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6 October 2015

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6 October

pm ISI Boarding Inspection commences
2.30pm U8 & U9 Rugby v Truro Prep (a)

Wednesday 7 October

all day ISI Boarding Inspection
8.30am PHSoc Meeting (TV Room)
2.00pm U11 Rugby & Senior Hockey v St Joseph's (a)

2.30pm Ugly Bug Ball (N & R)

Thursday 8 October

Assessment grades to Prep School parents
all day ISI Boarding Inspection

Monday 12 October

Pre-Prep Parent-Teacher Meeting Week

Tuesday 13 October

2.30pm U8 & U9 Cross-Country v Truro Prep

THE

Polwhele Post

THE NEWSLETTER OF POLWHELE HOUSE

From the Headmaster...

We are welcoming representatives from the Independent Schools Inspectorate into school today for a three-day boarding inspection. This, of course, presents us with an excellent opportunity to share with them what it means to be part of our special community and showcase all the good things that are happening in and around the boarding house. Throughout the course of their visit I am certain the inspectors will find much to praise and will very much enjoy getting to know our friendly, communicative and, most importantly, happy boarders.

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Marta van Emden as our new School Secretary. Marta was appointed from a strong field of candidates and we are very much looking forward to her joining us in her new role next Monday. My thanks go to our ICT Technician, Ben Moulton, for stepping into the breach and manning the office with great efficiency during this intervening period.

Our first full round of parent-teacher meetings are just around the corner; these meetings will present really useful opportunities for parents and teachers to provide progress reports and help the children with their targets for the year. By now, Prep School parents should have received an appointments' letter which must be returned by Friday 9 October; Pre-Prep parents are asked to sign up on the appointments' sheet on the relevant classroom door.

With best wishes,

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COMMENDATIONS (week commencing 5 October)

<i>Etty Rogers</i>	<i>Reception</i>	<i>Bella Trefusis</i>	<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Jago Keyter</i>	<i>Year 2</i>
<i>Poppy Stevenson</i>	<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Karma Toms</i>	<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Finn Ashton</i>	<i>Year 3</i>
<i>Jacob Taylor</i>	<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Lila Tillyard</i>	<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Arthur Taylor</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
<i>Sophie Michell</i>	<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Pax McDowell</i>	<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Ted Brown</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
<i>George Piccin-White</i>	<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Bertie Tillyard</i>	<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Issy Davis</i>	<i>Year 5</i>
<i>Tom Luke</i>	<i>Year 7</i>	<i>Tom Reed</i>	<i>Year 7</i>	<i>Hannah Moses</i>	<i>Year 7</i>
<i>Arthur Trotman</i>	<i>Year 7</i>			<i>William Odling</i>	<i>Year 8</i>



Congratulations to...

Tom Reed for winning 'Junior Handler', 'Best Silkey' and 'Call Duck Reserve Champion' at the Bugle and District Poultry Club Show 2015.

PRE-PREP



Each week the Nursery and Reception children don their wellies and head off for our 'Woodland School' session. Last week we became 'treasure hunters!' and went to search for treasures in the natural environment. We found conker shells, beech nuts, feathers, twigs, skeleton leaves and much more. We had lots of fun.

Photographs showing our Woodland School Diary are on display in the Pre-Prep.



**Nursery Star of
the Week!
Freddie Sexton**

Viking Voyagers

Year 1 and Year 2 set off with a sense of excitement for their 'invasion' of the Maritime Museum in Falmouth. We were met by Seth who took us up to the Education Room and the children enjoyed a snack before their Viking Voyage began.

We were then taken to discover who the Vikings were and where they had come from. The children discovered why they wanted to travel from Scandinavia and learnt about trading. Then in groups they tried out their trading skills: tasting, feeling and looking at the goods they might trade.

We were treated to an unexpected fire practice and the children were impeccably behaved during this. Some builders working behind the museum had accidentally caused the alarms to be set off. We were well looked after and soon continued with our Viking experience.

Next we all had the opportunity to make Viking money and the children loved this and were allowed to keep their coins.

Lunch beckoned and Mrs Bishop's packed lunch went down a treat!!!

