

The Callington Voice



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



We wish you a Merry Christmas!



We have reached the end of the Autumn term and I'm sure for all of us, it will come as a relief to have successfully reached the end of term and reach the Christmas holidays in good health.

This has been an extraordinary year in so many ways; an 'annus horribilus' as the Queen stated in 1992. Yet, despite all of the difficulties presented by the pandemic; the ill health, worry, financial losses, examination and prom losses, we have been part of a community that has come together to support one another in incredible ways. We have witnessed

acts of courage and kindness that have been quite simply breath-taking. Just watching our students return in September filled us with hope and optimism about the future and their commitment to reaching their personal goals, both academic and personal has been truly inspiring. I have honestly never felt prouder to be the Principal of this College – the children and staff have collectively maintained our warmth, joy and celebration of our collective community.

It is also with sadness, yet excitement for their futures that we say goodbye to some colleagues this week. Mr Yendell is leaving us to be Deputy Principal at Plymstock School in Plymouth in January. 'The talent is in the room' has become a catchphrase that will be said in our corridors for many years to come. Mr Yendell has been a steady, calm and friendly face of behaviour at the College and will be missed by both students and staff alike. We wish him well in his future role, which

continues to have a pastoral focus and I'm certain that with his passion for young people's futures, he will continue to do very well. Mrs Roberts retires from her post of Post-16 Administrator this term also. The Sixth Formers 'second Mum' is leaving to enjoy spending time with her family and start some new hobbies and whilst she is sad to go, she has many fond memories to look back on. Mr McConachie leaves at the end of this term also. Mr McConachie manages our Learning Recovery room and to be successful in this role, you need infinite patience, a good sense of humour and a desire to facilitate student ambition and resilience. He has these qualities in huge quantities, which is just as well as he is reprising this role at another school closer to his home. We wish all three of them huge amounts of luck and send them on with our very best wishes.

Finally, it has been the strength of our wider community, your support and advocacy of us that has helped us all through this term. We have reached Christmas with exhaustion but happiness. We maintained attendance rates at significantly above national values and have observed happy, contented children who have enjoyed being back in College and learning. Many, many thanks to all of you and have a wonderful, restful and safe break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. **Mrs W Ainsworth**



Post-16 Fair

On Wednesday 16 December, our Year 11 students attended Callington Community College's Post-16 Fair. Students were able to visit subject stands and find out more about the courses on offer as well as life as a Post-16 student at the College. Each Year 11 student who attended the event also received a goody bag and a cupcake with an inspirational quote! We hope students found the event informative and enjoyable at this important stage of their educational journey. The application deadline is Thursday 17 December. However, late applications will be considered on a case by case basis. If you have any questions about Post-16 study, please contact Mrs L Atkins (latkins@callingtoncc.net) who would be more than happy to help.

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Attendance Update w/c 07.12.20

You've got to be in it, to win it!

7ECD

97.4%

8AMR

95.6%

9SFV

97.1%

10BW

97.2%

11MB

91.2%

Festive hampers for local families

Families who were facing a bleak Christmas because of financial difficulties caused by COVID-19, are being given groceries and goodies by Callington Community College and local supporters.



The College has made the offer to any of their families who are in need this Christmas. Thanks to generous donations made by other parents and local companies, they look to be able to provide around 60 home-made hampers to make the festive season a little brighter.

"This year has been particularly challenging for everyone but we are very aware that the finances of

many of our families have been negatively impacted by the pandemic," said Wendy Ainsworth, Principal of Callington Community College.

"We wanted to do something to help, particularly at Christmas, and so are offering Christmas groceries to any of our families who feel this would make a positive difference to them this year."

The College has taken a 'no questions asked' approach to the venture, with no need for those who have requested a hamper to prove their income, or show evidence of other support such as Free School Meals.

A number of Callington Community College staff have been packing the hampers, ready to distribute on the last day of term. Kate Yendell, part of the Christmas Hampers team, believes that recipients will be thrilled with the hamper contents. "Thanks to the huge generosity of our local community and our fantastic staff and students, our hampers will be full of fantastic products: turkey, sausages, local potatoes, stuffing, sweet treats - plus a whole lot more. We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received!"



