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## Callington Community College Newsletter

### Callington Teacher Shortlisted for National Teaching Award

Every year, excellence in education is recognised by the Pearson National Teaching Awards. This year we are really privileged that one of our staff, Jo Turner, has been shortlisted for 'Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School'.

On her journey that has taken her from a deprived area of Bradford, to the University of California, Berkeley, to PhD research on herpes virus models and finally to rural Callington in Cornwall, Jo's passion for the subject and the doors that it can open have always shone through. Jo inspires a love of learning by bringing to the classroom her knowledge and life experiences taking their learning beyond the constraints of the exam specification. Using monitoring data from combined sewage outflows into the Tamar River, the daily live weight gain of her cattle or the effect of the mining waste in Gunnislake, Jo makes every effort to bring the subject to life and relate Science to the lived experiences of the students in our community.



The Pearson National Teaching Awards were set up to celebrate the impact of education within the UK. Run by the Teaching Awards Trust and supported by Pearson and the BBC, they are the UK's most prestigious celebration of teaching.

On 21 June (National Thank a Teacher Day) we find out if Jo has won a Silver award. All silver award winners are then invited to London to 'the Oscars of Education' where the overall winners are announced. The Secondary Teacher category is always the biggest, with over 80 nominations last year. If Jo wins, you might see her in November on The One Show (BBC1).

Jo said "it is a massive honour to be nominated. This is just not for me, but a recognition for the whole school: the teachers, teaching assistants, leaders, support staff, cleaners and site staff, parents and students. We can't have a great school without great people. I'd like to thank everyone who was part of the process and Mr Taylor, Mrs Ainsworth and Mr Smith for supporting the nomination."

A parent summed it up beautifully:

"My daughter in particular, has a real passion for science and I have no doubt that Dr Turner has been instrumental in nurturing her enthusiasm. She has been a fantastic role model in my daughter's life, pushing her to excel academically, but also with support and advice on things outside of the classroom....Dr Turner really is, in the words of the advert, 'shaping lives'"

As a college, we are delighted that Dr Turner has achieved recognition of her teaching excellence, and we'd like to encourage our community to come together and thank all the teachers in their lives, both past and present, for the wonderful things they do.



## Key Dates

- Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June: Half Term
- Thursday 22 June: Y11 Prom
- Monday 17 to Friday 21 July: Enrichment Week (Y7, 8 & 9)
- Monday 17 to Friday 21 July: Y10 Work Experience

## Sixth Form Key Dates

- Friday 26 May: Y13 Masquerade Leavers Ball
- Thursday 29 June: Farewell Prize Giving Evening
- Tuesday 4 to Friday 7 July: Y11 Sixth Form Induction
- Monday 17 to Friday 21 July: Y12 Work Experience

## Cornwall School Games Tag Surf Event

On Wednesday 17 May, 15 students from Year 8 attended the Cornwall School Games Tag Surf Event.

Students were blessed with warm seas, great waves and glorious sunshine. They were split into two teams and took part in a relay seeing how many waves they could catch, and were scored based on how they rode each wave.

The students also had to work as a team to change their bib each time. The waves students faced were 2-3ft in size. Lots of students managed to stand and scored highly.

Students had a great time and are very much looking forward to



## Callington Mayfest 2023

Students had a fabulous time at Callington Mayfest.

We had an opportunity to showcase the beautifully constructed astronaut that the students had assembled and created alongside a local willow artist.

The students worked together during the parade to showcase our 15ft Giant during the Mayfest celebrations.

The weather was fabulous and the children thoroughly enjoyed the day!



## ArtsLab Project

Some of our students in year 7-10 are taking part in the ArtsLab Photobook Project in collaboration with people with Dementia.

Earlier this month they went on a beautiful woodland walk and took photographs of birds whilst they chatted with their walking companions and enjoyed the beautiful countryside.

A wonderful time was had by all and we cannot wait until our next session where we will be walking around Kit Hill.



## Year 7 Student Stomp!

Year 7 student, Lowenna W, recently completed a 26 mile (40k) stomp over Dartmoor with her scout group. She managed to step close to 93, 000 steps in 2 days which is an incredible effort!

