



Community News

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Friends of Richard Lander School

I am delighted to introduce the latest edition of our newsletter which is full of many superb achievements by our young people and also updates regarding future events etc.

I am sure you will enjoy reading it.

Best Wishes

Trevor Coldman

SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN!

The newly formed "Friends of Richard Lander School" is excited to announce its first summer charity event. As in the past the event known as "Summer Fun In The Sun" will take place during a Friday afternoon with this year's event taking place on Friday 29th June.

For the first time a theme will over-arch the day with the Creative Arts Department's "Decades" being the unifying feature.

Performances from the school production, school bands, sporting activities, visiting guests, catering, fund raising stalls, the "Festival of Cycling" and much more will be available to enjoy.

Car parking will be available, kindly provided by Truro College at its Lyhner Building.

Please come along and enjoy yourselves and at the same time support both our student council and our chosen charities: Shelter Box, Tree Aid, Action Aid and the Jubilee Trust.

We look forward to seeing you.

'DECADES'

Many of the students are already busily rehearsing songs, dramas and dances from the 20s, 40s, 50s and the 60s in readiness for the inter-community competition entitled "THE DECADES" which will be preformed in June. The students will also be producing Art work from their particular decades as well as display boards with information about the different times. Two of the four communities will each perform a variety of pieces from their chosen decade on the first 2 nights and then in the final evening there will be a Gala performance featuring the winning presentations from the communities as well as other whole school performances. On the final evening there will also be the presentation of the trophy to the winning Community. More details will be out soon but for advanced warning the most important dates are below. All performances start at 7:00pm.

We look forward to seeing a great many parents and students at the performances on:

TUESDAY 26TH JUNE	GODREVY	1920'S
	RAME	1950'S
WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE	TOWAN	1940'S
	PENTIRE	1960'S

THURSDAY 28TH JUNE GALA EVENING

Mrs Landstrom, Head of Creative Arts



GREENPOWER TEAM



Students from Richard Lander School, who are members of the 2007 Greenpower team, spent the day at Goodwood Circuit, Sussex.

The event was the season opener for the

Greenpower Car. There were many competitors from many schools and colleges all over the country with their cars, which were all different shapes and designs. The construction of our first vehicle is in production now and it is due for its first race in September at the regional heat in Wadebridge.



J Beech

THE RAME REPORT

Since the last report it has been a very busy time for us all within Rame. The community "row the channel" went well although the staff in the end were not our secret weapon. Although they achieved an excellent time it was not good enough to make up ground on the other communities. So we have finished fourth. We must now try and build on our endurance for next year!! In the football challenge we have had mixed fortunes, but overall it has put us in a strong position and that has pulled us up the community rankings; at present we are second. Congratulations to all that took part.

The inter-community 'Decades' project is gathering pace and the 1950s are inspiring our students with many varied innovative ideas. Rehearsals are underway and we look forward to the end result.

Year 11 are now approaching the final stage of their time at Richard Lander and it does not seem that long ago when they arrived so small and 'fresh faced'. We wish the students in 11Gr and 11Ry all the best for the future and thank them for their contributions to Richard Lander over the past 5 years.

Lynne Landstrom
Team Leader

Glenn Gibson
Director of Rame

YEAR 8 STUDY VISIT TO PARIS

Just before the Easter Holidays an excited group of 41 year 8 students spent 5 days in the French capital. This is what they said about the trip:



'On our trip to Paris we stayed at a Château just outside the city. Penair and Roseland were there too and it was good to mix with pupils from different schools. On the first day we went to a little village and did a scavenger hunt and had to answer questions along the way. Later that day we visited a huge hypermarket which was roughly four times the size of Tesco! The next day we went up the Eiffel Tower which was brilliant and then did a boat trip along the River Seine. We had a coach tour around the City and it was great to see monuments that we had heard about. We loved driving up the Champs Elysées and particularly going around the Arc de Triomphe inside the blue line! We had a campfire back at the Château that evening which was good fun. The next day we went to Disneyland - that was really great. We think that the record for the number of times on Space Mountain was 12! On the last evening we got to try snails! We would recommend the

trip to students in year 7 (despite the long coach journey!).

Mr Rowe and Mrs Stokes would like to thank Mrs McGregor for all her help before and during the visit and our lovely language assistants, Marion and Anne who also accompanied the pupils. We are both still humming 'Jake the Peg'!!

