

20 October 2023

Callington Community College Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

This is the first school that I have worked in that has the word 'Community' in its title. It is one of the things that most interested me about the school when I was looking for my first headship.

Community is defined as 'a unified body of individuals'. I like this definition and the value of a united stance. We are united in wanting the best academic outcomes for young people, we are united in wanting our young people to achieve their personal goals, hopes and ambitions and we are united against those behaviours which divide and cause mental and physical harm. I have been delighted with everyone's response to the first term. There is a real sense of purpose from both the students and staff, which is demonstrated through effortful work in class, a disruption free environment and the increased participation with homework. There is, as always, still more to do here. Mr Taylor has spoken to students in assemblies this term about the term S.T.A.R. This is an acronym that exemplifies strong learning behaviours: S = Sit up straight, T = Track the speaker, A = pay Attention and R = Respect the speaker. We will fully introduce this in the new term. Of course, most students fully align with this already and consistently demonstrate exemplary manners and conduct. But we need consistency across the College and we need to ensure that the small minority who do not always observe these expectations, are reminded of them consistently and hence, any potential disruption to learning is eliminated. This unified position on classroom environments ultimately supports all learners, but in particular, those with identified needs also.

In addition to quality teaching and learning, we also do our best to exploit opportunities that enhance students' social and cultural skills too. Schools are much more than examination outcomes and as such, I observed with great delight this week, children getting absorbed in Hello Yellow activities, festooned in yellow clothing. A particular highlight was the wellbeing walk at the end of the day. And then of course, there was Harry Potter Day. We had over 70 attendees to our movie event at the end of the day and I can genuinely say that I enjoyed the movie as much as they did! It was a real privilege to share the experience with so many of our young people, whose behaviour was exemplary throughout.

We have a further event coming up after half term. As students return to us on Halloween, we will be holding a spooky disco in the main hall during second break. There will be prizes for students and staff strutting their best stuff! We look forward to seeing students participating in the fun. Friday 17 November will be Children in Need day and we will be releasing further details about this event just after half term.

Thanks as always for your support.

Wendy Ainsworth



"Everything is Possible"

Sparx Celebrations!

What's 85,909? Amazingly it's the number of questions students have answered correctly in SPARX maths so far this school year. Research tells us that students who access and use SPARX regularly get better results in the long term - so that's a really encouraging number!

Very big congratulations to Annabelle Bushell-Crane (Year 7) who has achieved a wonderful 7339 XP points in SPARX this year and is the top of the school so far.

Special mentions to Leila Kempe and Eliza H (both Year 9) who are the first two to reach level 7 this year.

Don't forget that the student who gains the most XP each week gets their name on the SPARX Stars board outside D13 - and a Magic Moment card sent home.

Sparx Maths

Eden Project Half Marathon

Mr Murray and Mrs Osborne took on the Eden Project Half Marathon last weekend!

They competed over 13 miles of undulating Cornish countryside, centred around the majestic Biomes of Eden.



Long distance running is a challenging discipline that requires dedicated training and mental toughness.

We are really proud of both of our teachers for completing this fantastic feat. Mr Murray was the 19th male in his age category, finishing 130th out of over 765 runners!

Proud to be supporting a local community hockey team!

The College is pleased to be supporting local hockey in the community through the loan of the minibus to the Caradon Ladies 1's team.



This year Caradon are playing in the West Premier league, with away matches in Cardiff, Bath and Bristol. The team contains previous Callington students Clare Poad and Daisy Hunn, as well our own Miss Mitchell!

For any students interested in playing hockey, Caradon has a fantastic youth set-up across all age ranges with opportunities to play competitive matches and tournaments.

See Miss Mitchell for more details.

