

End Of Year Battle At Polwhele House

An independent school in Truro has completed the school year at war – a tug-of-war.

Polwhele House's tug-of-war tournament took place on Tuesday 9th July to celebrate the end of the academic and sporting year.

The pupils were divided into six teams, with three teams made up of Junior school children and three of Senior school children.

After fighting off their competition, Team 1 won the Junior tug-of-war which was captained by Jenna Kerridge from Falmouth.

In the Senior competition, Team 2 triumphed with leadership from their captain - current head boy Tobi Yeoman from Perranwell Station.

Alex McCollough, Headteacher of Polwhele House, commented on the day: "The tug-of-war event is the perfect way for students to let off steam at the end of a fantastic academic year. At Polwhele House we strongly believe the children's educational experiences should consist of activities in social skills, sports, team building and problem solving alongside their curriculum led subjects. The day is also a great opportunity for staff and pupils alike to let their hair down and have fun!"

After the tug-of-war the children also took part in a Rounders tournament with the same teams working together again.

The Junior Rounders was won by Junior Team 2 which was captained by Kate Riley from Wadebridge.

Tensions were high when the Senior Rounders came to a draw between Senior Teams 2 and 3 for which Macrina Mombelli-Armondi from Bodmin was captain of Team Three, joining Toby as captain of Team 2.

The afternoon ended with a Staff v Year 8 tug-of-war which saw the children and adults battle through three rounds.

It did not look good for the pupils with the Staff team winning the first two rounds easily, however after a mighty dual (and a helping hand from a year 8 form tutor) the pupils were the victors of the final pull.

Sandra Lusty, Head of PE and Games at Polwhele House, organized the event and was thrilled with the enjoyment that was had by all:

“The tug-of-war is always highly anticipated by everyone at Polwhele House and we certainly weren’t disappointed with this year’s event. The children worked together so well and especially enjoyed seeing the staff beaten during the last round of the tug-of-war!”

The event marks the end of the school’s sport season including cricket, horse-jumping, hockey, football, rugby and cross country.

Many of these included tournaments against other schools in Truro, reinforcing Polwhele House’s strong links with the local area.

For more information on Polwhele House visit www.polwhelehouse.co.uk