



WEEKLY BULLETIN 15th January 2010

The recent poor weather now seems to be somewhat behind us and I would like to thank students, staff and parents for their co-operation and support through this difficult period of time. I think we all worked extremely well together, and in so doing, placed the welfare of students at the centre of our work.

Further to the detail of last week's school bulletin, which can be found on the school website, the recent weather should remind us all that holding accurate student details on the school system is vital. Please do ensure that the details which the school holds for your children are accurate and up to date. If there are any changes (e.g.: addresses, telephone details, medical conditions, doctor's contact number, etc), this should be communicated to the school in writing. Please do ensure all communication clearly states the name of your child, their year group and letters are signed by a parent.

Still on the issue of communication, can I remind parents of the importance of the **student planner**. This is the main form of communication between school and home. In it, students should record their homework plus other information (e.g. after school clubs, ingredients to bring to lessons, etc). Staff may also write comments to keep parents in the loop regarding issues for celebration or concern. Parents may also communicate with the tutor via the planner.

Parents should ensure that at the end of each week, the page in the planner for that particular week is signed. This will be counter-signed by tutors the following week.

Steve Mulcahy
Head teacher

Hallelujah Chorus Project

A big THANK YOU to all parents and staff who joined in with our students to make this project such a success! People often say to me that being a Music Teacher must be very rewarding. Sometimes I agree with them; however I can say unequivocally that performing the Hallelujah Chorus with our staff and parents really was inspiring. I am aware that many parents put a lot of time into learning their parts and were thrilled with the resulting performance at the Informal Carol Evening. We have some really fine voices amongst the parents.

If you really enjoyed this project please build on it! Truro Choral Society will be performing 'Carmina Burana' – the 'Old Spice' advert used it! Rehearsals take place each Tuesday at Richard Lander School in the Hall on Tuesdays 7.00 – 9.00pm. It will be fun and life-enhancing!

Russell Pascoe

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) commemorates the tragic loss of life in the genocides of World War II, in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur. HMD is held on 27 January, the anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

As a school we will be drawing attention to this day within assemblies, RE and History lessons. To actively engage students we will also be running a competition for students in years 7, 8 and 9:

The theme for this HMD is, 'the legacy of hope.' Students are encouraged to create a shape from paper / 3D model/Pod cast that contains their own message of hope. Their message could be one of hope for their school community, country or the world.

V.Downing



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Important dates for year 11 students and their Parents/Carers

Truro College:

21st January – Open evening 5-8pm
28th January – IB Information evening starting at 7.30pm

Cornwall College:

23rd January - Duchy College open day 10am – 12pm

28th January - Open evenings at the following:

Camborne College
Falmouth Marine School
St. Austell Campus
Saltash Campus
Newquay Campus

The times for all of the above: 5 - 7:30pm

17th February – Animal management taster day at Cornwall College, Newquay 10am – 4pm

Further information can be found at:

www.trurocollege.ac.uk

www.cornwall.ac.uk



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CORNWALL LEARNING OUTDOORS - Free Family Learning Activity Days

Would you and your child like to have the opportunity to do a couple of days of fun activities together?

If you answered **yes**, then Cornwall Learning Outdoors, Cornwall Council Outdoor Education Service would like to hear from you!

Activities will take place during the February half term at Cornwall Learning Outdoors Education

Centres

- Delaware OE Centre, Gunnislake
- Porthpean OE Centre, St Austell
- Roseland OE Centre, St-Just-in-Roseland
- Carnyorth OE Centre, Pendeen

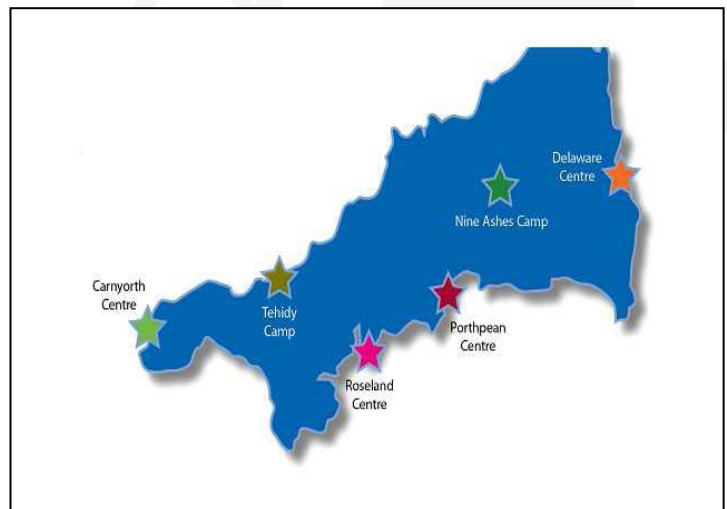
Some of the activities on offer will include

- Archery
- Canoeing
- Sailing
- Sketching
- Making solar boats
- Orienteering
- Climbing
- Bushcraft

All activities are run by highly skilled and qualified instructors with safety our absolute priority.

Activities will be adapted to suit weather conditions.

For more information on criteria and to register contact Lindsay Peters on lpeters@cornwall.gov.uk or 01209 721446 (Bookings will be taken on a 1 parent 1 child basis)



Key Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19th Jan – Friends of Richard Lander Meeting 6-7pm

Thursday 21st Jan – Yr 9 Options Evening

Friday 22nd Jan - Yr 11 Reports home Yr 7 SAMS

Monday 25th Jan – DARKE Visions project all day rehearsal and production – Hall for Cornwall

Tuesday 26th Jan – Yr 8 Arts Workshop

Wednesday 27th Jan – Yr 9 Reviews Toulouse Visit

Thursday 28th – Yr 9 Reviews

PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT ABSENCE:

In the event of a student being absent please call our 24 hour absence line on 01872 273772. Holidays should only be taken with consent of the Headteacher and holiday forms can be obtained through Student Reception.

Congratulations to All



Footballers

Well done to all our players in Years 8, 9 and 10 who played against Truro School on Wednesday. RLS won all 3 age group games.

Yr 8 – 2-1

Yr 9 – 3-0

Yr10 – 2-1

Next weeks Fixtures

Wed – Football V's Camborne away Yr 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Thurs – Boys Hockey V's Truro School (away) – Yr 9

Friday – Key Stage 3 Penryn Partnership Swimming Gala at Carn Brea Leisure Centre

Reminder

Please remember that there is a "Friends of Richard Lander School" meeting being held on Tuesday 19th January between six and seven pm in the school library. Please contact main reception or email to enquiries if you hope to attend.

Philip Gilbert

Lost Property

There is a great deal of lost property that is unclaimed each month. Should your child lose something he/she should enquire at Student Reception. Students are regularly provided with the chance to look through lost property but very few choose to do so. Should you become aware that items have been lost, please ensure that your son/daughter follows this procedure.