Bev Stokes



TOWAN TIMES

As the weeks speed by, Team Towan continues to achieve so much. Working together our students have succeeded in entering into the spirit of healthy competition and have come away with much success. The Inter-Community league chart, sited at the front of school, shows Towan to be enjoying a healthy lead, but as my fellow Directors have reminded me: pride comes before a fall! We'll see.

Although we'll see lots of year 11 students over the coming exam & revision period, I'll take the opportunity of thanking the students of 11Cc & 11He for all their support during the transition to our Community structure. They have certainly played their part in helping make Towan what it is. They will be missed, but as one chapter closes another opens, as they go into the next exciting phase of their lives. There is a time for all things and now is the time for the year 11 to reap the rewards of their efforts, along with efforts of R.L.S. staff, as they sit their exams. They will be missed.

The 'Decades' project is underway and the students are preparing their presentations. Towan is to focus on the 40s, so we'll be inviting everyone to consider the joys of dried egg powder, gravy stained legs with a pencil like to the back of the legs (ladies only - was p.c. ever around in the 40s?) and a joyous chorus of "We'll meet again"! The Creative Arts team are doing a super job inspiring us and preparing much to make for an enjoyable couple of evenings later in the term.

Chris Vaughan, Director of Towan Learning Community

GODREY GOSSIP

Year 11 students are now entering their final phase at school and the GCSE examinations have already started. It does not seem almost five years ago that the vast majority of them arrived at Richard Lander for the first time looking very young, quite small and even a little nervous. We wish all those in 11HL and 11RG good luck and best wishes for the future. Thank you for all that you have contributed to the life of our school during your time with us.

There have been mixed fortunes for the Godrevy football teams that been competing during lunchtimes over the last two weeks. Congratulations go to all those who took part but, in particular, to the Year 7 boys and the Key Stage 3 girls who finished top of their groups. Year 10 and Year 11 boys both just missed out on top spot but came second. We are hoping that the results will boost our overall points score, and maybe even move us into second place, on the Inter-Community Challenge Board.

As a Community we have decided to support the work of Shelterbox. We are aiming to raise enough money to pay for a complete survival kit that will be ready to send anywhere in the world at very short notice in the event of a disaster taking place. Building on our successful lunchtime tombola, white elephant stall and biscuit sale that brought in over £150 in less than an hour we have now started a new initiative. Students are being asked to do an extra task to help out at home in return for a donation to our cause. This will hopefully increase the awareness of the Shelterbox organisation among other members of the family. When we have paid for our boxes we shall be able to track their journey around the globe, adding to our understanding of global issues and problems that exist elsewhere in the world. As a little incentive we shall be drawing names of those who have returned their donation from a hat and offering about a dozen of them the chance to visit the Shelterbox headquarters in Helston after half-term.

We are also starting to focus on our contributions to the ambitious "Decades" extravaganza which will take place next month. Godrevy students will be looking at the 1920s with a view to providing entertainment, art, music and general information relevant to those ten years. Rehearsals and discussions have started and we look forward to seeing the results of their effort.

P Rowe, Director of Godrevy Learning Community

INTER-COMMUNITY COMPETITION

With just over two terms' worth of Inter-Community competitions completed Towan have a strong lead with Godrevy leading the chasing pack. There is still plenty to play for though with the 'Decades' competition, cricket and Sports Day among the many points-scoring activities still to come.

	Points
Towan	444
Godrevy	347
Pentire	314
Rame	297

PENTIRE PRESS

Gosh, is it really May already? With exam time fast approaching it is with a touch of sadness that we will soon be saying goodbye to the Year 11 students and I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to Miss Halse's and Mr Scott's tutor groups on behalf of the staff and tutors of Pentire. I would also like to thank Will Parke, Annabel Jefferies, James Rimmer and Jenny Byatt for their hard work, enthusiasm and ideas in their role as Community Heads and Deputies.

In the Inter-Community Competition we have had a busy couple of weeks with the 5 a-side football. I was very proud of all students who got involved in the tournaments and particular mention should go to the Year 11 boys who won their group and the Key Stage 3 girls who were easily the best organised team and who made their own special Pentire shirts. The staff rowers posted a record time although in the end only beat the staff at Godrevy by one second! Overall Pentire stands in the third place but with so much competition left this year I hope that with the continued high levels of enthusiasm and participation we can bridge that gap.

