



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It was great to see our Year 8 national science competition winners getting a slot on BBC Newsround this week. If you want to see this, please go to the Headline Features section on the school's website. (My guess tells me we either have a group of budding scientists or budding journalists here!)

There has been so much going on at Richard Lander over the past week or so. This includes:

- Students gaining Arts Award recognition, under the leadership of Miss Scholes
- Year 10 college visits, led by Mrs Stokes
- Prison Me – No Way day – led by Ms Hill
- Year 6 Induction days, led by Mr Holloway

In addition, we have 3 parties of students currently abroad. These include students who are in Uganda, engaging in community work and linking with our partner school, the annual water sports trip to Ardeche and the cultural trip to Florence. We wish these students a very enjoyable and rewarding trip.

Next week sees our Year 10 students going on Work Experience. I wish them well and I hope they get a lot out of the week. My thanks to Mr Stephens for his leadership of this.

The rest of the school will be doing a range of fun and exciting activities on Activities Week – again I wish students a really good week.

As we begin to turn our attention to the end of term and to the beginning of next term, can I remind parents that your support is valued in terms of ensuring your children are in full school uniform next year. Please be reminded that:

- Shoes must be all black (no logos or markings)
- Trousers should be formal wear and should be able to hold a crease at the front. Fashion trousers (the latest fashion is tight or skinny fit) should not be worn
- The RLS fleece is a mandatory part of the school uniform. It must be worn to and from school as well as at school. Other fleeces or hoodies are not allowed
- Jackets or overcoats should be waterproof and should not replace the RLS fleece
- The Richard Lander polo shirt must fit in terms of size (the latest fashion is to wear them as 'tight fit'). If a T Shirt is to be worn underneath, it must only be the burgundy one which can be bought at Trevaills

Please refer to the 'Parents' section of the school website for more details.

Thanks you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Steve Mulcahy
Headteacher



Important Dates for your Diary

THURSDAY 5th JULY

Year 6 Parents Information Evening

FRIDAY 6th JULY—FRIDAY 13th JULY

Year 9 Camp!

FRIDAY 6th JULY—SATURDAY 14th JULY

Ardeche Trip

FRIDAY 6th JULY—THURSDAY 12th JULY

Rome Trip

MONDAY 9th JULY

Year 10 Work Experience Week

MONDAY 9th JULY—FRIDAY 13th JULY

Curriculum Enrichment Week.

MONDAY 16th JULY—FRIDAY 20th JULY

Year 10 Work Related Learning Week

TUESDAY 17th JULY Summer Fun in the Sun!

TUESDAY 17th JULY

Sports Presentation Evening

WEDNESDAY 18th JULY /

THURSDAY 19th JULY

Year 7 Space Camp

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Collaborative Olympic Art Exhibition

Richard Lander students from years 7 to 9 have developed work for the collaborative Olympic Art Exhibition currently showing at Sainsbury's.

Students developed new designs for the Gold and Silver 2012 Olympic Medals. Students used recycled materials and experimented with textures and relief work.

Miguel Richmond, year 8, said:

"It was great to make work which will be shown in an exhibition with our primary schools; I can't wait to see everyone's work together!"

A number of our feeder primary schools have been working really hard to produce work for the exhibition and the large scale canvases are all very different. Materials range from collage, to pencil shading, to ceramic tiles and the exhibition is full of young Artistic talent.

ARTSMARK GOLD!

This year we achieved ARTSMARK Gold for the fourth time (Twelve years running). This is evidence of the on-going excellence in our teaching and our outstanding provision of the arts across the school. The quality of our arts provision is held in high esteem by the students and by the local community and the impact and success of our partnerships is clear. The enthusiasm and commitment from the students was clearly evident in the student feedback session as they had so many positive contributions to make. All criteria were met and the assessor commented on the very strong, thorough and detailed application.

"The award is a credit to the fantastic Creative Arts team and a true reflection of all the very hard

work they put in both in and out of the classroom. I am so proud of the students and their commitment to the arts at Richard Lander – their enthusiasm and dedication to school production, choirs, art projects and events, dance, photography, and creative writing is always truly impressive. The Creative Arts are a vital part of the school curriculum as students learn to develop life skills of planning, team-work and communication. Our subjects help to develop emotional maturity and empathy whilst enabling young people to build their ability to control new and challenging situations. The Arts are alive at Richard Lander School and we are always finding new ways to celebrate and be creative!" *Lucy Charleston, Head of Creative Arts*





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Prison Me? - No Way!

Prison life came to Richard Lander School on Tuesday 3rd July when the whole of Year 8 came off timetable in order to participate in a 'Prison! Me! No Way!!!' Crime and Safety Awareness Day. Run by the No Way Trust the aim of the day was to raise awareness amongst young people about the causes, consequences and penalties of crime through a series of interactive and dynamic workshops.

