

### **CEO Newsletter March / April 2018**

As always, our schools have been busy and have gone the extra mile for children to have some great experiences. Here is just a flavour of some of the things going on ...



Year 5 and 6 from Cury and Landewednack took part in the Pinhole Photography workshop run by Falmouth University in March. It was an amazing day and the children thoroughly enjoyed using homemade pinhole cameras (made from nothing more than a drinks can) to create some artist photos which they then developed in a dark room on site. Every child came back really enthused about a new skill they had learnt and the science behind it! Both schools have been given a 6 month exposure

pinhole camera of their own to mount somewhere on their school grounds and they are really excited about how the image may turn out! It is great to see the two schools working together on a joint venture.

To commemorate 50 years of the Hand Bell Ringers of GB, Wendron School children had the opportunity to take part in the Hand Bell Festival which took place in Wendron Church. Some of the KS2 children have received tuition in playing hand bells and performed during the festival on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Anticipation and excitement filled the air when Godolphin Primary School was visited by GB and Commonwealth international high jumper, Robert Mitchell. After a short introduction, the children were soon on their feet, facing the challenge of a fitness circuit, testing strength, stamina and flexibility. As Robert roared out the orders, the children soon worked up a sweat whilst being cheered on by their enthusiastic classmates.

This was followed by a truly inspirational assembly, listening to Robert share stories of his successes and setbacks, explaining the importance of eating well, keeping active and never giving up. During the assembly, a number of pupils were presented with signed photos, posters and postcards for exceptional fundraising.

In total, a staggering £1012 was raised in sponsorship, with £359 being kept by the school. An absolutely fantastic achievement! Well done! We would like say thank you to all of the willing pupils who took part so enthusiastically, and also to the parents, family and friends who encouraged the children and supported with sponsorship so generously.

We hope that this memorable event will help inspire and motivate the next generation to aim high and believe that anything is possible with self-belief and determination.

Congratulations to Parc Eglos School who won the Cornwall Games on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Penryn. The team qualified for the football finals of the Cornwall Games by winning their area (Helston) tournament. There were 10 teams at the Cornwall Games, with 79 schools having entered in the early stages from right across the peninsula.

Parc Eglos won 7 games, drew 2 and conceded only 3 goals. Trewirgie School had the same points as Parc Eglos in the final analysis, but we had the superior goal difference by just one! It was a dramatic finish as Parc Eglos had to rely on fellow Southerly Point School Garras in the final match. If Trewirgie had won 4-0 they would have been champions but Garras were determined to hold on so that Parc Eglos were champions and the final score of 3-0 to Trewirgie was a real testament to the grit and determination from the pupils of our smallest school!

This was Parc Eglos fourth football trophy of the year, with the Y3/4s also winning the trophy at Trannack three days later.



A group of hard working students from Helston Community College have built this new fence for Mullion Primary School and thereby extended their EYFS outdoor play area. The school staff were delighted with the result as the standard was 'fabulous' and they only paid for the materials! It is great that the students were able to help in this way while gaining valuable experience themselves so that both parties really benefitted from the joint project.

Last week, 44 students from Mullion School and Helston Community College received Excellence Awards at Exeter University's annual event. It was a delight to be there to join in the celebrations. The choir from Mullion were outstanding and left the audience spellbound. Similarly, Helston's performance of two challenging monologues engaged and moved the audience. Well done to all involved and a huge thank you to the staff who ensured all went smoothly.

One of the benefits of the Trust is being able to provide training for groups of staff. Our secretaries have been able to get together for training on SIMs, the schools' information management system, and a further session on how to be compliant with the new General Data Protection Regulations coming into force from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The Trust has recently purchased a software package that will help us more effectively record and monitor Safeguarding in our schools. Buying it together has realised cost savings on both the software and the training.

We are continuing our consultation with the Keskowethyans Multi-Academy Trust as we explore them joining us at Southerly Point. It has been great getting to know their schools and seeing how working could be mutually beneficial.

With all best wishes



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