In the afternoon Seth showed the children how to make a Viking Longboat and they really enjoyed this activity. Not only did they get to make a boat but they were then treated to racing their boats in the boat pool. Matthew Lusty was the champion racer.

To finish with, the children were treated to exploring a Viking boat, dressing up, smelling barrels and generally getting a feel for what it was like to be part of the Viking crew.

All too soon we had to get ready to leave. The children had a wonderful time and Seth and the other members of the Maritime Museum were fantastic.

Thanks must go to Mrs Watkins, Mrs Warden and Mrs Hounsell who accompanied us on our 'pillaging raid' and were extremely supportive and helpful. We very much hope they enjoyed their day with us.

A special thank you goes to Mr Hunt for helping to arrange this visit; we really appreciate it.

The children really enjoyed their visit and were very well behaved.

Mrs Caddy and Mrs Topsey-Eaton

SPORTS NEWS



U11 Rugby (Home) & Senior Girls' Hockey (Away) v St Joseph's Wednesday 7 October 2.00pm

Please change during morning break (you need to wear your tracksuit top).

Girls: mouth guards and shin pads.

Boys: boots and mouth guards.

We will have an early lunch at 12.30pm. Girls will depart at 1.00pm and return at 4.00pm. Boys match will now be held at Polwhele. Choristers must get changed back into their school uniform before going to the crypt.

Parental support is most welcome. Should the weather be inclement please contact the school office regarding the cancellation of the fixture.

Mrs Lusty

9-a-side	Training Game	
Harry Alford	Lola Willis	GK
Piran Bishop	Olivia Penna/Evie Michell	RD
Ed Dunn	Hannah Moses	LD
Patrick Luke	Tilly Stephen/Issy Davis	RM
Tom Lyall (Captain)	Vivienne Carveth (Captain)	CM
Silas van Emden	Thalia Farrelly/Gaia Deverell	LM
George Wright	Bethan Rees/Tansy Spokes	Striker
Benji Harvey		
Bertie Tillyard		
William Hare		

Match Report v Truro Prep - Wednesday 30th September

By Tilly Stephen

It was a lovely sunny day when we arrived at Truro School astro for our match. We were to play the A team in the first half and the B team in the second.

In the first half, against their A team, we didn't score any goals but neither did they! We came close to scoring quite a few goals, but we finally managed to get two goals past them in the second half. Both Bethan and I scored but everyone had a hand in the goals.

There are a few things I want to say about each of the Polwhele players. Tansy and Issy did some excellent dribbles and tackles. Bethan really got stuck in and did some amazing dribbling up the field. Evie knew exactly what to do and where she needed to be. Olivia showed some really good defensive skills and a brilliant attacking position as well. Lola put her training to good use and really helped the team keep the goals out. Gaia showed great passing and managed to be everywhere on the pitch.

As captain, I couldn't pick one single person to be player of the match because everyone played amazingly and improved massively throughout the game.