Students were introduced to the realities of prison life through presentations from prison officers alongside the chance to enter a full size replica prison cell – complete with genuine prison smell! On a lighter note all students also experienced the 'Street Scene' to allow them to

consider the consequences of anti social behaviour for themselves and the community around them.

Throughout the day students were also asked to consider their own responsibility for their decisions and potential consequences of taking the wrong path – the link between

drugs and crime; guilt by association; arson and a courtroom scenario and staying safe in the technological age.

The overwhelming highlight of the day however was the Prisoners' Insight session. Students had the opportunity to hear firsthand about what life is like in prison from two current prisoners who talked openly and frankly about their experiences and the mistakes they have made to end up where they are.

One student said *"This was really good and told us a lot about how prison can change your life and how harsh it is. I enjoyed listening to their answers"* another added *"This was my favourite because they were real prisoners and not actors so they know what it is really like and we could ask them questions. It's not often we can have the chance to do something like that."*





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Waiting to enter "The Vault" containing the final 5 challenges to complete in only 6 minutes.

Hidden Valley Trip for Year 7 Maths Students

Eighty year 7 students visited the Hidden Valley Discovery Park in Launceston in late June. This is in essence a cross between the 1980's television show, the 'Crystal Maze', and a really good treasure hunt which uses such skills as maths, physical activity, communication and team building.

At the end is the 'Vault', a chamber full of devious challenges which have to be completed within a time limit. Just like the 'Crystal Maze', the time inside the 'Vault' is determined by the number of crystals collected. On the 'Explorers Path' the students are given a treasure map and have to follow a series of map references until they find the crystal. The 'Inspector's Code' involves solving mathematical and logic puzzles - all in the hunt for another crystal. By the end of our two visits one group of students and one group of teachers had successfully completed the final five

challenges in the 'Vault' which was an excellent effort.

The students were also able to take a ride on the Porterswick Junction Light Railway, which goes around the perimeter of the park. Or they could try to find their way through the 'Beech Hedge Maze', which has grown tall enough in recent years to leave some of the students completely undetectable, except from the central tower.

The students all behaved impeccably and the school has been asked to return next year to test out the new facility currently being built at the park before it is opened to the general public.

"The trip was amazing; the Vault was cool too!" **Emily**
"They made it very challenging which made it fun!" **Jodie**
"I really enjoyed the trip to the Hidden Valley." **Sophie**

Mr I Robinson (Maths Teacher)

Richard Lander - 2nd in the County Schools Sailing Regatta



Braving the lovely summer weather, Richard Lander School competed in the County Schools Sailing Regatta, hosted by Mylor Sailing School, in June. We were delighted to achieve a joint second place with Fowey Community College.

Jonathan Brown was first in the Toppers with 3 first places.

The Mirror crews took 2nd, 3rd and 7th places.

A very Well Done to all the students who took part!

Mr M Burley.



****DON'T MISS THIS!**** **Richard Lander Scientists on BBC Newsround!**

On Thursday our Olympic Science Competition winners appeared on BBC Newsround. Please follow the "Headline Features" link from the school website or visit www.bbc.co.uk/newsround and search "catch Olympic cheats" if you missed it!





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RLR make a Big Bang and win place in National Science and Engineering Competition!

On Thursday 28th June, Richard Lander Racing attended the Big Bang Fair at Exeter University with their Greenpower car to compete against over 120 other exhibits for a place in the National Science and Engineering Competition.

The car was in less than perfect condition having been through a collision at RAF St Mawgan on

Thursday 21st June. Despite this, the team impressed the judges with their knowledge of the car and the project as a whole.

Out of the 120, a total of 10 finalists were selected who will now go on to the National Final in March 2013, at London ExCel. Richard Lander Racing were one of these!

Mr Ben Lloyd King (Science Teacher) "Congratulations to the Richard Lander Racing team for winning a place at the BIG BANG NATIONAL FAIR, to be held in London next March!!! RLR pupils took our (broken) car and display

to Exeter University for the South West Big Bang Fair and are now finalists in the National Science and Engineering Competition! Good work team! As ever, our team members were a credit to the school, and thoroughly deserve to win a place in the final!"



Years 9 & 10 Raise £350 for Paralympic Athlete, Melissa Reid, at Olympic Summer Ball!

On Thursday 28th June, Richard Lander held an Olympic themed ball for its year 9 & 10 students at St Agnes Football Club. The event was hosted by Mandy Kimmins and Mr A Durant.

