. Not only have the American students followed a Richard Lander timetable, but they have also discovered what it is to be a teenager in Cornwall.

Some of the greatest challenges that they have faced have included:

- tasting Marmite for the first time!
- enjoying liquid sunshine
- understanding our quaint terms like "cheers"

Can you help?

French student, male, 18 years old looking for a family to stay with as a paying guest or two weeks this summer, either from 16/07 to 28/07 or from 11/08 – 25/08. If you can help please contact Mrs Stokes. This could be a great opportunity to improve your families language skills!

Next week we hope to report the exchange from the student point of view.

Mr P Gilbert

Cows for a Cow Competition!

Next Friday we are launching a competition to raise money in order to buy a cow for the orphans in Bukomasimbi, this will enable them to have milk regularly and provide some income by being able to breed with it.

Beccie Ford, who is a local community artist, has volunteered to make plaster-of-paris cows for us.

The cows can be purchased on the extended Cakes for Cows break next Friday and decorated in any way you wish, the cows must be returned to the staff room by the 28th for judgement. The winner will have the privilege of naming the cow which we will purchase for the orphans. The cows will then be randomly placed around the school rather like the full size cows that were placed around Truro.

