



WEEKLY BULLETIN

31st May 2012

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

May I congratulate our students on what has been a really busy and successful half term. So much has happened and I am really pleased that the new school website has the facility, through its School Features section, to celebrate some of these successes. These include:

- National success in an Olympic themed Science competition
- County success in both sport and music competitions.
- Green Power Car success in a recent race meet.
- 3 students who were chosen to be torch bearers of the Olympic torch, as it passed through Cornwall.

This week, we had another Olympic themed event when 400 primary school children from our feeder schools came to Richard Lander to participate in the 'Richard Lander Schools' Olympic Day'. May I thank all those staff who helped plan and run this day and the Student Leaders who did such a marvellous job in officiating and helping with all manner of other tasks. Special thanks go to Ms Guymer for leading and managing the whole event.

May I wish all our families a enjoyable half term break.

Very best wishes,
Steve Mulcahy



Important Dates for your Diary

FRIDAY 1st JUNE

Jubilee Non Uniform Day

4th JUNE—8th JUNE

Half Term

11th JUNE—15th JUNE

GCSE Exams All Week.

Timetables have been issued to students and are on the school website.

7th JUNE—17th JUNE

American Exchange Students Visiting

THURSDAY 14th JUNE

Y10 Horticultural Visit to Newquay Zoo

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Y10 Miracle Theatre Workshop

MONDAY 18TH JUNE

Y7/8/9 Tremough Journalism Visit

WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE

Young College Induction

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Parents may be interested in a business ideas competition for Cornwall and The Isles of Scilly which offers good financial rewards and business support. The competition is called 'Ignite Cornwall' and you could win a share of the £100,000 prize that includes business support, services and funding. Please go to

www.ignitecornwall.com for further details. If you do enter the competition with your business idea, the school would love to know of your progress.

“Energy” Drinks and Caffeine Tablets

Please be aware that we do not allow energy drinks such as Red Bull etc and caffeine tablets such as Pro Plus to be brought into school. It is also not advisable for these products to be consumed by students at all as they are a stimulant and as such affect the way the body works.

The Buggy Malone Photo Story is now available to view on the school website. Please go to www.richardlander.co.uk and follow the feature link on the home page.



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Primary Sports Cluster Olympics Day

Pupils from across the ten Richard Lander feeder schools came together at Richard Lander School this week for a special Olympic themed Sports Day. Over 400 pupils took part. Chacewater School, Threemilestone School, Cusgarne School, Blackwater School, Shortlanesend School, Mithian School, Mount Hawke Academy, St Agnes School and Treyew School all adopted and represented different Olympic competing countries, which the students had researched in their respective primary classes. Countries included GB, USA, Gambia, Belgium, Greece, Jamaica, Spain, China and Kenya.

Many Students and Staff arrived dressed in fabulous costumes to show which country they represented.

Over 40 Richard Lander Y10 Sports Leaders were on hand to referee, keep track of the scores, dish out snacks and drinks, and to provide the odd game of "duck, duck goose!" Their contribution



RLS Sports Leaders hand out biscuits and water at the event.

was undoubtedly a huge strength to the day.

The Sports experienced included Archery, Table Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Hand Ball, Volley Ball, Long Jump, 50m Sprint, Cycling and Rowing.

Ex Student, Charlotte Green who recently came 8th in the European BMX Championship, came back to Richard Lander to oversee the Cycling Challenge which was won by 2 students from different schools who happen to be best friends!

The day was won overall by Jamaica, represented by St Agnes School, with Belgium (Chacewater) and Spain (Mithian) coming 2nd and 3rd.



Charlotte Green pictured with Hannah, Gabrielle, Rosie and Zoe from Cusgarne School.



Mr Mulcahy, Headteacher said: "It was a terrific day, with over 400 primary school children taking part. The standard of competition was high, but better still was the standard of collaboration and friendship. These pupils really bought into the idea of the Olympic spirit and it was a great day for all involved"

"The Olympic Day was fantastic. The children all looked amazing and everyone gave a determined performance. A big thank you to the Richard Lander Sports Leaders for their hard work and organisation throughout the day - it was a day to remember!"

Tim Barnard, Cusgarne School. pictured below with students Morgan, Olivia, Bradley and Louis.





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RLS SPORTS REPORT

Ben Wells Represents Great Britain in International Judo Competition



Richard Lander School is proud to announce that Ben Wells represented Great Britain in the Antwerp IPPON Trophy Judo Competition on 19th and 20th May 2012. He fought in the combined under 20s and over 20s, under 73 kg categories, along with 27 other competitors from Belgium, Holland, Germany and Great Britain.

