



WEEKLY BULLETIN 24th May 2012

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the 3 students from Richard Lander who had the honour of carrying the Olympic torch as it passed through Cornwall last weekend. They were: Georgia Doyle Lay, Dale Triggs and Taig Stephens. Do read each of their accounts which you will find on page 2 of this bulletin and on the homepage of the school website.

We are still asking parents for feedback on the new website. It is important that we take on board the views of parents, so it truly becomes a website that works for you. So if you feel there are any features missing and which would help with home / school liaison and so on, do contact Mrs Griffiths via the website itself ('Parents' section, then 'Contact Us' section. Then use the 'Enquiries' link)

Please note that on Friday 1st June, there is a non-uniform day for students, with a 'Jubilee' theme. We encourage all students to adopt the 'red, white and blue' theme in their choice of clothing. Students should pay £1 towards the day, and all proceeds will go to the Rotary Club.

Kind regards,

Steve Mulcahy



Important Dates for your Diary

28th MAY — 1st JUNE

GCSE Exams All Week. Timetables have been issued to students and are on the school website.

THURSDAY 24th MAY

Y8 Parents Evening

WEDNESDAY 30th MAY

Primary Sports Cluster Olympic Day

WEDNESDAY 30th MAY

Duchy Young College Taster Session

THURSDAY 31st MAY

Meet the Maths Examiner—Y11

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

"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.

Harry Searle — Court Reporter

Richard Lander are proud to announce that Harry Searle from Year 9 has been shortlisted for the Magistrates' Court Mock Trial 2011/12 Court Reporter Competition.

The winner will be selected from the 10 shortlisted entries by Owen Bowcott from *The Guardian*, and will be invited to attend the National Final in Nottingham on Sat 16 June. We wish him the very best in the competition!



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There are some great new videos on the school website, including Titan the Robot and Y11 Ball. Visit www.richardlander.co.uk and follow the feature links to view.



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Richard Lander Proudly Present Our 3 Fantastic Olympic Torch Bearers



Taig Stevens - Year 7

Taig Stevens from Year 7 carried the Olympic Torch through Falmouth having been nominated by the school for being an excellent overall ambassador for sport. Taig's favourite sports are football, rugby, cricket and athletics.

Taig described the procession as "brilliant, absolutely brilliant. When I finished I wanted to do it all over again, it went by so fast. Although I don't usually suffer with nerves, I was nervous before the carrying the torch, but once I started running, the nerves vanished."

Taig is liaising with primary schools this week to share his Olympic Torch experience. He has appeared in an assembly at Pencoys School and talked to a representative from Stithians School.

Taig is looking forward to watching all the Olympic events this summer.



Georgia Doyle-Lay - Year 8

Georgia was nominated by her gran for her considerable achievements in athletics, but Richard Lander are also very familiar with and proud of Georgia's success!

While talking about the day of the torch bearing, Georgia said "I was really nervous before the event as I really didn't know what to expect but I started enjoying it as soon as I got on the bus and shared stories with the other runners." "The run went by in a blur, we were actually running quite fast, there were so many people cheering and waving flags and taking pictures. By the end of the day my cheeks were hurting from smiling so much." Georgia compared the experience to watching her mum run the London Marathon in 2010, while she was fundraising for Breast Cancer, as the atmosphere, excitement and crowd support felt similar.

Georgia says that the Olympic Torch experience has made her more determined to succeed in her athletics.



Dale Triggs - Year 11

Dale Triggs carried the Olympic Torch through Newquay having been selected for his excellence in cross country running through the Coca Cola Challenge.

Dale described Saturday's experience as "phenomenal, the crowd was consistently five people deep while I was running, all my family were there, and there was tons of noise and cheering. The outfit really stood out and both my change overs went really smoothly."

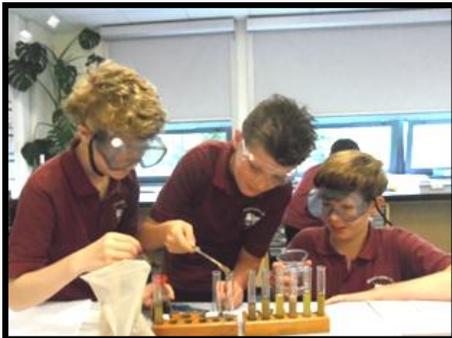
Dale said that it really became apparent to him what an honour it was to carry the torch when he was on the shuttle bus and the runners were all sharing their stories and reasons behind being chosen. He said that some of those stories were really powerful and he felt particularly proud to be associated with the other runners.

Dale is looking forward to watching the long distance Olympic athletics and swimming.



