

THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

FRIDAY – 20.3.26

MESSAGES:

Welcome to this week's edition of The Week at Pool Academy, celebrating a week full of fantastic achievements and upcoming community spirit!

Below, you'll find wonderful news about our students, including the excellent leadership from our Year 9 Sports Leaders at the Primary Dodgeball Festival, the resilience of our Year 8 netball team in tough conditions, and the dedication of our Year 11 students with their revision success and English Star Students. We also have exciting details about our upcoming Quiz Night and a whole week of Easter fundraising fun, including a raffle and bingo. We hope you enjoy the positive highlights from across the academy!

Have a lovely weekend - fingers crossed for continued sunshine!

- The Neurodiversity (ND) assessment team is offering evening information sessions for parents and carers in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. These sessions will help you understand more about neurodiversity, how to access early help, and broader support. The ND profiling tool can help identify support needs for children and young people. Details: 1st April, 6.00pm – 7.30pm. For more information and to book: [Information Sessions for Parent Carers on Neurodiversity](#)
- Don't miss out on two great tech events this April!
 - Tech Explorers (Ages 8-12): April 8th & 9th, 9am - 12pm. Learn Python coding with Raspberry Pi and build a rover. [Book your place here.](#)
 - [Cornwall Tech Jam](#): Saturday 25th April, 10:00am-2:00pm at Fibrehub, Pool. A varied collection of technology for children to explore and code. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

For more details on either event, [please visit the Tech Cornwall website.](#)

STUDENTS:

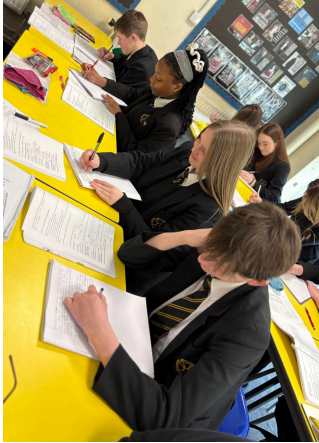


On Friday 13th March, four of our Year 9 Sports Leaders helped to run the Primary Dodgeball Festival. The leaders worked hard throughout the event, supporting the younger pupils and helping to organise games and activities.

They showed excellent teamwork, communication, and leadership skills while encouraging the primary school students to take part and enjoy the festival. Their positive attitude helped make the event fun and welcoming for everyone involved.

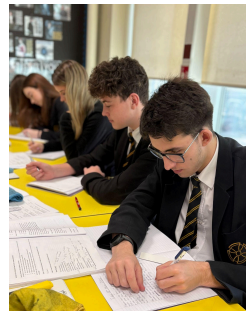
Mr Shaughnessy praised the Sports Leaders for their fantastic leadership and the way they represented the school during the event.

Well done to all the Year 9 leaders who took part and helped make the Primary Dodgeball Festival a great success.



11W are working incredibly hard in English Literature as they focus on improving their analytical paragraphs ahead of their GCSE exams. Students are developing their ability to explore language, structure and writer's intent in greater depth, moving beyond simple explanations to produce thoughtful, detailed analysis.

It has been great to see students really living our values in lessons – Be Kind, Take Responsibility and Dream Big – as they push themselves to keep improving. Proud of this Wolf Pack and the focus they are showing as the exams approach.



Our Year 8 netball team put in a fantastic effort at Redruth School, competing in freezing conditions of rain and hail. Despite the challenging weather, the students showed incredible resilience and determination throughout the day.

The team made a massive improvement with each game, demonstrating great teamwork, skill, and a positive attitude.

Well done to all the Year 8 netball players for their hard work and for showing such resilience in tough conditions – a memorable performance!