Key Dates

- Mon 23 Oct - Fri 27 Oct: Half Term
- Mon 30 Oct: INSET Day (College closed to students)
- Wed 8 Nov: PTFA Meeting
- Mon 13 Nov - Fri 24 Nov: Year 11 Mock Exams
- Tue 21 Nov: Our Voice (Parent Forum) Meeting
- Thu 30 Nov: Post-16 Sixth Form Launch Evening

Sixth Form Key Dates

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Callington Sixth Form

Enrichment Week 2023

Enrichment Week 2023 seems like a distant memory now that we are back in full swing with the new academic year, but we wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate some of the amazing experiences that were had across the breadth of all of the activities.

The first point to note is the impeccable behaviour and attitude of all of the students who took part - we were complimented by our external providers on the manners and conduct demonstrated, and the team work, camaraderie and enthusiasm on display was admirable. We were incredibly proud of how everyone approached their week, overcoming nerves and trepidation to take on new and exciting challenges.

I'd also like to thank the staff that made this all possible - the teachers who led the activities; those that supported; the amazing Finance and Admin team.

There are so many highlights and anecdotes that we could share, but a select few can be found below:

- Mr Petherick's fishing trip were lucky enough to be along side some dolphin companions as they sailed around the shores of Plymouth.
- Mrs Inger's scuba trip saw one brave student awarded 'Certificate of Awesomeness' - only the 4th time in 13 years that this certificate has been given out by Dive Newquay!
- The creativity on display in Mr Hortop's Crafty Bags and Mrs Yendell's Mindfulness activities was just beautiful and awe-inspiring.
- There was plenty of Adrenalin pumping at the Quarry as Miss Larigo's students put themselves through their paces on the water park.
- Over 200 students enjoyed targeting Mr Hammond across several days of Paintball and Lasertag.
- Miss Dunlop's venture to Rome saw the group experience the hottest temperatures on record for the city!
- Mr Newman tested the resolve of his group in his gruesome eating challenge as part of the Survival Day.
- Mr Smith and Miss James were impressed as their group high-tailed it around on their horses at Great Trethew.

We are already planning for next year and looking forward to more amazing adventures and the creation of life-long memories.



Year 7 Gothic Writing Competition

Being part of the Westcountry Schools Trust gives us lots of opportunities to be part of something huge! Here in the English Department we are super excited to be reigning champions of the Gothic Writing Competition. You can see the trophy in the cabinet!

Last year the winning story was written by Evie and it was absolutely incredible. We were so proud. Miss Smith didn't stop smiling for a month.

We really, desperately, want to hold on to the title (and that trophy!) for a second year so we are asking all of you amazing creative writers to pick up your pen, unlock your iPad or open your laptop and get writing!

You need to write your own gothic description, using the gothic conventions you've already learned in your English lessons. Your entries will be set against other Year 7s from 6 other schools so really push yourselves to make it the best work you've ever done.

The competition is open to anyone in Year 7 and closes on Friday 8 December. The winner will be announced in a celebration assembly and there are lots of prizes.

You can read Evie's entry here....

A soft wind blew through the open windows. The sun, in its last call for light, went out. The darkness ruled all. It had been waiting, waiting for the right moment to strike out for control.

The house sat, crouching in the mud of the river. Water pooled around the door. Shadows writhed against the faded red brick walls of the building and water could be heard dripping from leaks in the worn down ceiling. Rob concealed half of one of the remaining walls, the others left gaping open. Open to the weather and the outside.

A squeaking noise presented the arrival of on the living. The only living that had been here since it happened. She approached the door, her clothes sudden wet and torn. She wore a battered hood and faded blue shorts. At one point someone had tried to board up the door trying to keep something at bay. But it had clearly not worked. Her hand paused on the handle. Her eyes were deep black pools of nothingness. Perhaps she was sad about what happened here, or maybe she was just tired, hungry and exhausted from her travels. The door was pushed open gently. She didn't go through the hole where the ~~the~~ two of the walls had been, no. She went through the door. Her bare feet made no sound as she passed through the bare bleak rooms. She didn't stop and look around. She kept going. Where the house sloped towards the river the floor gradually became submerged in a few inches of water.