The local businesses and organisations which have donated to the hamper appeal are:



Kit Hill Cars



The Koffi Lounge

The Hicks Family - Hicks Construcon

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Paul Bray & Son

Barbara Rivers - Will Writers Services

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TPE Electrical Services

Dupath Farm

Doyles Dailys



Tamar Valley Food Hubs



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Cloud 9 Update

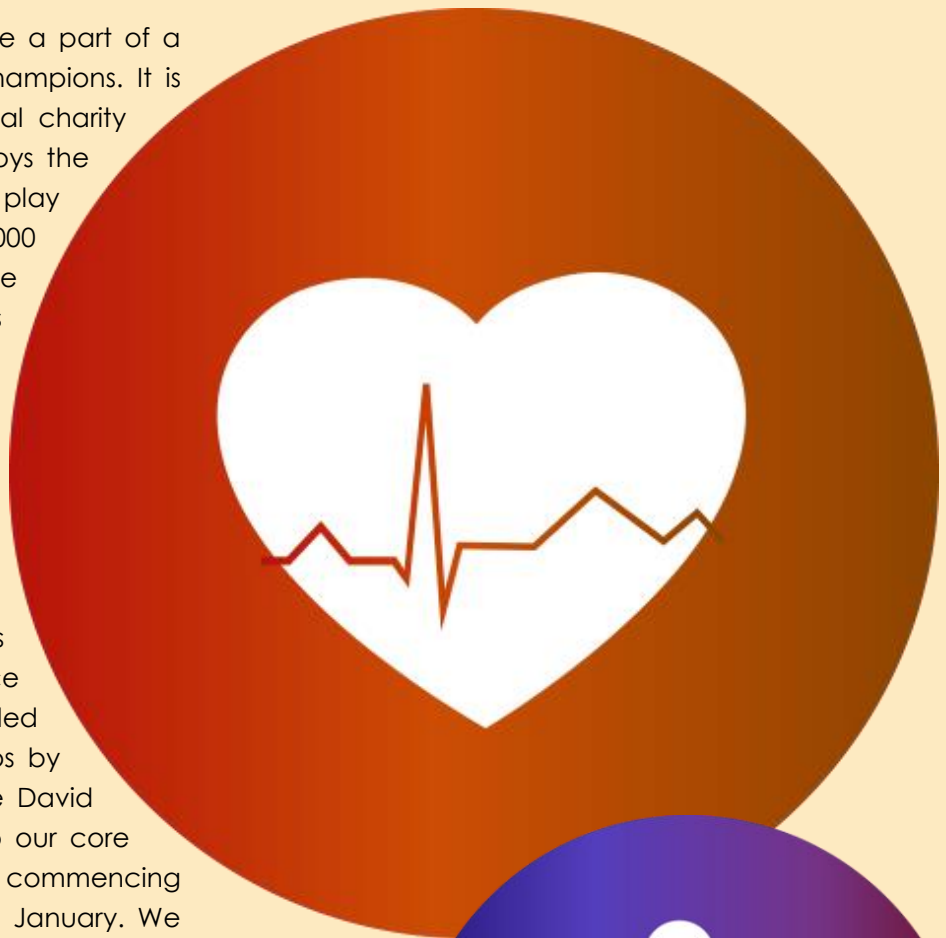
Cloud 9 teams in Year 7 and 8 are well-established and working hard on ideas to bring a smile to people's faces. They decorated the College Christmas tree that stands proudly in the Reception foyer and spread Christmas cheer with ideas such as advent calendars for each tutor group and Christmas music in the canteen. They are busy thinking of things to brighten those long January days, and we will bring you news on the team themselves and feedback on a final Christmas surprise in the next edition. I continue to be inspired by the positivity and enthusiasm of these young students, and am looking forward to what they will come up with next!

Miss C Mitchell

CLOUD 9

The greatest wealth is health!

This year we have been selected to be a part of a programme called Healthy Lifestyle Champions. It is run by the Youth Sport Trust, a national charity working to ensure that every child enjoys the life-changing benefits that come from play and sport, engaging with around 20,000 schools across the UK. This programme aims to recruit a team of young sports leaders from Years 7, 8 and 9 who will plan, organise and lead a festival and a series of activities, designed to inspire and engage some of their peers who might be struggling to find their passion within physical activity and sport. An initial team of students from across the three year groups attended a day-long Zoom Conference earlier this month, where they were led through a number of brilliant workshops by our Athlete Mentor, Paralympic athlete David Hill. We have since added numbers to our core team, and are now looking forward to commencing the planning phase when we return in January. We will keep you posted on the festivals and sessions as they happen, and hope to share news of some new and innovative activities that we can roll out across PE lessons next year. **Miss C Mitchell**



Frozen fractals all around!

Mr M Mercer has been visiting local primary schools in the run up to the Christmas break to spread some Maths Christmas cheer. So far he has visited Gunnislake, Delaware, Calstock and St Mellion Primary and will be visiting Upton Cross, Stoke Climsland and Harrowbarrow Primary.