Her Parents shared this report with us:

"The Scout Challenge is carried out over 4 weekends, where Lowenna will walk a total of 117miles.

She started Scouts in June 2021 and was invited to take part in the Challenge only having attended 2 Scout evenings. She went on the first walk still age of 10 and with a broken wrist. When she came to do the 2nd part she found it a little easier.



Last weekend was the 3rd part of the Challenge and she came in smiling. She was partnered with a new Scout, aged 10, that she supported over the weekend but they were all very happy to have achieved this. Her Fitbit told her that she had walked 92,913 steps.

All being well the final part of the Challenge will take place in September."



Well done Lowenna, the College are very proud of you and are in awe of your step count!

## Cornwall School Inclusion Games

Our amazing students were winners of the Cornwall School Inclusion Games yesterday - beating Liskeard, Falmouth, Wadebridge A and B and Saltash.

Outstanding performance by all involved - winning the tournament by 1 point! Congratulations to you all on a super performance!



## Community Events

**FREE FAMILY FILM SHOW**



**Sat 10th JUNE**  
Doors open at 2:00pm  
Film starts at 2:30pm  
**CALLINGTON TOWN HALL**

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**Sat 8th JULY**  
Doors open at 2:00pm  
Film starts at 2:30pm  
**CALLINGTON TOWN HALL**

## The Urban Playground Team

We were so lucky to have this inspiring group of parkour performers come into College as part of the MayFest celebrations.

They did a show in the Sports Hall for Year 7, 8 and 9 followed by 3 workshops with small groups of students.

All of those that took part had a fantastic experience and were able to challenge themselves in a new and exciting way.

The performance was mesmerising and really captivated the audience with its soulful music and powerful delivery depicting the history of mining in Cornwall.

We hope to be able to work with The Urban Playground Team again in the future!



## The Poetry Takeaway

Another wonderful opportunity afforded to us through the brilliant Callington MayFest - The Poetry Takeaway came down from London to inspire some of our Year 7 students with the power of poetry.

A group of students had a whistle-stop tour exploring how to create quick and simple poems, followed by a chance to 'serve' some fellow Year 7 students who joined us as the 'customers'. The Poetry Chefs were given a theme and then created wonderful pieces of poetry for their customers that they were given to take away with them.

It was amazing to see the collaboration between the students, the creativity of their ideas and the finished pieces that were beautifully crafted.

I was lucky enough to receive a poem and it now has pride of place in my office!



## Charity Day

Today we were visited by Frances Foulkes from the Liskeard Branch of Cancer Research UK, along with Sophie Barber, the Cornwall Area Manager for CRUK to meet the students who organised Charity Day on 31 March 2023. They were delighted to accept our donation of £663.90 and presented the school with a certificate for our achievements.



Charity Day started as an idea within the Student Voice Ambassadors group and quickly became a reality as a result of their hard work and collaboration with the Year 11 Student Leadership Team.

The students worked in groups to plan, resource and run activities on Charity Day - a cold rainy day on 31 March - such as Scalextric racing, speed chess, beat the goalie, and even a teacher performance of 'The Masked Singer'.

The school community really united to raise money, and donate their small change to this most worthy cause.

Look out for more details of this event, and maybe even a photo in the local press!

**Parent Forum**

An opportunity for the parents/carers and school to have an open and informal conversation, helping to better understand and support the students, families and community.

Please come along to any of the dates below, your voice matters!

16 May 2023, 27 June 2023

All welcome!

For any queries, contact [parentforum@callingtoncc.net](mailto:parentforum@callingtoncc.net)

**PTFA**

Want to make a difference?

Volunteers needed to help join our PTFA and raise much needed funds for our children and school.

Please come along to any of our meetings and help us find creative and fun new ways to make some extra cash that can be used to help fund school trips, enrichment days, equipment etc.

Let's help support the education of our children.



# BOOK DONATIONS WELCOME

Our school has signed up with national charity the Children's Book Project to receive donations of good quality, gently used books from local families. These will be used across the school. Books can be dropped at reception.

Spread the word and look for us on their map!

[www.childrensbookproject.co.uk/donate](http://www.childrensbookproject.co.uk/donate)



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