Our Year 11s have been hard at work on their Carousel revision homework in preparation for their GCSE exams. Well done to all our students who have completed the homework, with a special congratulations to this week's Carousel Champions, who will be presented with a special certificate in assembly in recognition of their great effort and commitment to achieving brilliant results. This week's champions, who scored 100% in all their revision quizzes are:

Carousel Superstars! 100%

Joel, Eva B, Eva B, Ruby C, Jamie, Melyn, Amelia G, Alex G, Jake H, Evie H, Yvonne, Tanatswa, Mia N, Mechaila, Amelia R, Olive, Adelina, Amaiah, Ethan W, Hollie, W, Freya B, Evie B-S, Zac, Chris, Hannah C, Sam C, Mia E, Lucy F, Neeve, Isobel G, Josh M, Luke N, Jacob P, Lowenna, Hannah R, Dinariya, Amelia W, Alex B, Reuben, Owen, Harley F, Shannon, Amelia L, Temera-Jane, Latheebea, Joey, Chelsea.



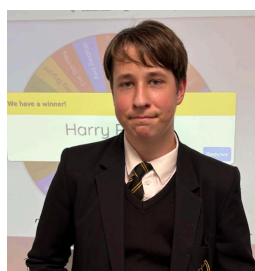
Celebrating our brilliant English Star Students this week - 16th-20th March

A huge well done to Hannah C, Logan, Oliver R, Ava B, Faith and Yvonne for their fantastic effort, focus and progress in English. Your hard work is shining through and it's great to see you pushing yourselves to achieve more each lesson.

Keep aiming high and taking pride in your work — we're really proud of you all!

Congratulations to this week's winners of the Sparx Spin the Wheel competition! Every student selected has successfully completed their homework this week—an excellent achievement and a great example of commitment and consistency.

The weekly leaderboards are also shown below. Keep up the fantastic work, and don't forget—complete your homework each week for your chance to spin the wheel!



| SPARX READER CHAMPIONS | |
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| YEAR 10 | |
| JESSAMY M | 429 |
| EMILY M | 412 |
| JOSHUA K | 404 |

| SPARX READER CHAMPIONS | |
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| YEAR 9 | |
| ISLA B | 848 |
| MERRY N W | 596 |
| LUCAS N | 538 |

| SPARX READER CHAMPIONS | |
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| YEAR 8 | |
| HARRY W | 2028 |
| KARINA S | 1859 |
| DEMANYA B | 1074 |

| SPARX READER CHAMPIONS | |
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| YEAR 7 | |
| MACI W | 2858 |
| PAIGE E | 1639 |
| ETHAN M | 1500 |

A reminder that Pool Academy's next Quiz Night will be in the Main Hall on Thursday 26th March, from 5:00pm until 7:00pm! Last time we had a fantastic turnout, and we're looking forward to another fun evening of community, challenge, and friendly competition.

Teams can be up to 8 people and could include families, friends, or students. Parents don't need to bring children if they'd prefer, and students are welcome to take part independently.



A strict no-phone rule will be in place to ensure a fair contest — so leave your phones out of sight!

By popular demand, the Musical Theatre round has been added, alongside a variety of other quiz challenges.

Quizzers can purchase food throughout the evening from [The Little Greek Grill](#) — come ready for a fun evening of quizzing and community spirit. Entry is £1 on the door, and cash will be appreciated for any food, drinks, or treats available on the night.

We can't wait to see you there!

Easter Egg Bundle Raffle – Sweet Prizes Await! 🍫🥚

Sam K (Year 10) is hosting an Easter Egg Bundle Raffle, and you have the chance to win an incredible selection of Easter treats! Here's what's up for grabs in this delicious bundle:

- Maltesers Egg
- Mini Egg Egg
- Crème Egg Egg
- Twirl Egg
- Reese's Egg
- Bag of Celebrations
- Large Bag of Mini Eggs
- Small Smarties Egg
- Small Freddy Egg
- Box of 5 Crème Eggs



Sam K in year 10 is raising funds for the Kenya community trip

We have an Easter Egg bundle for raffle. The bundle includes:

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| Maltesers egg | Bag of Celebrations |
| Mini Egg egg | Large bag of Mini eggs |
| Crème Egg egg | Small Smarties egg |
| Twirl egg | Small Freddy egg |
| Reese's egg | Box of 5 crème eggs |



Tickets are £1 each, we'll run the raffle before the Easter bank holiday.

