

CommunityMatters

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February: A Month of Mindfulness

This February we launched a month of mindfulness and students from Mindful Matters, our Young Enterprise business, delivered assemblies to the whole school with the purpose of encouraging students to spend at least ten minutes a day trying to be mindful for the whole of February. There has been a range of activities delivered during SMSC and a variety of mindful sessions available during lunchtime, offering a space for all students to come and take some time out of their busy days.

Ben Chalwin, one of Cornwall's leading mindfulness teachers, came and delivered a one hour workshop to Year 10's about the importance of mindfulness. "I found it so inspiring; I will now spend a lot of time being mindful." said student Velvet Johnson.

Following the success of the Year 10 session, Mindful Matters have decided to use a percentage of the business profits to fund further sessions for students who feel they would benefit from learning more about how to be mindful, or how to manage stress and anxiety.

For more information, please visit our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @mattersmindful

Image taken from Mindful Matters marketing material.



Gymnasts Through To National Competition

The Under 16 Mixed Team travelled to Bideford recently to compete in the Regional British Schools Milano Teams Gymnastics competition. It was a long day with some excellent gymnastics and the Humphry Davy students performed extremely well.

The Under 16 Mixed Team included Luca Rainbow, Ellie Fearn, Tamani Beare and Elsa Rainbow. The team performed strong vaults, clean floor routines and a dazzling synchronised floor routine to the song 'Jai Ho!'

Special mention must be made of the following high scores:

Luca scored 13.85 on floor, 14.60 on vault and came 1st overall in the Under 16 boys.

Elsa scored 14.50 on floor, 15.20 on vault and came 6th overall in the Under 16 girls.

With a high score of 19.85 in the synchronised routine the team came 1st in the South West!



Well done, team! A fantastic achievement, especially as this is the first time Humphry Davy School has entered the competition.

The talented team will be travelling to Stoke on Trent in March for the National Milano Teams Finals and we can't wait to see their routines!

Caring...

Funding A Quality Education

My thanks to parents and members of the community who have contacted me with support for the Cornwall campaign for fairer funding for our children's education.

If you have not seen details please go to the school website and if you would like to support the campaign and petition against the massive real terms cut in funding of Cornwall Schools please contact our local MP Derek Thomas:

Wharfside Shopping Centre,
Wharf Road,
Penzance,
TR18 2GB

tel: 01736 363038

email: derek.thomas.mp@parliament.uk

or sign the national petition:

<http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/#/contact-us>

Our children are our future. They deserve to have their education fairly funded.



Bill Marshall

Headteacher

Careers Fair

More than 800 excited students attended the second Humphry Davy School Careers Fair and the day was another roaring success!

With over 60 busy exhibition stands held by private employers, HE Colleges, Universities, voluntary organisations, and training providers, the school was abuzz with positive discussion and learning.

Exhibitors hailed from many different sectors including motor vehicle mechanics, construction, health and social care, child care, the armed forces, police, ICT, medicine, beauty, hairdressing, shipbuilding, marine biology, STEM, charities, public services, finance, business, retail, sports, and even games design!

"It was an absolutely fantastic day which hopefully our students will remember for a long time. I'm proud to be a part of it." said Careers Adviser and event organiser Mrs Richards.

"I now know what I want to do with my life. This is amazing, thank you so much." enthused student Rhys who was beaming as he left the Plymouth Argyle stand.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and experience to the day. Our students and visiting schools certainly benefitted from your knowledge.



Education...

Key Dates For Your Diaries

21.02.2017	Year 11 Photos
24.02.2017	Year 9 Future First Workshop
02.03.2017	World Book Day
09.03.2017	Year 8 Options Evening - 6PM

U13 Girls' Indoor Cricket Team To Defend County Title

Huge congratulations to our Under 13 Girls' Indoor Cricket Team who played marvellously to win the Penwith Tournament and will now defend their title at the County Tournament in Truro in March.

Last year's tournament was an entertaining and closely-fought competition and we're sure this year will not disappoint.

Good luck, girls!



Investment in Our Future

Despite the cuts facing all schools we have been fortunate to secure £550,000 of external capital funding this financial year to maintain and repair a number of roofs around the site. We fully appreciate that it is not ideal to undertake extensive works during term time but the alternative is to lose the funding and needing to find the huge sum ourselves from our staffing / teaching budget in 12 months' time.

Arrangements are in place to minimise the impact on classes but some room changes will occasionally be required. Please be assured that works will cease during the summer examination period and there will be no disruption during this time. Work will recommence and finish in the summer holiday period for the new school year.

Our apologies for any inconvenience. Please contact Mrs Theresa Grainger – School Business Manager if you have any concerns or queries arising.

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