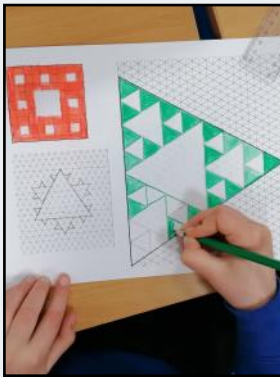
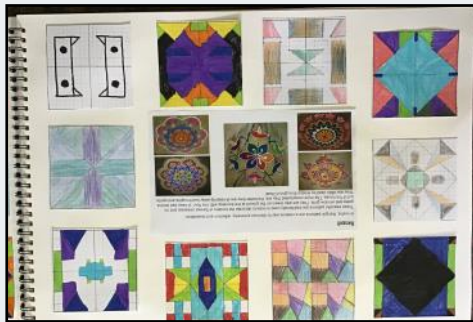
Mr M Mercer has been leading on two different activities, one around Rangoli Patterns and the other around fractals.

A Rangoli pattern is often used by Hindus throughout Diwali and is a colourful design made on the floor using coloured rice powder. In maths, Rangoli patterns are a creative way to discover symmetry,

reflection and tessellation.

Fractals are infinitely complex patterns that are self-similar across different scales. One of the earliest fractals is called Koch's snowflake and begins as an equilateral triangle. Each successive stage is formed by adding another equilateral triangle to each side in an outwards motion. **Miss A Larigo**

Thank you for coming to Calstock yesterday. The children really enjoyed the maths work so much so that we carried on working on designs today.



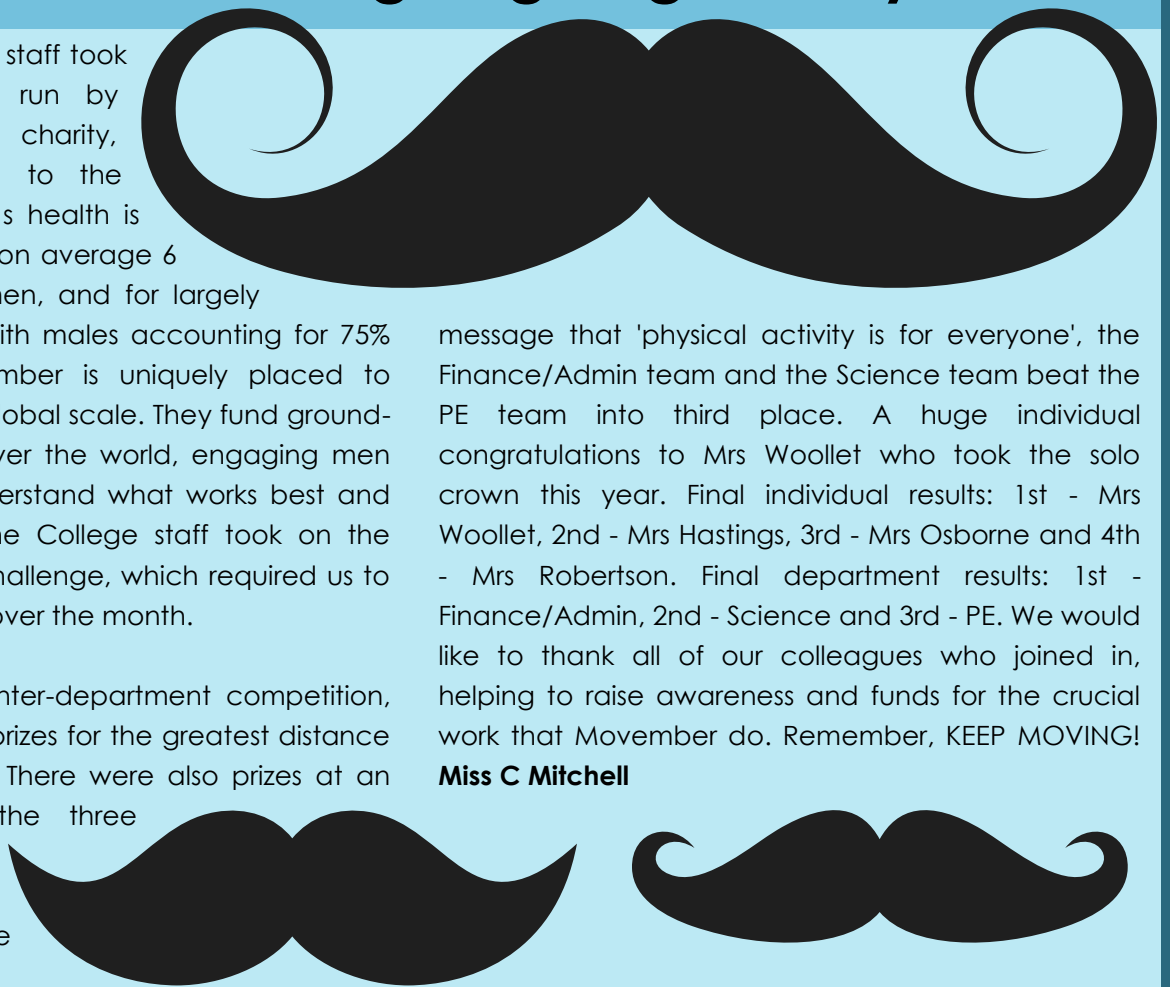
Movember: It's going to get hairy!

