



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that Richard Lander School received notification this week from the Specialist Schools and Colleges Trust (SSAT), informing us that we are in the top 10% of schools nationally for GCSE improvement over the period from 2008-2011.

The letter from Sue Williamson, SSAT Chief Executive, reads:

'I am pleased to enclose a certificate to acknowledge your achievement in being among the top 10% of schools and academies nationally based on the improvement from 2008 to 2012 in the percentage of pupils achieving 5+ A-C grades including English and Mathematics. Many congratulations for achieving an outstanding 20 point increase.'*

This is really encouraging news, coming in the middle of the GCSE exam period for our current Year 11. We wish them equal (and better!) success.

I have said many times before, that credit should be given to our wonderful, hard working and ambitious students, as well as our loyal and dedicated staff. Credit should also be given to our very supportive governing body and of course, to parents for all the support and encouragement given from home.

In an ever changing educational climate, I am so pleased that the successes of our students continues to be acknowledged at a national level.

Very best wishes,

Steve Mulcahy



Important Dates for your Diary

NATIONAL "MY MONEY" WEEK

ALL WEEK

G&T Primary Workshops in Art, Drama, English, History and Languages on various days.

MONDAY 25TH JUNE and TUESDAY 26TH JUNE

Y7 G&T Maths Trip to the Hidden Valley.

MONDAY 25TH JUNE

Young Enterprise Final in Bristol

TUESDAY 26TH JUNE:

Lunchtime-P5

Y10 Catering Workshop

WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE

Last June series GCSE exam

WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE

Y6 Taster Day for Bosvigo and Blackwater Schools

FRIDAY 29th JUNE

Sports Day

MONDAY 2nd JULY

Tremough Journalism Visit for Y10

MONDAY 2nd JULY

Arts Award Moderation Day.

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Students "Devise" Miracles with the Professionals

This week, year 10 drama students had the opportunity to work with well known Cornish company "Miracle Theatre". Jason Squibb and Rebecca Hulbert are both regular performers in Miracle and they led the year 10's in a fast and furious approach to devising.

The first hour included some great fun and games and then in the second hour the students developed their devising techniques – this is the process of working towards a performance from the very bare bones of an idea taking shape and growing into a piece. Rebecca and Jason taught us "We all have to start somewhere and there is no wrong!"

Ruby Ingleheart enjoyed the games and went on to say "the workshop encouraged us to include every single idea from the start – even the random ones"

Ms L Charleston, Drama

Harry Searle – future Historian?



Harry Searle is well known for his abilities in sport, but more recently he won a local History competition. In April Harry entered the Cardrew Rendle History competition which was advertised in the Humanities department. He won the 14-16 Essay Writing category with an essay about Pendennis Castle, Falmouth.

Harry worked independently on this piece and was rewarded with a framed certificate and a commemorative tin trophy. The essay could be no longer than 1500 words.

This competition is run every two years and exists thanks to a generous legacy from the estate of Harold Cornelius Cardew-Rendle and is run by the Royal Institution of Cornwall. Entrants could submit an essay, but could also submit a piece of Art, Drama or Music. So, next time the competition is being advertised, speak to your History teacher, and you too could be a winner!

Miss H Rickatson, History



Conversation with Spain

On Tuesday our Y8 Spanish groups had the long awaited opportunity to meet their pen pals from our link school in Malaga via a whole class Skype link with webcams. They have been writing to each other for the past year and all the pupils were very excited about seeing their partners for the first time.

Our pupils sang two Spanish songs and introduced each other in Spanish and the Spanish students sang a Taylor Swift song and talked about their school in English. Apparently it is over 30 degrees in Malaga at the moment and they have no air conditioning in school!

We will be continuing the Skype conversations next year and we hope one day to be able to set up an exchange with the school.

Mica Dutton said, "It was really exciting to see what they all looked like and to see that they don't have a uniform, I'm really looking forward to skypeing again!"

*Mrs S
Willcox,
Languages*





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Cows for A Cow Fundraiser

This Friday staff and students at Richard Lander raised money in order to buy a cow for the orphans in Bukomasimbi, to enable them to have milk regularly and provide some income by being able to breed from it.

Beccie Ford, who is a local community artist, made plaster-of-paris cows which were sold to be decorated and returned to the staff room by the 28th June for judgement. The winner will have the privilege of naming the cow which we will purchase for the orphans. The cows will then be randomly placed around the school rather like the full size cows that were placed around Truro.

There were also delicious cakes for sale, a 2 tier cow cake for auction and a bucket collection.

Pictures show (top to bottom) :

Beccie Ford and Mrs Tonkin who organised the event

Staff and students eating cake

The bucket collection team

RJGI who got the large cow cake, following a winning joint auction bid by Mrs Gilbert and Mr Mulcahy.

In total the event raised over £350





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ALAN TURING YEAR



This Saturday marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Alan Turing. Alan Turing was a mathematician who was heavily involved in the code breaking work at Bletchley Park during World War 2. He was also a pioneer of Computer Science and is often referred to as the 'Father of Artificial Intelligence'

A brief video can be found at
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BEAxoknHgo>

A news clip can be found at
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-17662585>
Mr A Griffiths—IT

Community Notice Board

the Drama Boys present...

HEADS OR TAILS?

**Thursday 28, Friday 29
& Saturday 30 June 2012, 7pm**

"Expect to see some of these lads among the ranks of our elder statesmen of theatre - Kneehigh and, it really wouldn't surprise me, the Royal Shakespeare Company."
Lee Trehela, West Briton, June 2011

Redannick Theatre, Redannick Lane, Truro TR1 2JP
Tickets: £6 / £20 family ticket.
Booking advisable on 01872 554087 or through the website www.thedramaboys.co.uk

Patrons:
Samantha Bond (GLC, National, Devonian Actor, Award Winner, non-Communist)
Tim McInerney (Spooks, Dr Who, Captain Jack and Jack Harkness, non-Communist)
Terevive Stamp (Department, The Admirals of Black Sea, The Secret, The Limbo)

LSG Linnam Street Gallery
costalrush Thanks to Dorset County Council and other groups

Talking with young people about drugs and alcohol

Free session for parents/carers of teenagers to:

- increase confidence in discussing substance misuse issues with their children in a safe environment
- raise awareness, explore misinformation, attitudes and concerns
- provide information about local and national support services for themselves and their young people

Date: Friday 29 June 12.30 - 2.30

Venue: Malabar Children's Centre, Albany Road, Truro TR1 3PQ

Facilitators: Julie Attwell (County Parenting Advisor), Bex Kessell (YOS Parent and Family Worker) and Matthew Whittaker (YZUP Substance Use Assessment Worker).

Contact Bex Kessell to book a place - 01872 326782

Limited places available