The go fund me page is: <https://pofund.me/ab45d79b7>



How to Enter:

To get your hands on this egg-cellent prize, simply make a donation via GoFundMe or in cash! The QR code on the [poster](#) will take you directly to the GoFundMe page, but don't worry – cash donations are just as welcome. Sam will keep a list of who entered so numbers can be allocated.

Easter Fundraising Fun Reminder! Get ready for a week of egg-citing events!

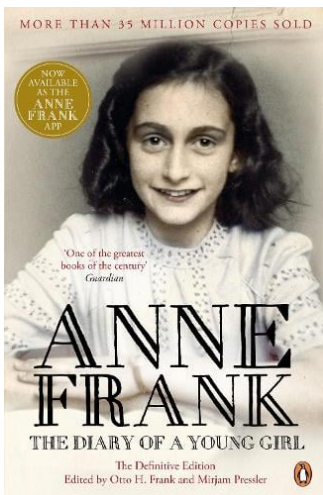
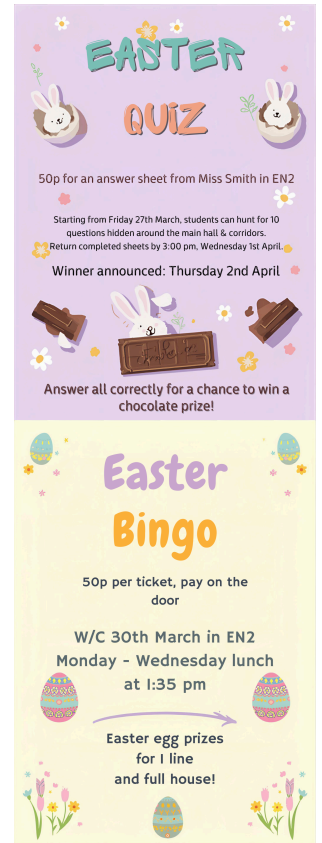
Easter Quiz from Friday 27th March

- 50p for an answer sheet from Miss Smith in EN2
- Hunt for 10 questions hidden around the main hall & corridors
- Return sheets by 3:00 pm, Wednesday 1st April
- Winner announced: Thursday 2nd April
- Answer all correctly for a chance to win a chocolate prize!

Easter Bingo w/c 30th March

- 50p per ticket, pay on the door
- EN2
- Easter egg prizes for 1 line and full house
- Time: Monday - Wednesday Lunchtime in En2. Starts at 1:35 pm, w/c 30th March

🐣 Which event will you try first? Gather your friends and join the fun! 🐣



In tutor reading, 8DCO has just finished *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The class has learnt about living in fear, close proximity, and how to be inventive with lettuce. They have heard about different points of view on the war and the various stages it went through. Most importantly, they have learnt about the kindness of people who helped each other through this difficult period in Amsterdam's history. I hope that one day the students of 8DCO will visit the museum. I know it is now on my bucket list! Mrs Cotterell.

Today at Lowen Bungalow, students proudly took part in celebrating World Down Syndrome Day. As part of the celebration, students embraced the theme of 'odd socks' by drawing and designing colourful, creative sock patterns across the floor using chalks. A colourful reminder that our differences are something to be celebrated every day.



CLASSROOM CLIPS: DRAMA (YEAR 7)



Year 7 students have been developing their technical drama skills, focusing on voice, facial expression and body language. Using a script inspired by the film *Inside Out*, they have explored how to portray a range of emotions including Joy, Sadness, Disgust, Anger and Fear by carefully manipulating their performance skills.


Alongside this, students have been learning the importance of effective staging, including spacing and audience awareness. They have been working on facing the audience with confidence and projecting their voices clearly into the space to ensure their performances are engaging and easy to follow.

Year 7 have also demonstrated excellent understanding of what it means to be a respectful audience member, showing focus, active listening, and celebrating one another's performances with enthusiasm.

It has been fantastic to see their confidence and creativity grow throughout this work.