Her head whipped around but there was nothing there. She must have imagined it. She carried on trying to convince herself she was alone. But there it was again, that faint ringing of ~~remote~~ bells. Her heart thumped loudly in her chest. She stood stock still breath ragged and hands trembling.

It couldn't be, could it? It couldn't have followed her, could it? She turned slowly seeking a way out. She still had time. Her feet splashed through the water. She ran to the upper part of the house, swerving around the large puddles on the floor, leaping over the low crumbling walls. She escaped the house.

The moon stayed hidden, swathed in its blanket of clouds. The bells rang again ~~loud~~ still loud and clear, echoing off the remaining walls of the house. She shivered in the cold night air, goosebumps lining her bare legs. From her spot in the tall ash tree, she had a clear vision of the river and the building. After exiting the house she had hurriedly found the spot ~~sett~~ in the tree from which she could watch what would happen. The bells rang again louder still. She was shaking so much she thought it might see her.

The stench hit her next, the strong sickening smell of corruption. Covering her mouth with one hand to suppress the need to gag. She righted her feet ~~stayed~~ so she would not fall. Her foot slipped suddenly and she grabbed out to the branch above. In her struggle bits of bark and twigs showered down like rain. She held her breath hoping it would not notice.

An ear-splitting crack pierced the air. The branch she was hanging on had begun to break and she was soon sent flying. ~~at~~ Down, down to the hard ground, arms and legs flailing helplessly. Then she hit the floor. The air was knocked out of her lungs and her mouth opened in a silent scream. Then she heard it, the bells right above her. She squeezed her eyes shut. She didn't want to end up like the others.



Two Moors Way Challenge

Recently, Lowenna W (Year 8) took part in the final leg of the Two Moors Way Challenge with 1st Stoke Climsland Scout Group.

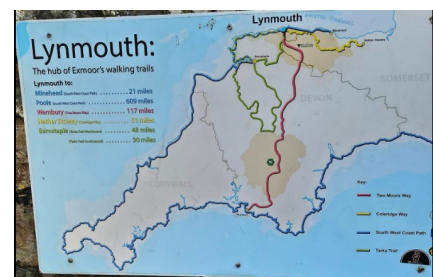
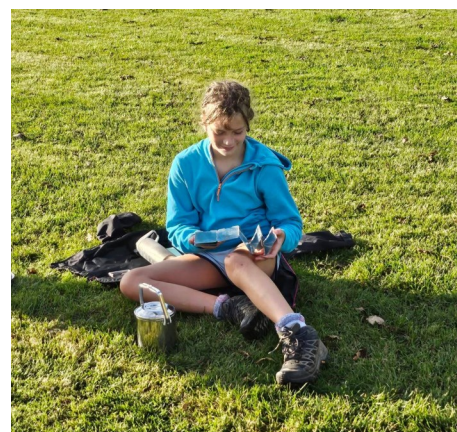
The team walked 18 miles to arrive at their final destination 1.5 hours ahead of schedule in Lynmouth on the Sunday afternoon

Lowenna was one of only three youngsters in the team to complete all four stages of the challenge, walking a total of 117 miles. Well done Lowenna on such a fantastic achievement!



Thank you to Lowenna's parents for sharing this with us.

If you have any good news stories you would like to share with us, please send them to your child's Tutor or Head of Year.



Cornwall School Games Netball

The Year 7 and 9 netball teams had their first competitive fixture of the year as they entered the Cornwall School Games Qualifier last month.

The competition is won by the school whose players accrue the most number of awards for the display of Games Values (respect, honesty, teamwork, determination etc). The Year 9 team came a close third and all of the girls represented the College brilliantly.

I am delighted to say that the Year 7 team were victorious and will be going on to represent South East Cornwall at the Games finals, later this year.

A huge well done to all of those involved, including our Sixth Form leaders who helped run the event.

We wish the Year 7 team luck in the next stage of the competition!



More Netball News!

