



Issue No. 179
16 September 2014

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 17 September

am Y5 'Hit the Surf' with
the RNLI

pm Rugby Coaching
Afternoon at Truro
Prep

Friday 19 September

all day 'People Who Help Us'
Day (Pre Prep)

all day 'Talk Like a Pirate'
Day (Prep School)

Monday 22 September

am Y8 Geography Field
Trip to Padstow

Tuesday 23 September

2.00pm U8 & U9 Netball &
Rugby v St Joseph's (h)

Eve Boarding Taster
Evening: Beach Trip

THE

Polwhele Post

THE NEWSLETTER OF POLWHELE HOUSE

From the Headmaster...

Thank you to all involved - Pre-Prep staff and parents - for such a positive and productive meeting yesterday evening; it presented a good opportunity for us to meet to work together for the children's benefit. Handouts are available from form teachers for those who were unable to attend.

Programmes of study were sent out to all parents in Years 1-8 last week. These documents set out the main topics covered by each year group in each subject. Not only do we hope that it is interesting for you to know what the children will be covering in their lessons this term, it can also be very useful for parents to know when planning trips at weekends or during the holidays.

Looking ahead, please do come and support the Headmaster's Cheese and Wine Evening on Friday 26 September - it's always a lovely occasion, organised by the Polwhele House Society, and an opportunity for fellowship.

Before then we have our 'People Who Help Us' Day in Pre-Prep so thank you to Mrs McCullough and her large team of parent volunteers and visitors for what promises to be an enjoyable day. Thank you, too, to Miss Topsey for our inaugural 'International Talk Like A Pirate Day' in the Prep School on the same day.

Avast, me hearties!

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COMMENDATIONS (week commencing 15 September)

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| Retallack Hooper | Reception | Poppy Stevenson | Year 1 |
| Finn Ashton | Year 2 | Henry Foote | Year 3 |
| Sophie Michell | Year 3 | Henry Dunn | Year 4 |
| Benji Harvey | Year 4 | Lola Willis | Year 4 |
| Olivia Penna | Year 5 | Finley Thomas | Year 5 |
| Hannah Moses | Year 6 | Anna Orwin | Year 6 |
| Arthur Trotman | Year 6 | Ethan Smokvina | Year 7 |
| Phoebe Gregory | Year 8 | | |



Congratulations to...

- **James Lansdowne** who has passed his piano grade 3 with a merit.
- **Ethan Lusty** (Copper Music Medal Descant Recorder), **Sophie Michell** (Copper Music Medal Violin), **Lucio Mombelli-Armondi** (Bronze Music Medal Violin), **Olivia Penna** (Bronze Music Medal Violin) and **Oliver Spencer** (Bronze Music Medal Violin).

PRE-PREP NEWS



Off to search for a giant!



The children arrived at school feeling very excited about their trip to St Michael's Mount. We had shown the children pictures of St Michael's Mount and we had created simple maps. The children also listened to the legend about the Giants of St Michael's Mount.

Mr Truen joined us and we set off on our adventure. The weather was great and the boat trip across was enjoyed by all. Armed with our map and quiz sheets we set off up the steep climb to the castle. We looked at the dairy and then there was great excitement as we found the Giant's well

and the place where legend has it that the Giant's heart is buried.

The children enjoyed taking part in the quiz and finding the objects in each room. They also remembered to ask how the Queen was taken up to the castle when she visited. The guides were lovely with the children and encourage them to ask questions. Mr Truen found a map with Polwhele on it.

After finishing our quiz the children were very hungry and so we set off back down to the picnic area for some well earned lunch. On the way down one of the guides told the children to put one hand on the heart shaped stone on the path and the other hand on their heart and they might feel the Giant's heart beating!!!

The children enjoyed their lunch, kindly made for them by Mrs Bishop and then we set off to walk back across the causeway.

The children were treated to some time in the park before we left because they had been very well behaved and we had all enjoyed our day together.

Sadly, we did not find the resident giant Cormoran, but we did have our own BFG along with us. Thank you very much Mr Truen for coming on our trip. It was great to have your help and the children really enjoyed having you with us.

Mrs Caddy and Mrs McCullough



PREP NEWS

There will be no Science Club tomorrow (17 September); please collect your child at 3.40pm or 5.00pm after Prep Club.