The students were treated to energetic welcome by Hayle Storm Samba Band to begin the event, they then enjoyed a fantastic performance by fellow students Tom Redfern and Ben Pridmore, followed by a set from talented local artist, Tom James from

Falmouth. The evening ended with the tunes of DJ Mark, by which time every student was on the dance floor! Throughout the evening, there was a huge chocolate fountain available, along with inflatable human sized table football and Pugil Fighting.

The event raised over £350 for ex-student, Melissa Reid, who came to national attention last summer when she was named in the Great Britain Para-Triathlon Affiliation Squad following finishing second in the World Champions held in Hyde Park, London. Melissa was delighted with her selection having only applied for the triathlon having had a job application turned down, giving her only 3 weeks to prepare for the event, which included finding a guide and getting to grips with riding a

tandem! Melissa was born with a sight defect and is blind in one eye and partially sighted in the other. Melissa's ambition is to compete in 2016 Paralympic games in Rio De Janeiro.

Mandy Kimmins from St Agnes Football Club, who hosted the event, said: "The 5th Richard Lander Summer Ball, was a wonderful event with fantastic bands and fantastically behaved children. It is brilliant to have such a good working relationship with Richard Lander."



There is a longer report a photostory on the school website



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RLS SPORTS REPORT



Boys Athletics Report Summer 2012

Following on from the success of our Inter-boys team in the Track and Field cup our Boys teams performed brilliantly in the recent County Championships and the Cornwall School Games.

Year 7 & 8 County Championship at Par – Tuesday 19th June, 2012
The Year 7 team has shown a great deal of potential all season and this was certainly on show in this event. Out of the 20 schools who entered, the Richard Lander team finished in 2nd place, with Truro School clear winners. Highlights of the day were Max Lucas and Olly Walker in the 100m and 200m respectively. Jake Putman won the discus event, Archie Harrold finishing second in the shot putt and Olly winning the triple jump competition. The day was rounded off with an excellent performance in the relay with our 4 boys finishing in 3rd place.

The Year 8 team also came up against some strong opponents

and achieved a very creditable position of fourth. Throughout the day there were some really good performances from Cullan Chapman (800m), Billy Stone (1500m), Oscar Thurlow (Triple Jump) and once again the relay team. However the day belonged to Cameron Sykes who put in 2 outstanding individual performances finishing 2nd in the 400m and winning the discus event proving what an excellent athletics prospect he is.

This combined with some excellent results for our girl's teams made this an excellent day with all students deserving our congratulations for both their effort and behaviour on the day.

Cornwall School Games at Carn Brea – Friday 22nd June, 2012
As part of the CSG's the Athletics adopted a 'super 8's' format with 4 boys and 4 girls making up a team. Once again Richard Lander School really excelled and produced more outstanding results. The Year 7 team who were, Tom Mitchell, Caden Polkinghorne, Olly Walker and Finley Rudin finished in 2nd place. Individual highlights were Olly Walker (2nd in 200m) and Tom Mitchell (1st in shot put).

The Year 8/9 team who were Jack Moorehouse-Hoyle, Dario Pisano, Michael Govan and Matt Read went one better and won their competition. Individual

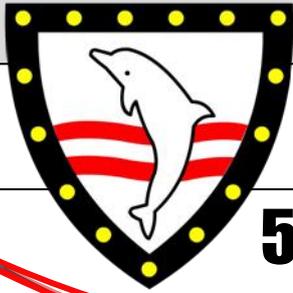
highlights were 2nd places for Jack Moorehouse-Hoyle (Hurdles), Matt Read (1500m) and Dario Pisano (100m).

The Year 10/11 team matched the achievements of the younger teams by also winning their competition. Charlie Johnstone, Kieran Buckland, Will Kemp and Brandon Mawson made up this team with Alex Collins (Year 9) also running as a replacement. Individually Charlie finished 3rd in the Javelin and Kieran won the High Jump with a huge jump of 1.55m.

Although I've highlighted individuals the success was achieved through a great team effort. All the boys in combination with some outstanding performances by the girls allowed us to once again dominate another Athletics competition. It was great to see all our students leaving Carn Brea with medals to recognise both their effort and achievement. Once again well done to all those involved.

Mr N. Stoddard





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Richard Lander Notice Board

Paris 2013 – Payment Dates

Please make all payments by Parentpay. A link to Parentpay can be found on the school website. An account will have been set up for you if your child is going..

You need to pay:

£100 paid as deposit – now

overdue if not yet paid

£100 by 6th July

£100 by 5th October

£100 by 7th December

£44 by 25th January 2013

You may, of course, make payments at any other times. We are unable to take students on trips who have not paid in full. If you are having problems meeting these deadlines please contact the school's Business Manager, Mrs Bond.

Thankyou!
Mrs J Parker



Lander2uganda 2012 Blog Now Available to View!