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Year 8 are Science Detectives for a Day



On Tuesday 22nd May a group of gifted and talented students worked on the Science Detective Project. In the morning they used their investigation skills to test their hunches and use evidence to solve a crime.

The group spent the afternoon redesigning the whole project. This involved writing a new crime scenario to be solved with themselves as the suspects.

The new design will be used next month, when a group of Year 6 students visit the school to solve the crime. The Year 8s will lead the project and help the primary students collect evidence and use information to eliminate suspects. We look forward to presenting this exciting activity to the Year 6 students.

Miss Nowak and Mrs Gourley.



RLS Students Buzzing after Spelling Bee

Reported by Kelan Pascoe (Y9)

Richard Lander School is proud at the results from three pupils following the recent Spelling Bee. The students took part in one of the ten semi-finals in the UK and were one of the ten schools in their semi-final. Three schools from Cornwall took part; many are impressed at how the youngsters tackled ridiculously complicated words.

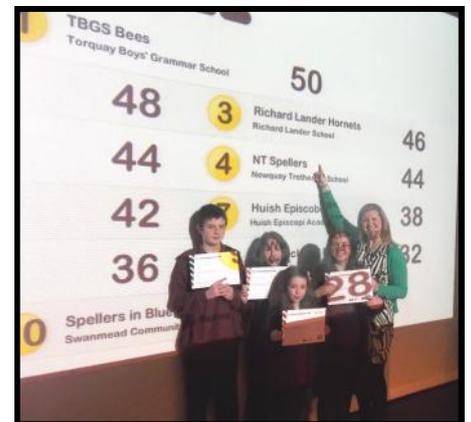


Unfortunately, Richard Lander didn't make the final in London. However, they gave it a very good go, taking on words such as: Palliative, Revolutionary and Coccyx! Miss Taylor, the teacher who accompanied the pupils, said: "It was exceptionally nerve-wracking. Even the adults were gasping at some of the words that the year sevens were being asked to spell!"

The competition involved two rounds: The Spell Off, where students would be knocked out if they spelt a word wrong until all but one person was left; and Quick Fire, where they chose a difficulty and in two minutes had to spell as many words as they could. Each correct

word resulted in two extra points for the team.

Richard Lander's Megan Moore, Lauren Healey and Kynan Facey (with Tamsin Tripp as the reserve) held up very well, leaving the competition with third place and a vocabulary fit to burst! Kynan quoted: "I was nervous at first but as we started spelling it became really exciting." The three youngsters did amazingly well and are a valuable contribution to Richard Lander.



Young College Students of the Week

Very well done to the following students from everyone at RLS.

Travis Barrett
Kuba Holweg

Christina Ingram

Michael Tolley

Lewis Harvey



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RLS SPORTS REPORT



Community Swimming Gala

Godrevy Girls Swim Away With It!

On Friday 18th May around 130 students from Richard Lander School visited Truro School to take part in our annual swimming gala. Once again students were representing their Learning Communities and as with previous years this proved to be an outstanding event, which really "show-cased" the swimming talent which we have in the school.

This is the fifth year that this event has taken place and once again it was a tightly fought event, both in individual and team competition. All students who took part represented themselves and their communities superbly with the rivalry between the teams being a very positive and healthy feature.

On the day 13 new records were set! All of these are listed on the school website.

In the community team event Godrevy and Pentire dominated with only 9 points separating

them when the final totals were calculated. As it turned out the performance of the Year 9/10 Godrevy girls' team decided the competition as they accumulated a massive 35 points and broke 5 out of 7 school records. This lead Godrevy to victory and enabled them to regain the shield from Towan who were last years winners.

Can I offer my congratulations to all the students who took part; they once again represented the school brilliantly. Also thanks to Mr Webb, Mr Burley, Miss Guymer, Ms Lenehan and our 5 year 10 student leaders who helped with the running of this event. Without these people so many students wouldn't have had such a positive experience.

Mr N. Stoddard



The Y9 and Y10 Godrevy Girls who clinched the victory for their community.

Year 8 Girls Celebrate National Cricket Day

Tuesday 22nd May saw the arrival of Brit Insurance National Cricket Day. To celebrate this Mr Bridger



and Miss Taylor took a team of year 8 girls to Perranporth beach for a cricket tournament. The rain held off and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Did you know that England currently hold the Ladies World Cricket Cup and 20/20 title? The Gents team are pretty good too!



Georgia Breaks Cornish Triple Jump Record



On Saturday at the Brooks Cornwall Track and Field Championship Year 8 student Georgia Doyle-Lay broke the U15 Girls Cornwall Triple Jump record. She produced an outstanding jump of 9.92m. There is a full report on this event on the school website.