Thank you

Y5 'Hit The Surf' Reminder...

Y5 children are to come to school in their school uniform tomorrow (17 September) and then change into their beach clothes for their 'Hit the Surf' adventure. This is a free event but, if you would like to make a small donation to the RNLI, Miss Thomas is collecting in the office. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

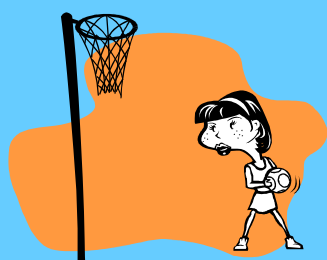
If your child comes home with a team sheet, please sign the permission slip and get your child to place the signed slip in the plastic wallet on the sports board in the Prep School.

Parental support is most welcome at all matches; home and away.

Thank you.

U8 & U9 Netball v St Joseph's (H)
A 'High 5' fixture
Tuesday 23 September 2.00pm

Isabella Davis (Captain)
Tansy Spokes
Lola Willis
Georgiana Ashworth
India Farrelly
Sophie Michell



U8 & U9 Rugby v St Joseph's (H)
Tuesday 23 September 2.00pm

U9 - 7s

Josh Angilley
Henry Dunn
Bryn Farrelly
William Hare
Benji Harvey (c)
Oliver Pearce
George Piccin-White
Oliver Thorpe

U8 - 6s

Ted Brown
Henry Foote
Ethan Lusty
Finlay Lyall
William Orwin
Fergus Stephen (c)
Arthur Taylor

Rugby Coaching Course Wednesday 17 September 2.00-5.00pm

Mr Main has been invited to a rugby coaching course at Truro Prep on Wednesday 17 September from 2.00-5.00pm.

Each school has been asked to bring along 5 players.

Mr Main has selected the following players:

Charlie Beckly

Thomas Luke

Lucio Mombelli-Armondi

William Piccin-White

Ruben Wheeler

You will return to school at 5.30pm.

Straight from the horse's mouth...

The ponies are in rude health since coming back from their holidays and we have been enjoying rides out in the grounds and lots of jumping lessons. They are gradually getting back into routine and always seem very relaxed when they know what is happening.

Looking ahead this term we have our winter dressage competition and entry forms for riders wishing to take part will be available soon. Then later we have the annual Pre-Prep Pony Challenge which is lots of fun and allows our youngest riders to show off their skills. We also have two beach rides this term. Letters went out on Friday and pupils are encouraged to get their forms in quickly as places are limited.

The ponies will be visited by the dentist later this month for their annual check-up and some of them will also have their annual 'flu and tetanus jabs. It is difficult to treat a horse's teeth as their back teeth are so high up in their skull. The vet or equine dentist must place a metal brace onto the horses head to hold their mouth open allowing the back teeth to be reached and rasped down with a file. Unsurprisingly, many horses need sedating for this but this is preferable to the pain they would experience if they developed problems with their teeth.

Last week I received a photo and short film of Smokey in her (semi-) retirement home. She looked happy and well which is always good to see and I will be visiting her later on this term. Nutty is also doing very well and enjoying her retirement.

Photos this week show Thomas and Retallack Hooper enjoying a riding lesson and Phoebe showing the ropes to new groom, Ollie.



GENERAL NEWS

LUNCH MENU

Wednesday 17 September

Roast Beef

Cheese and Tomato Flan (V)

Served with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Cookies

Thursday 18 September

Homemade Pizza (V)

Salad

Apple Cake with Custard

Friday 19 September

Breaded Fish

Chickpea Burgers (V)

Served with Wedge Potatoes, Sweetcorn and Peas

Fruit Salad with Pouring Cream

Monday 22 September

Vegetable Dahl (V)

Served with Rice

Fruity Flapjack

Tuesday 23 September

Beef Bolognese

Vegetable Bolognese (V)

Served with Pasta

Cakewell



Boarding Taster Evening

Tuesday 23rd September

Join us for the first boarding taster evening of the Michaelmas term as we head to the beach for our supper and an evening of fun and games.

If you require any further information please contact Mrs McCullough: hmccullough@polwhelehouseschool.co.uk or to book please speak to Miss Thomas in the school office.