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## Callington Community College Newsletter

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

A very happy Easter to you!

Easter is a time for reflection and new beginnings. I have just walked around our College site with Mr Neville Coles, the Director of Education for WeST and along our walk, we have encountered many staff and students, all of whom have been wonderfully polite, courteous and industrious in their classrooms.

We've had glorious work showcased and read out to us and have seen children immersed in writing, discussion, technology and the creation of glorious pieces of art work. It gave me pause to reflect on how proud I am of all our young people and their collective endeavour and kindness.

I also approach this next term with excitement. I recently attended an online event for all of the 239 schools who were selected by the Department for Education as part of the 'Schools Rebuilding Project'. As I'm walking around the College, I am always impressed by the work happening in lessons, but it's increasingly hard to ignore the woeful state of some of the buildings. So, I was both relieved and delighted when I heard that we had been shortlisted for the project. I was informed at the webinar that there were thousands of entries for consideration and that schools have been selected based on three fundamental criteria: Laingspan (a building design that uses concrete and steel and is reaching the end of its natural life span), Intergrid (essentially the inner core of the building and its construction) and RAAC (a type of concrete used in roofing). Many school buildings of a certain age will have been constructed in this way, which may now lack some structural integrity and in addition to these three factors, the department have also considered the general condition of buildings.

The project could take up to five years to complete and we still don't know the scale of the project, but I have been advised that we will receive this information in June/July this year. The Department for Education funds all of the project from design stage to completion, so it won't remove any funding or resource from the classroom.

I'm sure you are excited to hear more, as am I. Not long to wait now and I will of course update you as soon as I am able to.

Wishing you a wonderful, relaxing break with your families, that hopefully contains a plentiful supply of chocolate eggs!

Kind Regards  
Wendy Ainsworth  
Principal



***"Everything is Possible"***

## Key Dates

- Friday 31 March to Friday 7 April: Ski Trip
- Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April: Easter Holiday
- Monday 17 April: INSET Day (College closed to students)
- Thursday 4 May: Year 10 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 25 May: Year 7 Parents' Evening

## British Science Week

We had lots of activities taking place for British Science Week last week - from wind turbine building, making model neurons, dissecting owl pellets and building Brooklands Gliders!



The finale to British Science Week was an Eating/Sensory Challenge! Our

(not so?) willing volunteers were given a variety of 'interesting' foods to taste and objects to touch without being able to see or smell them!

They then had to guess what they thought each item was.

They all did remarkably well!!



## Fallas in Valencia

From 1 to 19 March, Valencia is overturned by Fallas celebrations, a festivity that combines tradition, satire and art which shouldn't be missed for anything in the world.



Students were invited by the Modern Languages Department to create their own 'ninot' (a statue traditionally made of papier-mache, cardboard, wood, or plaster) out of any materials they wished, along with a brief write up about what the celebration is and what happens in it.

Prizes were given to the winning entries. Felicidades!



## Sixth Form Key Dates

- Fri 26 May: Year 13 Masquerade Leavers Ball
- Jun: Year 11 - Sixth Form Induction
- Thu 29 Jun: Farewell Prize Giving Evening
- Mon 17 to Fri 21 Jul: Y12 Work Experience

## Have a wonderful Easter break!

**Monday 17 April is an INSET Day, we look forward to all students returning to College on Tuesday 18 April.**

**It will be Week A.**

## Student Success!

Jarick M (Year 8) competed in the IKR Championship last weekend and won the round! 1st place!

He also had his presentation of the winter series IKR Championship 2022.

Congratulations Jarick—what a superb achievement!





## Boys Reading

On Tuesday 21 March , the Year 11 championship winning football team took part in a training session with a difference.

They had a talk and discussion on their own reading habits and the benefits it could bring them in life. Whilst training they had to read the first chapter of the book, Rooftoppers, then were challenged to keep the book in hand for the entire training session.

For some boys this was the fiftieth book they had read, for others, the first book they had held in their hand outside of a classroom in over five years.

At the end of the session the boys had to discuss what they had read. All students have agreed to be reading ambassadors for younger students.

They are a fantastic year group and as a result, other year groups have asked for the same training sessions. Weekly 'reading football' sessions will now be held at lunch times for boys and girls in all year groups.



Thank you to Mrs Smith (Head of English) who also took part in the training session.

