



Cornwall Playing for Success News



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"The PFS experience is switching children back on to learning"

Highlights from an Interim Evaluation Report - by Pete Butts

"PFS is having an important impact upon the attainment, and particularly the progress, of pupils who were at risk of failing to achieve their potential. Pupils work solidly on task, with great energy, enthusiasm and motivation. This is the great gift of the initiative. They produce high quality outcomes, often using ICT and visual imaging and develop a real sense of pride in their achievement. The quality of the learning at a Cornwall PFS centre and its impact upon pupils' engagement with learning was recently praised by HMI.

The PFS cohort made significant progress from Y4 to Y6:

In Y4, 26% of the cohort was performing below national expectation (19-21 APS) in **reading** compared with 15% (25-29APS) in Y6. In Y4, 66% of the cohort was performing below national expectation in **writing** compared with 42% in Y6. In Y4, 25% of the cohort was performing below expectation in **mathematics** compared with 24% in Y6. In **reading**, from Y4 -Y6, 10% of the cohort made no progress, 62% made one level's progress - the national expectation - 26% made two level's progress, exceeding the national expectation and 2% made 3 level's progress. In **writing**, 7% of the cohort made no progress from Y4 - Y6, 46% made one level's progress, 43% made 2 level's progress and 4% made 3 level's progress. In **maths**, 14% made no progress, 66% made one level's progress and 20% made two level's progress. **Overall 90% of the pupils who were at risk of underachieving, matched the national expectation for progress in the three areas and 32% exceeded national expectation."**

Further to the report (copies of which are available from Lucy Chappell), the Trustees of the Charity wish to extend their warmest congratulations to the Centre Managers, their teams and all those who contribute to the provision of Playing for Success in Cornwall. It's a real testament of your commitment, professionalism and absolute dedication!

Charity Update

- We hope you are continuing to follow Pete's epic voyage via the blog on www.petegoss.com. Pete and his crew are on their way to Melbourne having made it to Cape Town on Christmas Day! What an adventure and a compelling daily read! D-Day to Melbourne is less than 2 weeks away and we hope to have Pete home in early May. Watch out for forthcoming fund-raising journeys of our own!
- A HUGE thank you to Formedia who have designed our new website www.cornwallplayingforsuccess.org.uk
- The charity has managed to secure £6,000 towards the development of PFS Double Clubs in Cornwall, with a pilot underway at Mounts Bay!
- Trustees Dean Ashton and Frank Perry recently took a proposal to Schools Forum as we look to raise more sustainable funds to ensure PFS becomes available to new areas in Cornwall and more underachieving young people.

HSBC Volunteers Give Support to Project

HSBC staff from as far afield as Swindon assisted with the two-week education project at the National Maritime Museum. The 23 staff had volunteered for the project as everybody was thrilled to be involved with the epic voyage of Spirit of Mystery and the educational benefits to local school children. The children visited the Centre for the day and attended four workshops looking at different aspects of the voyage, the history, geography and various practical aspects of making such a perilous journey. HSBC staff helped escort the children around the Centre and assisted them with their various tasks in the workshops. Feedback from the staff involved was fantastic according to HSBC's Community Manager for the South West, Anna Choonpicharn. *"Staff engagement in community projects is very high across the bank and it's something we are immensely proud of. It is especially high in South West and this was certainly one of the most popular. We were over-subscribed with volunteers and I've heard from so many who thoroughly enjoyed the experience and found it very rewarding as they learnt quite a bit themselves!"*



Chair of the Charity, Frank Perry said, *"The sponsorship by HSBC of this highly successful event at the National Maritime Museum, where over 1500 school pupils from across the county were engaged in planning their own journeys, was the culmination of some excellent partnership working during 2008, where the Charity and HSBC worked together extremely effectively. Plans are already afoot to continue this partnership, with an exciting sponsored river canoeing expedition being planned for later in the year. Volunteers from HSBC were crucial to the success of the maritime event; so let's hope that we can harness this same energy to work with young people in Cornwall on future projects."*



PORTHPEAN PFS

We have started the new term with three sets of lovely children from Mount Charles, Carclaze and Pondhu schools, all of whom are participating in an exciting programme using photography, music, orienteering, archery, mountain biking and climbing to improve basic skills in numeracy, literacy and ICT. (Penrice will be joining us after half term). The staff have settled in very well and are like a well-oiled machine—Debbie, manager, Claire PA and instructor, Adele Evans (TA) and Mel (volunteer TA and trainee instructor).