Last month the College staff took part in a campaign run by leading men's health charity, Movember. According to the charity's website: "Men's health is in crisis. Men are dying on average 6 years earlier than women, and for largely preventable reasons, with males accounting for 75% of all suicides". Movember is uniquely placed to address this crisis on a global scale. They fund ground-breaking projects all over the world, engaging men where they are to understand what works best and accelerate change. The College staff took on the Move for Movember Challenge, which required us to each run or walk 60km over the month.

Always up for a little inter-department competition, we decided to award prizes for the greatest distance covered in the month. There were also prizes at an individual level, for the three people who covered the greatest number of kilometres. Endorsing the

message that 'physical activity is for everyone', the Finance/Admin team and the Science team beat the PE team into third place. A huge individual congratulations to Mrs Woollet who took the solo crown this year. Final individual results: 1st - Mrs Woollet, 2nd - Mrs Hastings, 3rd - Mrs Osborne and 4th - Mrs Robertson. Final department results: 1st - Finance/Admin, 2nd - Science and 3rd - PE. We would like to thank all of our colleagues who joined in, helping to raise awareness and funds for the crucial work that Movember do. Remember, KEEP MOVING!

Miss C Mitchell



Do you have any good news stories that you would like to share?

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Maths Competition



Numerise has just launched a new competition – Winter Numberland.

If you think you would be interested in winning a brand new Google Chromebook and a year's subscription to Numerise, enter the competition for free now.

And better yet, it will keep your maths brain ticking over Christmas – win win! Visit www.numerise.com for further details. **Miss A Larigo**

Curriculum Leader Awards

The following students have all been recognised in the past fortnight for their outstanding commitment to learning.

Congratulations to **Aaron Hodge** in 11MB. He has been nominated by Mr S Carson as a DT student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for working really hard in his lessons to produce superb GCSE DT coursework. Well done Aaron!

Congratulations to **Georgia Lane** in 11MB. She has been nominated by Mr S Carson as a Construction

student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is Georgia is for always being ready to learn. She gets it right every lesson! She always tries her best and brings a smile to lessons. Well done Georgia!

Congratulations to **Blossom Congdon** in 9YG. She has been nominated by Mr S Carson as a DT student of the fortnight. Well done Blossom for always getting the 'basics' right! You are always so polite, you work hard and your home works show real care and personal effort. You are a pleasure to teach!



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Congratulations to **George Law** in 8BRM. He has been nominated by Mr S Carson as a DT student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for quite simply being a pleasure to teach George! Well done and thank you!

Congratulations to **Abi** in 7MTM. She has been nominated by Mr S Carson as a DT student of the fortnight. Abi you are an amazing DT student! Your work shows such creativity and your contributions in lessons shows a real talent! Well done, you are a pleasure to teach!

Congratulations to **Poppy Hearne** in 11CEM. She has been nominated by Ms A Ramwell as an Art student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for amazing art work with exciting ideas and skillfully produced. You are a delight to teach.

Congratulations to **Amy Griffiths** in 9NS. She has been nominated by Ms A Ramwell as an Art student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for fantastic work for the Steampunk Project..... way beyond expectation. A true natural and talented artist.

Congratulations to **Lachlan Custer** in 7AP. He has been nominated by Mr A Murray as a PE student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for an exceptional performance in PE, well done for your support of others and physical skills.

Congratulations to **Bethany Stock** in 10BW. She has been nominated by Mr N Smith as a Science student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for excellent results in Physics, great progress and a can-do attitude.

Congratulations to **Maisie Grose** in 11IS. She has been nominated by Mr A Petherick, Mrs F Osborne and Dr J Turner as a Science student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for great home learning, dedication to your progress and superb effort.