We took two Year 7 Netball teams to Liskeard School on Wednesday 11 October in their second Netball tournament of the season playing against, Liskeard, Saltash, Looe and Torpoint. The girls played brilliantly with one team winning all their games and the other team winning one game, drawing one game and losing two.

Well done to all the girls who took part who were great ambassadors for the College and we look forward to the next Netball tournament which is on Friday 3 November at Bude School.

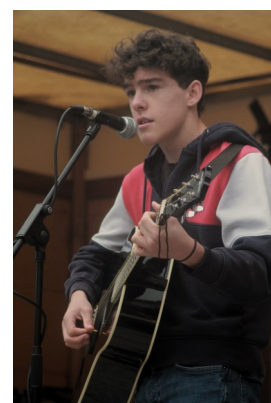
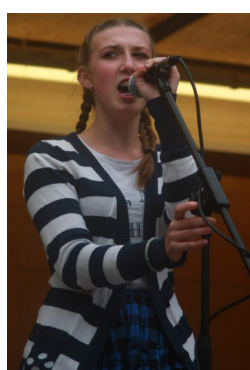
A reminder that Netball club runs every Thursday after College 3.15-4.15pm, everyone is welcome!

Honey Fair

Musical entertainment at this year's Honey Fair in Callington was a resounding success, with the College providing a selection of wonderful musical performances, but also supplying the audio equipment and sound engineering expertise for all acts during the day.

The event on 30 September has become a favourite of the students in the College's Performing Arts Faculty, as it is the earliest public performance opportunity in the academic year, and has now become a regular, highly anticipated feature.

Performances from the College this year included vocal numbers from Kylie, Cara plus others, guitar and vocal solos from Max and Patrick, a brother-sister duet from Patrick and Evelyn, closing with a rockathon from future superstars Alex and BL.



Looe Island Swim

After a few cancellations over the last few years, on Sunday 8 October Miss Ramwell and Mrs Woollett took up the challenge of the Looe Island swim.

The swimmers are taken by boat to the Island and then swim a mile back to land. Well done to Miss Ramwell and Mrs Woollett for braving the event!



Crochet/Knitting Club Request

Our new crochet (and knitting) club has been more popular than I had imagined so we are in need of some more materials to help run it.

I am looking for any wool (scraps from the end of projects are fine, no need to be new balls) crochet hooks and knitting needles (any size will do).

Anything anyone could donate would be very gratefully received. Please either bring to C13 or leave at Reception for the attention of Mrs Winch.

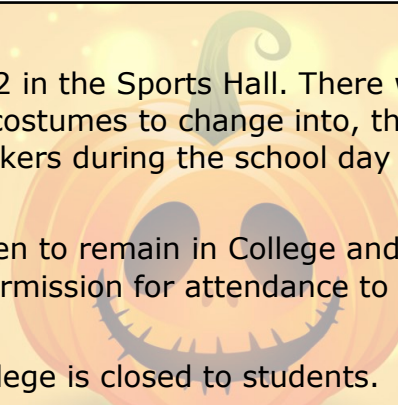


Spooky Disco!

On Tuesday 31 October we are hosting a Spooky Disco at Break 2 in the Sports Hall. There will be spot prizes for the best dancers and students may bring spooky costumes to change into, that they can continue to wear during Period 5. Costumes can be left in lockers during the school day or in tutor bases until required.

At the end of the College day, there will be opportunity for children to remain in College and watch the film 'Monster House'. The film has a rating of 'PG'. To give permission for attendance to the event, please [click here](#).

A reminder that Monday 30 October is an INSET Day and the College is closed to students.



Extra Curricular Clubs

We offer a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities, and the list can be accessed [HERE](#).

As this is a live document, we will be able to make additions throughout the term, so please do check back regularly for updated opportunities.

We highly value the many benefits that students gain from being part of a club or group and therefore ensure that our offer is as broad and varied as possible to meet the needs and interests of all of our College community. Each faculty in the College is represented with either a break time or after-College slot. Students can go along whenever they are able to, with no need to sign up in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact cmitchell@callingtoncc.net.