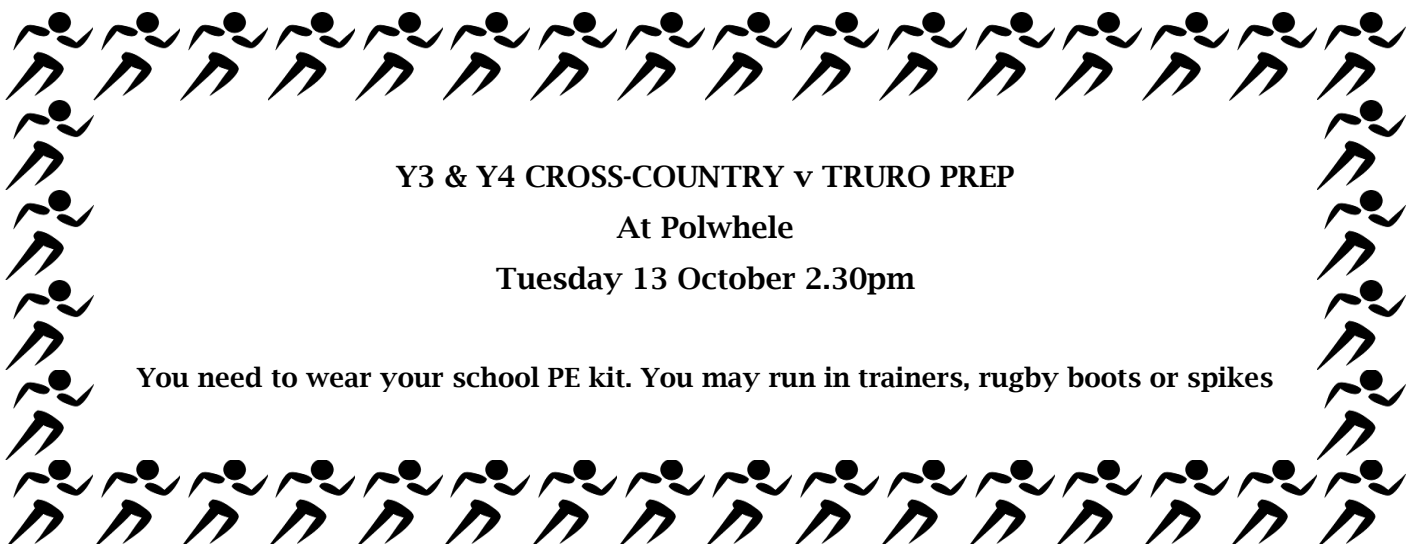
I felt that everyone tried their best and that's all I could ever ask of them that day. Very well done, great result for Polwhele and thank you to Mrs Lusty for organising and taking us to the match.

Y3 & Y4 CROSS-COUNTRY v TRURO PREP

At Polwhele

Tuesday 13 October 2.30pm

You need to wear your school PE kit. You may run in trainers, rugby boots or spikes



SPORTS NEWS

U11 RUGBY VS TRURO PREP BY THOMAS LYALL

THE U11 RUGBY TEAM HAD A HOME GAME AGAINST TRURO PREP AT POLWHELE ON WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER. THE MATCH WAS GOOD AND THE TEAM PLAYED WELL BUT TRURO WERE STRONGER THAN US AND WE LOST THE MATCH. WE NEED TO IMPROVE OUR TACKLING AND SPREADING OUT TO MAKE A DEFENSIVE LINE. AND TO KEEP THE LINE STRAIGHT.

MY MAN OF THE MATCH IS PATRICK BECAUSE HIS KICKING WAS REALLY GOOD, HE TACKLED AND ALSO CHASED DOWN THE BALL WELL.



Rugby Under 10s Match Report By Bertie Tillyard

The start of the match was a difficult one because we needed to work on our passing but the more we played the easier it became. Our tackling was very good and because of it we were able to keep it three all, until half time. After half time, we had our energy back and were ready to play the next half. We started to fall apart and that's where they got us. We had five minutes left and in that time we managed to score another try and turned the score line to 8-6 to Truro Prep.

The Man of the Match was Bryn because his fingers got very badly stepped on and he carried on playing.

Taunton School Prep School Challenge 2015

Last Sunday, 4 October, an U11 team - Ed Dunn, Evie Michell, Olivia Penna, Bethan Rees and George Wright - travelled to Taunton School to take part in their annual prep school challenge. They competed against other U11 teams from Taunton Prep, Taunton School International Middle School, Perrott Hill, Sherborne Prep and two teams from West Hill Park.

The challenge involved teams of five pupils competing over a series of challenges designed to test both physical and mental agility, and of course, teamwork. Jokers were used, and deciding when to play the joker was a challenge in itself! We finished 6th overall.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

WITH THE TERM IN FULL SWING THE STABLES ARE BUSY EVERY DAY. LAST WEEK THE ADVANCED WOODS RIDE TOOK PLACE AT CARDINHAM AND THE RIDERS HAD GREAT FUN WITH PLENTY OF CANTERING. THE WEATHER WAS FANTASTIC AND WILL, HOPEFULLY, HOLD FOR OUR NEXT WOODS RIDE ON THE 12TH. THIS IS AN EXTRA RIDE DUE TO THE HIGH NUMBERS OF RIDERS WANTING TO PARTICIPATE.