At just age 16, he was the youngest, shortest, lowest grade contestant in his event, and found himself competing against opponents in their mid-20s in 2 fights. Although he lost both fights, he has not been put off in any way, and is planning on doing lots of extra training this summer in preparation for his next competition, where he will represent the GB squad again, in the South of France, in November.

Ben says: "The tournament was a very good experience, which I really enjoyed and one that I won't forget for a long time. I am now targeting the South of France event in November where I hope to do better."

SUSTRANS Provide a Bicycle Maintenance Day at Richard Lander.

On Thursday 24th May, Nick Ratcliffe from SUSTRANS came into Richard Lander to teach students how to maintain their bicycles. Sustrans is a leading UK charity which focuses on enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport for more of the journeys made every day. Mr B Martin, who worked at Richard Lander for many years as Assistant Headteacher also came in to help out, as he is a keen cyclist himself.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and left with safe, well maintained bikes and lots of useful new knowledge.



Pictured here are the students, Mr Martin and Nick Ratcliffe, with one of the Giant Bicycles which were provided to students through the Cycle to School Scheme which was administered by Richard Lander School earlier this year.



West Cornwall Schools U14 Isle of Wight Football Festival 2012

Kieron Parker, Harry Searle, Kyle Marks and Lian Donohue were part of the West Cornwall U14's Football squad that went to the Isle of Wight festival from the 1st – 5th April 2012. All the players were a credit to their Schools and their County on and off the football field. The tour was packed with football and many other recreational activities including; Quad Biking, Aero Ball, Climbing and Swimming.

The players experienced West Cornwall's greatest success on the island by being the first West Cornwall team to win a game in the history of this famous festival. Attending the festival were many professional club scouts observing the games and the players on show were of high quality. The results of the games are below:

West Cornwall 2–0 Derby
West Cornwall 0–3 Isle of Wight
West Cornwall 1–3 Cambridge
West Cornwall 0–5 Coventry

Kevin Lawrence, FDO Mounts Bay Academy.



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Today is the last day we will have our Year 11 students in school as a complete year group. We will miss you Y11 and wish you the very best in your upcoming exams. Here are some opportunities for you to consider for next year.

Apprenticeships

It is well worth Year 11 pupils www.apprenticeships.org.uk for vacancies. Here are few examples of what is available at the moment:

Horizon Roofing have a roofing apprenticeship based at Redruth. More info available at the apprenticeship website and www.horizon-roofing.co.uk.

Pupils can also contact the recruitment line 0844 8440046. C/d: 13th July.

Holman Wilfley have 2 manufacturing engineer apprenticeships.

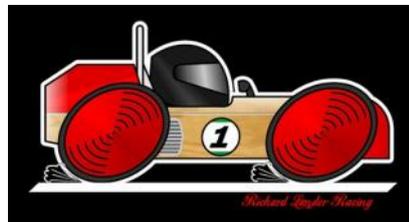
Based in Redruth pupils can get more info via the apprenticeship website and www.holmanwilfley.co.uk.

C/d: 28th July

An Opportunity For Y10 and Y11 Working with The Trading Standards Office.

Richard Lander School has been approached by The Trading Standards Office to ask whether any of our 15 – 16 year old students would be willing to volunteer to help with test purchasing. The young people are accompanied by officers as they attempt to purchase items that should not be sold to them. Clearly this is an important role and one that requires a responsible outlook. Both parents and young people are closely supported throughout the process and the work takes place outside of the families' home and school communities.

If you are interested in this voluntary work please contact Mr P Gilbert (Deputy Headteacher) on 01872 273750.



Greenpower Car Stickers

Students from Greenpower have designed a super speedy sticker of their logo. The stickers can be used to promote the car, anywhere such as car bumpers, on planners, skateboards, computers and the list goes on! Stickers will be on sale in school after half term at a

cost of £1.00 to raise funds for Greenpower.

'Bags 2 School' : Lander Uganda 2012



Do you want to clear out that spare room, or get rid of those old clothes, that are never worn anymore? Then please support our campaign by collecting a blue bag from Miss Elliott in the Mezzanine.

We need unwanted but re-usable, clothes, paired shoes, belts, hand bags, bedding and soft toys for our 'bags to school' campaign.

Return your filled blue bag to school, and we will receive 50 pence per kilogram collected. All proceeds to the 'Lander to Uganda' projects fund.

Just think you will have more room in the wardrobe and will also have the knowledge that you are helping a most worthy cause, providing hope and a better life for many hundreds of orphaned children in schools of Uganda.