



# Community News

20th July 2007

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Another successful school year is nearly over.

It has been one of many achievements by our students; supported and guided as ever by my colleagues. Well done to everyone for their contributions, demonstrated so well by the articles in this issue of Community News.

Enjoy the Summer,  
Best Wishes,  
Trevor Coldman

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## NEVER A DULL MOMENT

The end of the school year might be close but there is no end to the innovative and exciting activities taking place at Richard Lander School. The past two weeks have seen considerable activity. On 28th June the Learning Community "Decades" Creative Arts Project came to its conclusion with a gala performance followed a day later by the annual summer charity fundraising event "Summer Fun In The Sun". Last week The Design and Technology Department hosted its ground breaking exhibition featuring the school's Green Power Car which is being designed and built in preparation for September's regional heat of the national competition.



To round off the year, this week all Year Seven students will be experiencing "Space Camp" during which time they will be building rockets and visiting a mobile planetarium to name but a few of the activities. The Year 10 students are currently on Work Experience and next week the Curriculum Enrichment Week takes place, which involves all students being engaged in activities as diverse as water sports in the Ardeche, and a cultural visit to Rome and Sorrento, to dance and sports orientated workshops.

Senior Assistant Headteacher, Mr Phillip Gilbert stated : "It's very important that education should be stimulating and adventurous with a focus upon personalising opportunity and experience, and that is what we are trying to do throughout the year and not just during the summer term".

As if this is not enough to be going on with, this weekend sees the school playing host to Cancer Research's "Race For Life" which is set to involve 2500 runners.



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## STAMPS FOR CORNWALL WILDLIFE

A big thank you to everyone who has saved stamps this term for 8Mt. We have collected 601 stamps!

These have been forwarded to the CWT. Special thanks to Rhys Gibbs 7Cr for counting the stamps and Katie Grimes for collecting 162 stamps!

Next term we will be aiming to collect 1000 so please start saving your stamps now and throughout the summer holidays.

Many Thanks

**Ms D Martin**

## A BIG SHOUT FOR JAMIE ACKERMAN

On Sunday 8th July, Jamie competed in the Fencing England Youth Championships.

As a result of his success Jamie has been selected for the England under 13 team. WOW!

Well Done Jamie.

**Ms D Martin**

## ARB GROW A COURGETTE PLANT

As part of a project on growth, the students in the ARB grew their own courgette plant.

With the help of the unseasonable rain, the plant flourished and in our final week of lessons the students have been able to pick several courgettes which they have used to make their own healthy vegetable salad.

It has given the students the opportunity to track a plant from seed to fruiting plant and establish the source of courgettes.

The students are looking forward to more successful planting next year.



**D Beattie**

## ANNUAL DESIGN SHOW

Wednesday 4th July saw the opening of the third annual Design show at Richard Lander School, where the design outcomes of Year 11 students following a range of Design and Technology courses were displayed.

The show was a resounding success and was visited by over 200 people including students, parents, governors, local designers, teachers of DT



from across the county and lecturers from Truro College, Cornwall College and Falmouth University.

It was suggested by visitors that the work was amazingly creative, innovative, stylish and manufactured to an incredibly high standard!

## GREENPOWER CAR

Year 9 and 10 students at Richard Lander School have been working on a vehicle to be entered in the national "Greenpower Car Challenge". They visited the season opener event at Goodwood Motor Circuit to collect research on existing vehicles and have spent 4 months designing and building the school's entry.

Year 7 and 8 students have been selected to drive the car which has its first regional heat on Sunday 9th September 2007 at The Royal Showground, Wadebridge.

All students involved have volunteered their time during break and lunchtimes and an extensive sponsorship programme is being prepared inviting local and national institutions to get involved in the project, which has been used to promote Engineering as a subject within the school.

**J Beech**



## "DECADES"

The week beginning 25th June saw the four Learning Communities at Richard Lander School engage in a creative arts competition as they each presented an interpretation of their given decade in artistic, dramatic and musical form.

The result was a series of evening s which presented outstanding entertainment for all who were fortunate enough to secure tickets.

The panel of judges chaired by David Hughes of Rotary were faced with a difficult decision but the eventual winners of the trophy were Rame Community with their presentation of the 1950's.



## BRITISH TRUST FOR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS



12 students ranging in age from 12 to 15 from Richard Lander School along with pupils from Truro School worked in a voluntary capacity for the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) on the weekend of June 17th. The main objective of the weekend was to build and restore dry stone walling in the St Agnes area and to introduce the students to the idea of working in a voluntary capacity within the local community. The students learnt many new skills from working with very knowledgeable volunteers. In the evening the whole group stayed in a camping barn at Meanporth where they engaged in team building activities. Every student enjoyed it enormously and some have already volunteered to go back in September.

**J Toy**

## SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN



Unbelievably “Summer Fun In The Sun” actually took place in reasonable weather even though the rain was falling steadily throughout the early morning period. Contingencies were made such as placing the bouncy castle in the gym rather than outside, but in general the event was able to take place as planned.