[Next Week's Sports Bulletin](#)



SPORTING INSPIRATION PROGRAMME
3 – 4 pm Week Beginning 23rd March 2026

| <u>Weekly Extra-Curricular Activities</u> (Please come to the Gym changing rooms at 3pm) | <u>Weekly Fixtures</u> |
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| <p>Monday Badminton (SBR) - All Years Boys Football (JH) - Year 9 Girls Football (MF) - All Years</p> <p>Tuesday Girls Rugby (MCR) - All Years Boys Football (TF) - Year 8</p> <p>Wednesday Boys Football - (MF) - Year 7 Hockey (SB) - All Years</p> <p>Thursday Fixtures</p> <p>Friday No clubs</p> | <p>Wednesday - 25.3.26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U12 Rugby 7's Festival (Pool) Year 7 - Finish @ 3.30pm• Girls Football vs Camborne (Away) Year 8/9 - Return @ 4.45pm <p>Thursday - 26.3.26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys Football vs Penair (Away) Year 7, 9 & 10 - Return @ 5.30pm• U14 Girls Rugby Festival (St Ives RFC) Year 8/9 - Return @ 3.30pm• Hockey vs Falmouth (Home) Year 7 & 8 - Finish @ 5pm |

Parents and carers are invited to come and enjoy watching their child play in our school teams **from 4.15pm onwards**.

If you need to use the toilets, parents / carers will need to use the facilities near the sports hall. Students are to use the facilities by the PE changing rooms.

Enjoy the game and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Next Week's Menu

Lunch Week 2 Spring 2023

All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Main Meal | Beef Ragu with Diced Herb Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Penne Pasta | Katsu Chicken Curry with Coconut Rice, Potato Wedges, Slaw | Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli | Pulled Pork with Cajun Wedges, Slaw, BBQ Beans | Battered Fish with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans |
| Plant Based / Vegetarian Main Meal | Vegetable Chilli with Diced Herb Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Penne Pasta | Spinich & Lentil Curry with Coconut Rice, Potato Wedges, Slaw | Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli | Mac & Cheese with Cajun Wedges, Slaw, BBQ Beans | Sweet Potato Falafel Gyros with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans |
| Street Food | Piri Piri Chicken Wrap | Chicken Burrito | Folded Tikka Naan | Pulled Pork & Stuffing Wrap | Chicken Gyros |
| Takeaway Tubs | Penne Arrabiata <i>or</i> Tomato & Chorizo | Penne Arrabiata <i>or</i> Tomato & Mascarpone | Penne Arrabiata <i>or</i> Chicken & Tomato | Penne Arrabiata <i>or</i> Mac & Cheese | Penne Arrabiata <i>or</i> Roasted Vegetable |
| Pizza Slice | Margherita <i>or</i> Pepperoni | Margherita <i>or</i> Ham & Tomato | Margherita <i>or</i> Chicken & Sweetcorn | Margherita <i>or</i> American Hot | Margherita <i>or</i> BBQ Chicken |
| Jacket Potato | Available daily with a range of delicious fillings | Available daily with a range of delicious fillings | Available daily with a range of delicious fillings | Available daily with a range of delicious fillings | Available daily with a range of delicious fillings |
| Desserts | A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES | A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES | A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES | A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES | A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES |



Meal Deal Main Meal with vegetables and dessert



All of our main meals, sandwiches & desserts are freshly made on site every day.



EVENTS NEXT WEEK (WEEK B)

[Link to the School Calendar](#)

- **Tuesday** - Year 11 Group Photo
- **Wednesday**
 - Tetanus Vaccinations, Kernow Health Team
 - Under 12 Rugby Sevens
- **Thursday**
 - Portreath House Charity Day
 - Community Quiz Night, 5-7pm

CAREERS:

Each week we focus on a career pathway to highlight. This week we are looking at a career as a Careers Advisor.



Please follow [this link](#) to learn more about careers as a Careers Advisor.

If there is a particular pathway you would like to find out more about, please email enquiries@poolacademy.uk.

PRAISE POSTCARD RECIPIENTS:

Students are awarded a Praise Postcard for their class work, effort and attitude. This week we have given out a total of 625 Praise Postcards! Please see below for this week's recipients.