Unfortunately, we had a break in recently. A huge thank you to Claire and Mark Peters who got here in the snow to tidy up and deal with the police. Last weekend, we held a very successful Challenge day, and although it was bitterly cold, 26 children from our 3 primary schools took part in the day. The groups were mixed so that they had to get to know new friends and work with other children. They had 20 minutes for each challenge, and all groups completed at least 10 challenges. At the end of the day they were presented with prizes and certificates. The day was a great success!



PIRATES LEARNING ZONE—PENZANCE & CPR

A huge term for the CPLZ team has seen a number of exciting developments supporting and complimenting the core delivery of PFS sessions. Every term the CPLZ has 120 pupils from 13 West Cornwall Schools undertaking 10 week courses at The Mennaye (Penzance) and CPR Learning Space (Camborne). Daytime activities have increased at CPLZ. **Leadership Academy** - Delivery of a nationally recognized qualification to secondary age pupils. Each course has 15 students. **Artist Experience** - A 10 week art course that culminates in an exhibition of pupils' work, each course has 24 participants. **Double Club**—An innovative and exciting national initiative started at Arsenal Football Club rolled out to only 22 centres. CPLZ is proud to be in this group of trailblazing professionals, who target those at risk of underachievement. This course aims to motivate and engage participants to read and write with confidence. **Friday Night Project** - A unique opportunity for children in care to partake in a group activity and meet Pirates players. **Cornish Pirates Learning Café** -A breakfast club at Pensans Community Primary School, providing a stimulating start to the day; games, learning activities and a hearty meal, using the Pirates as a vehicle to achievement. A huge well done to all the team at CPLZ who



are really making a difference in the far West of the county, increasing aspirations and achievements in the pupils of the area. Even down here though we weren't immune to the weather, during a recent stadium visit pupils from Pencoys & Troon schools. were caught in a snow storm.



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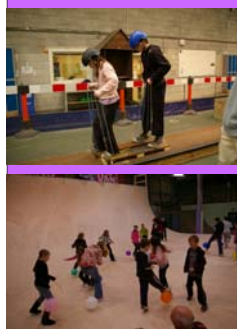
Autumn term at D.A.Z.L. started late, as we were busy working on the Spirit of Mystery project at the Falmouth Maritime Museum during September. We worked with three Primary schools - Harowbarrow, Coads Green and Stoke Climsland and a group of Y7 youngsters from Callington College. Coads Green was a new school to work with us and we welcome them to the D.A.Z.L. family. The groups enjoyed a wide variety of activities linked to Literacy, Numeracy and ICT. Despite the dark nights and plenty of rain none of our programme was cancelled and the children smiled through it all. We welcomed our first Peer Mentors from Y10 at Callington College. Five students worked with us through the term and achieved an Asdan qualification. They all enjoyed it so much they want to come back!

The photographs are from one of our Archery/Numeracy sessions and you can see one of our Peer Mentors working with the children.



PFS AT PENRYN SPORTS COLLEGE

The College welcomed its Playing for Success students into a brand new school in September which added to the fun as not only were the primary school children trying to orientate their way around the building but so were the tutors. Just as well everyone had a map to find the route and the treasure. With superb sports facilities and a new PFS classroom all students enjoyed their first term tremendously. Graduation was held in the new hall with parents sitting on comfy raised seating to watch and listen to the celebration of their children's success. At half term a group of 30 students went over to Mount Hawk Skate Park to take part in active art and learn SK8 boarding skills. Some youngsters had never SK8ted before but with help soon learnt the basic skills to stay upright and mobile ' best thing I've ever done' said Sean.



TRURO CITY FC PFS

Truro Playing for Success Study Support Centre will kick off with the first group of the year starting on Tuesday 24th February, 15 young people from Goonhavern CP School will attend the centre for a 10 week programme. All staff at the PFS Centre and Club cannot wait to get going and see what the children can achieve. The centre is still undergoing massive transformations with design and decorating work progressing daily. We look forward to giving you an update in the next newsletter. Lastly we would like to say a huge thank you to the Cornwall PFS charity for their generous donation of £5000 to Truro PFS Centre. This money has allowed us to purchase and install an interactive whiteboard and also invest in some more exciting IT resources, it all goes towards making sure that Truro City PFS is at the forefront of technology.



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