



WEEKLY BULLETIN

5th March 2010

English: Playing For Success

Many congratulations to the two groups of Year 8 students who have successfully completed the 'Playing For Success' programme. It is based at Truro City Football Club and aims to raise the achievement of young people by offering 20 hours of education outside of school hours in a different learning environment. On this particular scheme, RLS students worked to improve their literacy by using different media and ICT. The second group graduated last week and demonstrated their new skills in areas such as animation and podcasting, to their parents and invited guests. Beth Mason, the PFS course leader, has nothing but praise for all the RLS students she has met so far and looks forward to the next course in May. Well done to you all.

English: Readathon

Many students in KS3 have been participating in this year's Readathon, a sponsored reading event to raise money for the Roald Dahl Foundation (who support young people with blood disorders, epilepsy, brain injury and other neurological disorders) and CLIC Sargent (the UK's leading children's cancer charity). Since it was founded in 1984, Readathon has raised over £22,000,000 and RLS hope to raise a goodly amount for this very worthwhile cause. Readathon finishes this week and sponsorship money should be being collected in now and handed in as soon as possible. Remember, every little helps. Many thanks for your support and do not forget to use your World Book Day £1 token to get reading your next book!

Other Cultures Day

One hundred and ten of our year eleven students have been selected to participate in our **Other Cultures Day** on Monday 8th March. This is part of the English department drive to raise examination standards at GCSE. The day is a cross-curricular event and they will be studying: Geography, History, RE and DT to enhance their understanding and appreciation of the '**Poems from Other Cultures and Traditions**' that they have studied in English. The students will be looking at aspects of several different cultures, all linked to the poems, and during the day will be studying topics as diverse as : slavery, apartheid, the Vietnam War, Caribbean cooking, religions of India, life in a concentration camp and modern life in San Francisco. The day promises to be enjoyable, interesting and a worthwhile learning experience for all involved. We hope that the students embrace the **Other Cultures Day** with as much enthusiasm as the teachers who are taking part have done and that they will take with them what they have learned into the examination hall and beyond.

Natalie Schofield
English teacher

We are now collecting **Sainsbury's Active Kids** vouchers for schools. In the past this project has been very successful and we have purchased new sports equipment which includes team strips, rowing machines and lots more. We would very much appreciate your support in collect these vouchers which are being collected at Student Reception in the Active Kids Boxes. Thank you again for your ongoing support.
A Durant



English: Year 11 Study Days

Congratulations to all Year 11 students who attended the recent English Revision Sessions and then sat a further English Language Paper 1 examination. Hopefully you managed to put those skills you revised to good use! You are to be commended for your listening skills and positive contributions. Many students also attended specific workshops to help them complete or improve their coursework folder or to focus on a particular examination skill area. Thank you to all students and staff for their hard work.

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.

PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT ABSENCE

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



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INCREDIBLE JOURNEY!

Well done to everyone who was involved in our school production JOURNEYS you should be extremely proud of yourselves. Over 160 students took part including writers, dancers, musicians, actors, technicians and skateboarders! Tickets sold out very quickly and the audiences enjoyed the production immensely. There will be a DVD available if you missed it. Thank you to all of you – you worked so hard with real commitment and enthusiasm. This just leaves us with one question: What shall we do next year?!



Lucy Charleston
Head of Creative Arts

Uk Intermediate Maths Challenge

The maths department had a great deal of success in the recent national competition - UK Intermediate Maths Challenge. 43 out of the 98 students entered received certificates – 5 Gold, 18 Silver and 20 Bronze and three have been invited to compete in the European Kangaroo which is a one hour paper taken in over 25 countries across Europe on Thursday 18 March. This is a fantastic achievement on an extremely challenging paper, and judging from past experience is a very well regarded addition to any students CV when applying for college.



Languages News!

Our new teacher to replace M Negre is Miss Fewster. We wish her every success here.

Miss Fewster will be running a Mandarin Chinese club, starting this THURSDAY 4th March. Come and learn the fastest growing language in the world! Room 124 at 1.05pm

We are very lucky to have Pepe – a Spanish teacher of English from Malaga who is in Cornwall for 3 months – coming in to our school to give us a taste of Spain. On Wednesday he will spend lunchtime with us chatting about Spain and eating Spanish food. Please come and taste some food with us! Room 122 1.30.



Key Dates for your Diary

Mon 8th March – Friday 12th March
Truro Music Festival
Tues 9th March – Rugby U14s West Cornwall 7s (Yr 9)

Mon 22nd March – Yr 8 Paris Trip
Tues 23rd March – Year 7 reports home

Wed 24th March – Rugby U16s West Cornwall 7s (Yr10)

Cornwall College Taster Days

Thurs 25th March – Rugby U12s West Cornwall 7s (Yr 7)

Cornwall College Taster Days

Lower School Disco 7:30 – 9:30pm

Berlin Trip 2010

2nd Payment due 8th March

Fixtures

Tues 9th March – U13 Netball Tournament at Truro School

Thurs 11th March – Year 7 and 9 Hockey V Falmouth – **HOME**

Tues 16th March – U12 Netball Tournament at Truro School

Thurs 18th March – Year 7 and 10 Hockey V Redruth - **HOME**