On Monday Morning 19 RLS students embarked on a trip of a lifetime to Uganda, Africa. As we thought you would like to follow them on their trip we set up a blog which can be accessed by following the "Headline

Features" link on the school website. Unfortunately, Internet access is not readily available in Bukomansimbi but the staff and students are blogging whenever possible. It is also worth following richardlanderuk on Twitter for live updates relating to this and other aspects of school life.

The trip to Uganda will give students the chance to experience African culture first hand for nearly three weeks, giving students the opportunity to engage in education and community based projects. The 2012 group will be mainly based with our sister school, which is in the town of Bukomansimbi. The school is made up of primary and secondary sections which are located together on a beautiful hillside overlooking the town. Most of the children who attend these schools are orphaned, having lost one or both of their parents. Many of them subsequently live on site and are cared for by staff at the school. The trip will give our students the chance to live in community with these children and to share something of their experience.

Coming Soon... Ardeche 2012 Trip Blog.

Keep your eye on the school website for a link to the Ardeche 2012 trip blog. The trip departs on Friday 6th July and Mr Tointon is equipped with an ipad so watch this space..

New Website Pages Coming Soon..

Please check the school website for the new library page and the new Community Noticeboard page!

Sports Day : Rescheduled Again

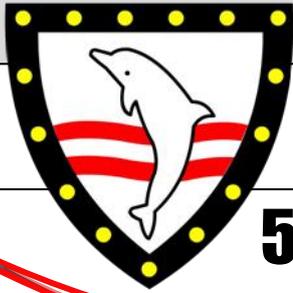
Sports Day has been postponed again due to the inclement weather.

We now intend to fit the Sports Day events into the following schedule:

Year 7 – Monday 16th July

Year 8 – Wednesday 18th July

Year 9 – Thursday 19th July



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Community Notice Board



We are Curves, a ladies gym in Truro we have members who are parents and relatives of children at schools in Truro. Understanding the

present climate, the need to stay healthy and the amount of school holidays, we are running a trial scheme where ladies can bring in

this school newsletter and get a gym membership for only £20 a month if they come at the following times: Weekdays: 9-10am, 2-3.30pm, 6-7pm Saturday: 9-11am

Curves is a 30 min circuit which we run 3x a week. We also have Zumba circuits at no extra cost. Students from 14yrs can join at the same price. Bring this newsletter to Curves to take us up on the offer!



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What's on over summer? &

After School Club info for September

Swallows & Amazons

This is not a lesson but basically a fun session to build water confidence and water safety awareness. They will sail off to distant shores to collect shells and treasures, or sail around, jumping in, playing pirates and other games and generally having a lot of fun. Sunday mornings between 9.30am to 11.30am in the months of April and October (July and August later sessions available as well). We take from around 6 years onwards. We provide the wetsuit, buoyancy aids, spray tops and helmets. The only thing that we don't provide is footwear and so they will need something that they don't mind getting wet like a pair of wetshoes or a pair of trainers. The price is £15 per child per session.

You must book!!

Weekend Race Club

Every other Saturday afternoon 2.30pm - 4.30pm. The minimum level for participating will be a completion of RYA Youth Stage 3 certificate or equivalent experience. The club will cost £15 per person and will also tie in with the local village regattas that we always try to compete in.

Dates:

14th July (St Mawes Social Club Regatta)
21st July (St Mawes Town Regatta)
28th July (Flushing Village Regatta)
4th August (Point and Penpol Regatta)
11th & 25th August
26th August (Percull Regatta)

You must book in advance but you can do this on a week by week basis. (The entries to the Regattas will all be weather permitting.)

After School Club

5 week blocks starting week commencing 3rd September 2012. The club is running every night of the week so book your night now! Aged 8 yrs and upwards 4.30 - 7pm - All levels from beginner through to advanced
The price has remained the same for the 3rd year in a row - £70 for the 5 weeks.

Youth & adult dinghy, keelboat and yacht sailing & powerboating courses running every week throughout the summer as well. For more information on any of the above or to book your place, contact us now!!



ADHD SUPPORT GROUP

Do you find your Child's?
Behaviour difficult to manage?
Would some friendly
Support and advice be helpful?

If you would like to be able to talk in confidence and meet other parents experiencing similar challenges, then do come along.

Your child does not need to have a diagnosis
Or statement for you to attend this group

Want more help with behaviour?

Worried about ADHD?

We are here to help and support you!!

FREE

Drop-in Support Group for all Parents/Carers

Get up to Date Information

And Much Much More

All Welcome

10:00am - 12:00pm

Tuesday 17th July 2012

Malabar Childrens Centre

Albany Road,

Truro.

TR1 3PQ

For this session only we have:

Dr. Elizabeth Myers and Dr. Marianne Groen

A talk on ADHD

A chance to ask questions

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