The next big event on the calendar is the "Decades" project. Each Community has been allocated a decade of the last century about which they need to put forward artwork, create a series of displays and perform a piece of drama and music. We have been allocated the 1960s and students are busy researching, planning, and making in readiness for the final performances in June and at the 'Summer Fun in the Sun'. If there are any Pentire family, friends or members of the local community who have any material, artefacts and/or ideas that they would be willing to contribute to our work we would be very grateful (please contact me at the school address).

Richard Holloway, Director of Pentire Learning Community

VERTICAL TUTORING

Hopefully you received the letter inviting parents & carers to the Forum that provided little detail of the work of our Learning Communities. The Forum also provided an opportunity for us to share our next exciting development: Vertical Tutoring or V.T.



As many of you are aware, V.T. is nothing new. A parent has shared how his East London school began to use a V.T. system in the 60s when he was in Year 11 or the *fifth form*, as many of us will fondly recall. Although strange at first, to be a part of a tutor group made up of students of various ages from Years 7 – 11, that same parent quickly saw the benefits of working together as a team. Issues of bullying were quickly sorted out (in a positive way), when students looked out for each other, dealing with matters through their tutors and a friendly ('honest' the parent tells me) word with a potential bully. Not unlike a 'family' atmosphere, the V.T. system also meant students with various skills helping each other – an asset when you cannot find a teacher but you need help with a homework task there and then, or of course you can seek help from someone who has already experienced a particular aspect of school life. We are also fortunate in having students at Richard Lander who have experienced V.T. first hand at their previous school and the conclusion is the positives tip the balance.

I, along with some colleagues, have met with the student council to hear their voice with regards V.T. and although some are naturally reticent about the possibility of losing some friends (judging from the experiences of other V.T. schools, this doesn't happen), there have been lots of positive suggestions to make sure V.T. works. A group of students, from another Cornish school, have met some of our School Council's Leadership Team to share their experiences of life in a school that already employs V.T. When asked whether they'd like to revert to the old year system, the answer was a resounding 'no'! We hope that the student body will continue to make positive suggestions to help us ensure that the transition to V.T. is a smooth one.

Chris Vaughan (Director of Learning, Towan)

ROUND THE WORLD WITH RICHARD LANDER

On Monday 30 April the normal timetable for all students in Year 8 was suspended so that they could take part in a Super Learning Day. The aim of the day was to think about how the brain works and how they can best learn. If you know how you learn, you learn better. We believe that every student can succeed and that learning should be enjoyable, exciting and memorable.

The 250 students took part in intensive and active workshops ranging from Egyptian maths to African Drumming, from experimenting with Chinese cookery to learning Capoeira. During each workshop the students were encouraged to ask themselves, "How am I learning this?"

- Is it by listening?
- Or by watching?
- Or by doing it for myself?
- Or is it by a mixture of all these?

In the plenary session at the end of the day the students were asked to write down one thing about the day that was positive, one that was negative and one that was interesting. Some of the positive responses included, "we did things we wouldn't normally have a chance to do, "it was fun" and "nearly all the activities were practical and so kept me motivated". The most popular negative comments were "I wasn't in the same group as my friends", "yoga was really hard" and "I didn't get to do all the workshops". There were roughly equal entries for Egyptian maths under interesting and negative.

Approximately 30 members of staff of Richard Lander School were involved including teachers, trainee teachers, teaching assistants and non-teaching staff. We were also assisted by John Welham, Advanced Skilled Teacher from Camborne School, Baz Smith (Academy of Percussive Arts), April Stead and Jean Cutt (South-West Iyengar Yoga Association) and the Newlyn Reelers.



Wendy Vincent

CANCER RESEARCH UK'S TRURO RACE FOR LIFE - FILLS IN RECORD TIME

THE ORGANISERS of this year's Truro Race for Life have been amazed by the support of local women and with 8 weeks to go, the race is now full.

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life, supported by Tesco, is a national series of 5km walks or runs for women which will be held across the UK this summer.

2,500 women have registered to take part in this year's Truro Race for Life, which will be held at the brand new venue for this year – The new Richard Lander School site, on Sunday 15th July.



Cancer Research UK's Truro Race for Life Organiser, Scott Renken, said "I'm delighted by the response of Truro's women this year and thrilled that the event has filled so quickly!