Huge thanks go to all the contributions made by the “Friends of Richard Lander School” which helped to make this such a successful event. Additionally we were delighted that Chris Webb from Truro City Football Club was able to open the afternoon by addressing the students and displaying the FA Vase. In addition to the



numerous stalls and games provided by the tutor groups a whole range of other attractions were present.

These included:

Fun Bikes

Bands in the Mini Minack

The “Decades” performed in the Hall

Inter Community hockey on the all weather pitch

Inter Community 5 a side in the sports hall

And the “Soak a Teacher” sideshow.

The final sum raised which will be spread between the various charities chosen by the Learning Communities is standing at present at £1500 with more money yet to be added.

## RICHARD LANDER TAKE PART IN MOUNT HAWKES HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

Richard Lander’s P.E department and the D.T department have been involved in Mount Hawke Primary Schools “Healthy Living Week”. As part of this week the students were looking at exercise, healthy eating and road safety.

Miss Ancell and students from year nine, including Charlie Capper, Jenny Eathorne, Phoenix Luke and Louis Falco, delivered a series of healthy eating workshops. These involved talking to the students about healthy eating and then helping them to make and taste salad pitta pockets, fruit kebabs and muffins. Year 10 Richard Lander students including Alex Rust, Charlotte Jackson, Lauren Edwards and Sameer Dhumali also took on leadership roles to introduce the primary children to a broad range of physical activities and skills designed to improve both skills and fitness. For many of the students it was their first opportunity to put their leadership skills into practise. Following the day, Mr Gibson said,

“The Richard Lander students did an excellent job. The primary staff said that our leaders were excellent role models for the school, and the expressions on the primary children’s faces were evidence of how much they had enjoyed the afternoon”.

**Miss Ancell & Mr Gibson**

## RECORDER EXAM SUCCESS!

Students from the school recorder group decided to undertake exams this term. This was further to all the normal rehearsals they had AND the extra rehearsals for the Decades performances! Each student played three pieces, a study, and an exercise, as well as a sight reading and aural test to an external examiner. Everyone played exceptionally on the day and the examiner did comment on the high standard and commitment each student had demonstrated during the exam.

The results were amazing! All exams are marked out of 100 (60=pass, 75=merit, 88=distinction). Special mention goes to Rosie Land (8Dg) and Alice Williams (8Cn) who both got 97 out of a 100 for Grade 2 - their first recorder exam as well! Also to Merryn Thomas (10Ac) who got 94 for her Grade 7 and Jenny Byatt who got 96 for her Grade 8. Grade 8 is the highest exam level that you can take! Congratulations to you all, you all worked very hard - well done!

### INITIAL

Daniel Rose Jones (9Ro) - Distinction 88

Laurel Eathorne (8Mt) - Distinction 96

### GRADE 1

Lewis Hobbs (9Wy) - Distinction 96

Katie Grimes (7Hn) - Distinction 93

Katie Fenton (8Cn) - Distinction 90

### GRADE 2

Hannah Cracknell (7Pr) - Pass 72

Rosie Land (8Dg) - Distinction 97

Alice Williams (8Cn) - Distinction

### GRADE 5

Cara Searle (9Cy) - Distinction 89

### GRADE 6

Kathy Byatt (8Cn) - Distinction 88

### GRADE 7

Merryn Thomas (10Ac) - Distinction 94

### GRADE 8

Jenny Byatt (11) - Distinction 96



Mrs Whomersley

## 2007 - 2008 ACADEMIC YEAR - TERM DATES

### AUTUMN TERM 2007

7th September - 21st December

(Half Term 29th October - 2nd November)

### SPRING TERM 2008

7th January - 19th March

(Half Term 11th February - 15th February)

### SUMMER TERM 2008

7th April - 23rd July

(Half Term 26th May - 30th May)

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Christmas Day	25th December 2007
Boxing Day	26th December 2007
New Years Day	1st January 2008
Good Friday	21st March 2008
Easter Monday	24th March 2008
Early May Holiday	5th May 2008
Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2008
Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2008

## MINACK 2007

Every year we try to give our Year 7 students the opportunity to take part in a theatre visit. This year we decided upon the Minack and a performance of Robin Hood. 220 students was quite a challenge but very worthwhile. We would like to thank all staff that accompanied the students and the staff back at school whose lessons were disrupted. Of course we want to say a big "Thank you" to the students themselves for their great attitude and behaviour.

The Student Support Team



A Student's view:

On the 8th June Year 7 went to the Minack Theatre in Penzance. The Illyria Theatre Company performed 'Robin Hood' which is about a man who stole from the rich to give to the poor and his true love, Maid Marion.

After the journey we had to walk up a steep hill to get to where we were having lunch. We sat down on stone seats, which were comfortable to start with. The actors had big leather costumes which must have been uncomfortable because it was so hot, but they had water splashed over them in the play.

We had a break and then had ice creams and lots of sweets and drinks.

We all got very hot and were tired by the end.

The best bits were the funny songs.

**Gwen Davies and Kizzy Liddington Year 7**

## LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE COME TO STUDENT SERVICES IF YOU HAVE LOST ANY PROPERTY.  
WE HAVE A HUGE AMOUNT OF CLOTHING AND BAGS WITH NO NAMES ON.