Congratulations to **Freya Stephenson** in 13MH. She has been nominated by Mr A Petherick as a Science student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for excelling in your inheritance test and generally being a good egg.

Congratulations to **Toby Whitworth** in 9LS. He has been nominated by Mr R Taylor and Miss C Mitchell as a Science student of the fortnight. The reason for this

award is for the way he contributes in every lesson and is always keen to share and discuss his ideas. Toby gives 100% in lessons, answers questions and works to the best of his ability.

Congratulations to **Connor Smith** in 8CJH. He has been nominated by Mr R Taylor, # as a Science student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is he is incredibly enthusiastic and keen to contribute his excellent understanding and ideas in Science lessons.

Congratulations to **Abi** in 7MTM. She has been nominated by Miss C Wilson as a Science student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for always contributing to lessons and being awesome!

Congratulations to **Jack Davis** in 11JT. He has been nominated by Mr A Murray as a Business Studies student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for excellent commitment to learning.

Congratulations to **Georgia Hooper** in 11CEM. She has been nominated by Mr A Murray as a Business Studies student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for always wanting to contribute to lessons and being proactive with your revision.

Congratulations to **Shannon Smith** in 13RM. She has been nominated by Mr A Murray as a Business Studies student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for outstanding commitment to lessons and for always producing work of the highest standard.

Congratulations to **Marcus East** in 10MAH. He has been nominated by Mr A Murray as a Business Studies student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for excellent commitment to learning.

Congratulations to **Ruan** in 7LSF. He has been nominated by Mrs K Yendell as an English student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for always being on the ball and doing everything with enthusiasm.

Congratulations to **Connor Harris** in 9RPR. He has been nominated by Mrs K Yendell, as an English student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is super enthusiasm.

Congratulations to **Freya** in 10MAH. She has been nominated by Mrs K Yendell, as an English student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for

consistently excellent work and attitude in English.

Congratulations to **Rupert** in 7AP. She has been nominated by Miss A Larigo as a Maths student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for always challenging himself in Maths lessons and persevering with difficult questions.

Congratulations to **Carol-Ann Pearce** in 9SFV. She has been nominated by Miss A Larigo as a Maths student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for amazing effort in class and homework.

Congratulations to **Brandon Wakeling** in 9BWS. He has been nominated by Miss A Larigo as a Maths student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for showing such enthusiasm and passion in Maths.

Congratulations to **Caitlyn Tune** in 10MAH. She has been nominated by Miss A Larigo as a Maths student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for outstanding effort.

Congratulations to **Oliver Jonas** in 10KK. He has been nominated by Miss A Larigo as a Maths student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for pushing himself in all of our Maths lessons and always trying really hard.

Congratulations to **Tyler Gregory** in 11IS. He has been nominated by Miss A Larigo as a Maths student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for constant effort and determination as well as an amazing track record with homework.

Congratulations to **Billy Doidge** in 11JT. He has been nominated by Mrs Larigo, as a Maths student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for the most usage on Maths watch!

Congratulations to **Jack Spurr** in 11RMD. He has been nominated by Miss A Larigo as a Maths student of the fortnight. The reason for this award is for the most usage on MathsWatch!



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MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY 	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS 	RETAIL 	WORK AND BUSINESS 
Maximum of six indoors or outdoors, apart from with members of a single household or support bubble.	Venues must be table service only. They must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.	Open.	Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION 	INDOOR LEISURE 	ACCOMMODATION 	PERSONAL CARE 
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	Open.	Open.	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS 	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 	ENTERTAINMENT 	PLACES OF WORSHIP 
Permitted with household, support bubble, or up to 6 people.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.	Open.	Open, but cannot interact with more than six people.
TRAVELLING 	EXERCISE 	RESIDENTIAL CARE 	LARGE EVENTS 
Walk or cycle if possible, plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid travelling into a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but must follow the rule of six indoors. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. As an interim measure, indoor visits in the absence of testing will be limited to two people from a Tier 1 area with with social distancing, no physical contact, PPE use and good hand hygiene observed at all times. Where testing is available, it should be used.	Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 4000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)

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Being Aware of Your Emotions

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Learning from your Mistakes

Being True to Yourself

Being Curious and Asking Questions

Wanting to help others

Being Hungry to Learn

Being a Good Listener

Acting upon Feedback

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Wanting to be the Best

Thinking you are Always Right

Wanting to Prove Yourself

Putting on a “brave face”

Never Making Mistakes

Acting how you Think Others Want you to

Pretending to be Confident

Only Caring about Yourself

Being a “born achiever”

Being Loud

Arguing with Feedback