"I now urge every woman that has got a place to get going with their fundraising so we can smash our target of £160,000 as it is so important to saving lives and funding the vital work of Cancer Research UK. One of the easiest ways to fundraise is to set up your online sponsorship page. Visit www.raceforlifesporsome.org to find out more"

The organiser, Scott Renken went onto point out that this is the first time the race for Life has taken part out of the town centre – there will be limited parking at the event, but participants are strongly advised to walk, take public transport, get lifts or car share with other participants on the day to alleviate congestion at the event.

The money raised by the women from the Truro race will help support Cancer Research UK fund around 3500 scientists, doctors and nurses based throughout the UK.

If you've not been able to get a place in the Truro Race for Life this year, there are still places available in the following local event, at the Eden Project on Sunday 17th June. The fastest way to secure your place is visiting www.raceforlife.org where you can get the full details of all the local events. Or call the hotline on 08705 134 314.

You can also get involved in this year's event by becoming a valued volunteer. Enthusiastic people are needed who'd like to donate their time to help make the event successful.

There are lots of ways to get involved and show your support of Truro's women. For example, setting up the course, handing out medals and goody bags or helping with enquiries at the information desk.

For more information visit <http://www.raceforlife.org/supportus/volunteer>

About Cancer Research UK

Together with its partners and supporters, Cancer Research UK's vision is to beat cancer.

- Cancer Research UK carries out world-class research to improve understanding of the disease and find out how to prevent, diagnose and treat different kinds of cancer.
- Cancer Research UK ensures that its findings are used to improve the lives of all cancer patients.
- Cancer Research UK helps people to understand cancer, the progress that is being made and the choices each person can make.
- Cancer Research UK works in partnership with others to achieve the greatest impact in the global fight against cancer.

For further information about Cancer Research UK's work or to find out how to support the charity, please call 020 7009 8200 or visit www.cancerresearchuk.org

CERAMICS/POTTERY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

HAVE FUN AND LEARN A NEW SKILL WITH YOUR FAMILY, WHAT BETTER WAY TO BOND AND LEARN AT THE SAME TIME.

EVERY THURSDAY 4:40PM TILL 6:30PM IN THE ART DEPT, IN ROOM 229 LEARN HOW TO MAKE: **COILED POTS**, **SLAB BUILDING**, **THROWING ON A POTTERY WHEEL**, **PINCH POTS**, **HAND BUILDING AND SLIP CASTING**. THIS IS JUST THE ICING ON THE CAKE!!

WAIT TILL WE GET CRACKING, HEAPS MORE TECHNIQUES TO UNRAVEL: **WAX RESIST**, **SLIP DECORATING**, **ETCHING**, **CERAMIC TRANSFER**, **TEXTURED CLAY**.

YOU COULD EVEN MAKE YOUR OWN '**CERAMIC JEWELLERY**': BRACELETS, EARRINGS, BROOCHES AND BEADS.

GARDEN CERAMICS: MAKE YOUR OWN OUTDOOR SCULPTURE, GARDEN ORNAMENTS, BIRD BATH, HOUSE PLAQUE, SHED PLAQUE ETC.

THIS COURSE RUNS FOR 8 WEEKS.

ADULTS £35.00

CHILDREN £30.00

DON'T WEAR YOUR BEST CLOTHING, BE PREPARED TO GET DIRTY



ACTIVE KIDS GET COOKING

You may already be aware of the "Active Kids" scheme in P.E. and lots of you have been collecting the vouchers from Sainsbury's. You may not be aware of the "Active Kids Get Cooking" Scheme, the British Nutrition we recently started

This scheme is students more aware to allow them to show skills. 23 Year Eight received their 7 received merits for practical work in

Next year it is hoped students will Award and the Year 8 to the Silver Award.



that is jointly run by Foundation, and that this year.

designed to make of healthy eating and off their culinary students have now certificates, of which their design and Food Technology.

that the Year 7 complete the Bronze students will progress

Well done to all those who gained certificates for their healthy muffin and scone designs.

Miss Ancell

OVER 1000 PEOPLE ATTEND RLS IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES EACH WEEK

Research carried out earlier in the term established that in the period of February into March over one thousand community members were utilising our fantastic facilities each week here at Richard Lander School . This figure does not include the student membership of extra curricular clubs. This is tremendously encouraging and I look forward to seeing this number increase.

In recent editions of “Community News” some of these activities have been highlighted. We will report on others in the forthcoming months. Please remember that if you have any ideas relating to other possible activities please contact Sue Towersey, Geoff Moon or me.



Family Learning
In the Community
Lounge



Family Learning
in the Art Dept