

PLYMOUTH CAST NEWSLETTER – 12th July 2017

Dear Heads, Governors, Staff and Volunteers,

Welcome to the Plymouth CAST fortnightly newsletter. In this edition the focus will be

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1. **Message from Kate Griffin, Interim CEO**

First of all many congratulations and thank you, looking at the results published last week it seems that many of you have improved your results significantly and as a result the averages across CAST as a whole have gone up too. I know how much hard work has gone into achieving these results and so I would be very grateful if you would pass on my thanks and congratulations to all involved.

I am very grateful to all those who have already responded to the consultation and look forward to receiving more. As some of the parents were not informed of the consultation until last week therefore it has been agreed to extend the deadline for responses until 21st July. If you have emailed your response please ensure that we also receive a hard copy.

I know how busy this time of year is but I also know how much the children enjoy all the extra activities and end of year celebrations. I hope they show their appreciation.

The interviews for the new CEO will be taking place at the end of this week so this will not be my final communication this term, you'll hear from me again next week!

2. **News from Schools**

Priory RC Primary School, Torquay

Priory are very proud that for the first year ever, all their Year 6s have qualified to achieve the Year 6 Torbay Civic Award, whereas in the past it has only ever been small groups of children. To achieve this award, the children have had to complete many activities such as: helping in their local community, taking part in adventurous activities and raising monies for charity.



Class 4 have worked hard on a class art project which will be exhibited in the 'Face2Face Exhibition' at Torre Abbey. The children have recreated Torre Abbey and they have explored different ways to paint and how to include textures during the project. Leo's favourite part was painting Torre Abbey with sponges and Mirry enjoyed using fingerprints to paint the centre section!



They finished the project on Monday and it is now at Torre Abbey waiting to be hung! The 'Face2Face' exhibition will include thirty-three works of art from twenty award winning, contemporary British artists in the Arts Council Collection and rare, visionary works from Pre-Raphaelite artists in the Torre Abbey Collection alongside work from 24 local schools.

The exhibition begins on Saturday 8th July and runs throughout the summer until the beginning of September.

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Barnstaple

An Army veteran who fought in Iraq, Afghanistan and Northern Ireland has become a primary school teacher through a government scheme. He started at Our Lady's in the Year 1 class and stated that it the "most rewarding" career. He has been praised by his colleagues for finding his feet and helping make classes more interactive and active. The DfE scheme takes ex-service personnel with more than five years' service and exchanges their service record into civilian qualifications. Please visit <http://www.devonlive.com/ex-soldier-starts-new-career-teaching-at-primary-school-through-government-scheme-troops-to-teachers/story-30416097-detail/story.html#0KHMfkydXOvwtUJH.99> for the whole story.

Our Lady & St Patrick's RC Primary School, Teignmouth

World of Work Week 5th – 9th June 2017

On the first week back from half-term (Monday 5th June) all of O.L.S.P were treated to 'World of Work'. This was where many different people from different aspects came in to talk to us about their jobs and what they had to do to achieve their goals in life. Below are two write ups from pupils with regard to the week:

The kind and hard-working teacher Mrs Merritt planned a wonderful week. It was filled with great, memorable moments. So,



the first ever person to come and visit our work week was a broadcasting journalist called Rebecca Ricks. Her job is to go around the world and visit places that we wouldn't really go on holiday and report on the news. My favourite was Mrs Grout's husband Mr Grout and he was a car salesman for Vospers. He parked a Ford Mustang by our school gate for us all to look at. We also had a visit from Bertie in Year 2's Dad, who came in with his



colleagues and his 44 million pounds helicopter. He landed the helicopter in the Teignmouth football club field and so we all got to go inside it. Finally my third favourite was the firemen. They brought in the Jaws of Life in and it surprised everyone because when you see them on television they don't look too big but they were the size of a fully grown man's arm! What inspired me about this week was that you can explore the world with jobs and realise that there is more than just all of the ordinary jobs. This will be a moment that everyone will never forget. Thank you Mrs Merritt. Harvey, Class 5

One of the people that came in was a lady called Amy Smith, she is an actor. In her talk she told us about how her career advisor had told her that she should get a real job rather than acting. However, she became very determined and now she has starred in things such as: Dr Who, Casualty and Black and White.

Last week loads of people came to our school and told us about their jobs. The people who came included firemen, policemen, a journalist, an actor, a builder and a professional golfer, AKA my Dad. He told everyone about what he does for his job. My dad showed them his laser but it's not really a laser, it's a camera and it tells you how away something is. He also brought in his golf clubs and showed everyone which one does what on a golf course. On Friday, the local police came in and told us about their job. They brought a new police van. Cole, Class 5



School General Election at Our Lady and St Patrick on 8th June:

The day started in the hall for an assembly. The children learnt about what a General Election is and got the opportunity to explore each political party's manifesto so they could make their choice.

Each child was given a polling card which they brought with them, after signing in they were given a ballot paper and asked to vote in a booth before placing their vote in the ballot box. A group of children then counted all the votes and a news video was released to the school with the results. It was all very exciting!

St John's Catholic Primary School, Tiverton

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 cricket teams from St John's took part in the Schools Heathcoat Cricket Festival on Wednesday 21st June. The school is very proud as their Year 3/4 came 4th and the Year 5/6 team came 1st!

Well Done.



Our Lady of the Angels, Torquay



Jakub, Year 4 pupil won the Silver in the under 10's and the under 11's English Table Tennis Championships. He played against the top 24 under 10's and the top 48 under 11's in England.

He is now going to represent England by playing Table Tennis in the Mini Euro games in France. Well done and good luck Jakub.

St Peter's RC Primary School, Plymouth

On Sunday July 9th we will begin our sixtieth anniversary celebrations by leading the Mass with the parish at St. Peter's RC Church, Crownhill, Plymouth.

There will be another celebration Mass at the school on Friday 21st July at 9.30am for all pupils, current staff and ex members of staff.

After the Mass David Wells is going to chat to me (the current head teacher) as well as Kevin Norris and George Finnie (heads from 1978 to 2015) and Kevin Duggan (the nephew of the first head teacher) when the school opened in 1956.



Ex pupils are invited to attend further celebrations after lunch on Friday 21st July.

There is a Facebook page link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/60yrsStPetersRC/>

3. Email Signature Details

Please could you ensure that your email signature detail block contains your school name and location, this will help everyone identify who the sender is quickly. It is not always clear by the email address who the sender is. Many thanks

4. New Health & Safety System

The new CAST wide contract for Health and Safety Management went live on 1st July 2017 and all schools must now use this system. Training was completed in each area during June at the Administrators meetings. All schools should now be reporting using the OSHENS system. If schools are unaware of their OSHENS log-in please contact CAST admin. The contract includes a new comprehensive Health and Safety Policy for the Trust plus easily customisable school policies. This will supersede the current policy on 31 July but no action is required by schools until next term and full support will be provided. Questions to COO.

5. Event Dates

At a recent Area Council in the East it was agreed that CAST would publish forecast events such as Governor, Administrator and Finance Officer training as far ahead as possible and preferably out to 12 months. As soon as venues and dates are confirmed this will be published early next term. In the meantime all currently planned and scheduled events, including the Autumn term are available on the CAST Website Calendar.

6. Date of Next Newsletter: 26th July 2017

Articles for inclusion in newsletters should be emailed to Helen Moram at helen.moram@plymouthcast.org.uk



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