ON FRIDAY OUR YOUNGEST RIDERS ENJOYED THE ANNUAL PRE-PREP PONY CHALLENGE. THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGE INVOLVED RIDING UNDER SOME BUNTING WITH THE CHILDREN HAVING TO BEND DOWN OVER THEIR PONY'S NECK TO PASS UNDERNEATH. IT WAS A LOVELY SUNNY AFTERNOON AND THE CHILDREN ALL RODE VERY WELL WITH A GOOD NUMBER SHOWING THAT THEY CAN NOW CANTER. THE EVENT WAS VERY WELL SUPPORTED BY PARENTS WHICH MADE THE EVENT ALL THE MORE SPECIAL. IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUITABLE PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT THAT THEY DON'T MIND SHARING I WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF THEY COULD BE SENT TO ME AT MY SCHOOL EMAIL: JLYALL@POLWHELEHOUSESCHOOL.CO.UK



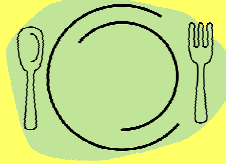
YESTERDAY, OUR FOUR EQUESTRIAN SCHOLARS WENT FOR A JUMPING LESSON AT LITTLE MARGATE EQUESTRIAN NEAR BODMIN. THE SCHOLARS - THALIA, HANNAH, GAIA AND BETHAN - RODE PONIES THAT WERE NEW TO THEM AND WERE PUT THROUGH THEIR PACES BY EXPERIENCED PONY CLUB INSTRUCTOR RACHEL PHILPOTT. IT IS ALWAYS BENEFICIAL TO A RIDER'S PROGRESS TO RIDE DIFFERENT HORSES AND EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT STYLES OF TEACHING. DESPITE THE RAIN, THE GIRLS HAD LOTS OF FUN AND RODE EXTREMELY WELL. I WAS VERY PROUD OF THEM AND HAVE ALSO PICKED UP SOME USEFUL TEACHING EXERCISES MYSELF!

COMING UP WE HAVE THE THIRD CARDINHAM WOODS RIDE AND SOME OF THE PREP SCHOOL WILL BEGIN PRACTISING FOR THE SCHOOL DRESSAGE COMPETITION ON OCTOBER 19TH.

PHOTOS THIS WEEK SHOW SOME OF THE PUPILS WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN AWARDED COMMENDATIONS FOR RIDING: ETHAN WILLIS, EDWARD COLLIS, JAGO KEYTER AND ETHAN SMOKVINA.

GENERAL NOTICES

LUNCH MENU



Wednesday 7 October

Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots
Somerset Stew (V)

Apple Cake with Custard

Thursday 8 October

Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie, Mashed Potatoes & Peas
Vegetable Pie (V)

Chocolate Crunch

Friday 9 October

Fish Cakes with Potatoes Wedges & Baked Beans
Cheese & Tomato Calzone (V)

Lemon Crunch

Monday 12 October

Jacket Potato
With Cheese, Tuna, Salad & Baked Beans

Orange Cake

Tuesday 13 October

Pork Sausage
Vegetarian Sausage
With Mashed Potato, Gravy, Peas & Broccoli

Date Slice & Custard

Polwhele House Society

The next **planning meeting** is taking place on:

Wednesday, 7th October, 8.30am, T.V. Room

All welcome! We will be planning the **Christmas Bazaar** (27th November). We would appreciate new ideas, offers of help on the day, or just some moral support!

If you can't make the meeting but would like to get involved please get in touch with your class representative or leave your contact details in the school office.

Committee 2015/16

At the AGM on 30th September the committee for 2015/16 was elected.

Chair: Aisling Algeo

Vice Chair: Hanna Toms

Treasurer: Dina Croft

Secretary: Carla Piccin-White

Publicity Officer: Lowenna Luke

Staff Representative: Alex McCullough

Class Representatives 2015/16

Nursery: Vicky Taylor

Reception: Jo Hagley

Year 1: Esme Page

Year 2: Tracy Warden

Year 3: Cristina Mombelli-Armondi

Year 4: Aisling Algeo

Year 5: Miranda Pearce

Year 6: Marta van Emden

Year 7: Carla Piccin-White

Year 8: Dina Croft