'Our Voice'

The next 'Our Voice' meeting (previously known as 'Parent Forum') will be held on Tuesday 21 November, at 6.00 pm.

Our Voice are parents of children at the College who meet about twice a term with the Principal, Wendy Ainsworth, to talk openly about any thoughts, ideas, concerns we may have, as well as an opportunity for the school to relay information to us as parents and carers about any changes, new initiatives, or any other news they would like to share.

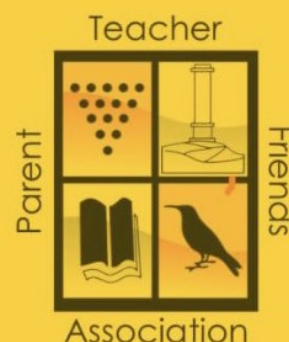
All are welcome!

CCC PTFA AGM

As parents/carers you
are already members
so please come along to find
out more, hear about our
upcoming plans and help us
support the school and your
children.

Any time, ideas, experience
you can offer is amazing!

8th November - 6:30pm in the main hall



CCC staff to run in the Cornish Marathon

In April 2021 Becky Maitland, a well established and loved Maths teacher at Callington Community College, lost her battle with Breast Cancer. Becky was a dedicated member of the CCC community and a keen runner. In honour of her, five colleagues, Mr Mercer, Mrs Trice, Mrs Woollett, Mr Watts and Mrs Osborne are running the Cornwall Marathon on Sunday 5 November.

Any donations to support our fantastic five colleagues, in honour of Becky, can be made to her fundraising page:

<https://www.givey.com/inmemoryofrebeccamaitland>

By donating to Action Against Cancer in her memory you will be supporting a research project into Triple Negative Breast Cancer - and 100% of what is raised goes towards this specific area of research.



What is Disciplinary Reading?

Mrs Lamb has been working with curriculum leaders in the last few months on understanding and developing disciplinary reading in all subjects.

The EEF suggests that 'every teacher communicates their subject through its own unique language, and that reading, writing, speaking and listening are at the heart of knowing, doing, and communicating Science, Art, History, and every other subject in secondary school.'

At CCC, we believe reading is at the heart of all we do, and that having the opportunity to regularly read high quality texts exposes students to new ideas, universal truths and a deeper, richer understanding of the world around them.

Mrs Ramwell, a WeST subject leader for Art, and our own Curriculum Lead for Creative Arts, has been looking for ways to incorporate disciplinary reading into her lessons. CCC artists need to read about other artists and understand what motivate them, they need to read the 'big ideas' behind art work and link these with art they already know. To this end, Mrs Ramwell has this to say;

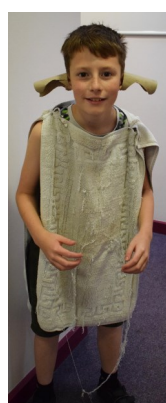
Since the introduction of DEAR time the Art department has extended the opportunity to look at the work of other artists and designers. We have also forged stronger links with SMSC to encourage students to look more globally at creativity across time and place. Within our schemes of work we have selected a range of reading opportunities and embedded them into our lessons. In year 7 we have been looking at the work of David Hockney; he's a bit of an activist and stirs up some good conversations too. We have found a great article all about his visit to King Charles to collect his Order of Merit wearing a Saville Row suit and a pair of Crocs! Reading around our curriculum is a powerful tool to encourage enquiry, discussion and opinion and we really enjoy that!

On the right is the opening of the reading Year 7 indulged in regarding David Hockney. The full article can be found by clicking [this link](#). Please encourage your child to read about things that interest them, and things that they have learnt at school. Read together at home, and tell them when you have read something that has interested you. Reading is knowledge. Knowledge is power.



And finally...

Some photos from Harry Potter Book Day last week!





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

M&S CAFES

Spend £5 & get one free kid's meal Mon - Fri during the Oct Half term (various dates)

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 16th October - Friday 27th 2023 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.