Lee Hazeldine  
Teacher i.c Boys Football  
Passionate reader

## Year 8 STEM Day

There were 60 Year 8 students involved in a STEM day called the 'Wind Turbine Challenge' run by the Smallpeice trust sponsored by SWW.

Mrs.Lewis organised and led the event. The students were super engaged and produced amazing Wind Turbines, as well as giving top-rate presentations explaining their projects. The Callington Science Ambassadors helped brilliantly also with this event. It was a great start to Callington Science Week 2023.



## Hospitality and Catering Practical Assessments

The Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Level 1/2 Award students had their final practical assessment the week beginning 13 March. The students had approximately 3.5 hours to execute 2 dishes, with accompaniments, demonstrating as many different skills as possible.

Despite being under enormous pressure, many displayed high level skills with ease and confidence, such as fish filleting, deboning chickens, making and shaping pasta, creating chocolate motif shapes, piping macaron and meringues.

The students did themselves proud, producing not only very aesthetically pleasing dishes, but also fabulous creative professional presentation of the dishes.

I wish them every success with the theory and coursework assessments to secure their target grades.

Jo Layton



## SPORTS NEWS



These Year 7 students represented the College at a Handball Festival at Liskeard school last week.

They played fantastically and secured a number of stickers to represent the Games values that they displayed brilliantly throughout.

Well done team!

## BEDROCK LEARNING

Bedrock Learning is a website-based programme that helps children learn important academic and high-level vocabulary whilst encouraging them to read regularly. Building a wider vocabulary is a key part of improving a student's performance across all their subjects, therefore supporting better outcomes for them.



Students receiving certificates for reaching points milestones this term are:

1000+ points	300+ points			100+ points	
Kimberleigh F Cameron C	Cameron C Skye J Naomi B Jake W Oliver S Mathew C Liam H Solomon A	Kaycie B Eloise F Malachi L Ruan D Robert U Kade P Roxy G Lily J	Charlotte B Shea R Chris M Charley B Cole B Alfie B	Cameron C Robert U Lily J Shea R Chyanne R	Maisey W Max P Roger B A H P Shannon B



## Ten Tors Update

The weekend of the 25 and 26 March saw our wonderful Ten Tors team of students really tough it out for the mock event.

We arrived at Rowtor car park, Okehampton, for a 7am briefing on the Saturday. Myself and other 'checkers' waved off our teams of students at 7.40am for what would prove then to be a 12 hour hike (with minimal breaks) enduring gusts, drizzle, full on downpour, hail, fog and the occasional ray of sunshine whilst tackling the often boggy and rugged Dartmoor terrain. They covered a very respectable 23 miles on Saturday, pitching their tents in the rain and the dark!

The adrenalin fired up again on a damp Sunday morning at 4am, (for some, 3am, because they hadn't adjusted their watch alarms!) with most teams leaving camp by 6.30am. They clocked up another 9 miles or so with some sunnier, more stable weather as the day went on, before arriving back at Rowtor carpark at approximately 12.30pm, completely exhausted, but in good spirits. They suffered many injuries over the weekend: strained muscles, knocks & bumps from falling over, sprained ankles and blisters. There were still many smiles at the end of it though!

As a 'checker' I could see how hugely challenging both mentally and physically the weekend was as the hours clocked by, and can only say how in awe of these students I am. They did brilliantly and I am very proud of them all. They have not only improved their hiking fitness, strength and navigational skills over the last few weeks, but their ability to work more as a team and support and encourage each other has really developed. Each one has their own strengths and these have really come to the fore this weekend.

The team has one more day of training just to really secure the navigational skills and then can look forward to the main event on the weekend of 28-30 April.



## Spring Term Prize winners!

Students across Years 7-11 have been competing to win the Spring Term Class Charts rewards prize. In the autumn term, the prize was awarded for #TeamCallington points, but this term we have been tracking 10 'learning behaviours' across all students.

The students have been working hard to try to win points for 'perseverance', 'effortful home learning', 'reflection' and 'participation' to name a few. The year groups have been neck and neck all term, but it was the Year 7s who came through at the last minute, with Hannah Dyter in Year 7 taking the whole school prize. Hannah is now the proud owner of an oversize fleece hoodie, Easter decorations, a bunny glass, and lots of sweet treats - all wrapped up in an Easter hamper. The five runners up, plus the overall winner in each year group have been awarded with a chocolate egg. Well done to all students - it was great to see so many of you going the extra mile in your lessons. Happy Easter!

