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Healthy Workplace Awards 2017

On Monday 27th February an incredible 15 Aspire schools scooped trophies at the Workplace Health Conference and Award Ceremony at the Showground in Wadebridge. GOLD went to St Minver, Biscovey Academy and Sandy Hill; SIL-



VER to St Stephen Churchtown, Padstow, Summercourt, Treverbyn, Mawgan-in-Pydar, Shortlanesend and White-moor and BRONZE to Bugle, Mount Hawke, St Breock, Connor Downs and Truro Learning Academy. Special surprise Mentor Awards were also awarded to Sandy Hill Academy and Biscovey Academy. By embracing the whole philosophy behind health and wellbeing the Trust strives to give our staff, and therefore our pupils, the ability to deal with the complexities of modern life. Being recognised for the efforts of our Ambassadors is wonderful!



An Outstanding Result

February 2017 will be remembered for a while yet by the Sandy Hill Academy community. Within the space of just a few days the school not only received a personal letter of congratulations from Nick Gibb MP (Minister of State for School Standards) for its high level of progress, putting it in the top 3% of schools in England; they scooped Gold AND a special Mentor Award at the Healthy Workplace Awards. If all that wasn't amazing enough, they were then ruled 'outstanding' by OFSTED in their inspection!

Aspire Academy College

Early January brought disappointing news for our proposed Aspire Academy College with our application being rejected by the Secretary of State. However buoyed by the support we have received and the clear need for innovative special school provision across Cornwall's North Atlantic Coast; we are resubmitting the application in May. We remain determined that this need will be recognised and we can continue to reframe the conversation about special education. Keep your fingers crossed and we will certainly keep you all updated! We value your feedback and support so if you have a few minutes then please do check out our Facebook page at @AspireAcademyCollege. Let's keep the SEN provision discussion going in Cornwall!



YOUTH SPORT TRUST Aspire Celebrates at Youth Sport Conference

Twelve Aspire staff including PE co-ordinators and senior management from St Breock, Biscovey, St Minver, Padstow, St Stephen Churchtown, Treverbyn and Shortlanesend joined colleagues from around the country on 8th March for the YST National Conference on 'Inspiring and Leading Change' in Coventry. St Breock Primary in Wadebridge scooped 'Highly Commended' for outstanding primary school project as did their Head Denise Gladwell for her inspirational lead and commitment to PE and sport as a Head teacher Ambassador. She commented 'It's all about positioning PE as an integral part of the school day, rather than a bolt-on. At primary level we are responsible for sowing the seed of a love for PE and school sport, an essential building block for a child's physical and emotional wellbeing and development'. Let's all keep on moving!



Cornwall Teacher Awards 2017

We are delighted to announce that Aspire has been shortlisted in the *Student Well-being Initiative of the Year* category of the Cornwall Teacher Awards 2017 which take place at Truro Cathedral on Friday 21st April. Such an honour so please keep your fingers crossed and we will keep you all posted.

Focus on... Maths Mastery

Since September 2016, Shelley Beckerleg, of St Stephen Churchtown Academy, has been training and supporting schools across the Trust to embed a mastery approach to mathematics teaching. Maths Mastery aims to improve pupils' understanding, enjoyment and attainment in maths and is based on research and internationally recognised practice from Singapore and Shanghai. Shelley lives and breathes numbers and has impressive credentials. As well as her 'school job' she also works for Cornwall and West Devon Maths Hub as a Mastery Specialist Teacher and has recently been accredited as a Professional Development Lead by the NCETM. Previous to this, she was an Advanced Skills Teacher for 10 years, seconded to the Cornwall Primary Strategy Team whilst being a Lead Teacher in Cornwall for Maths and English. The ultimate aim is for every child to enjoy and succeed in mathematics, regardless of background and so transform the teaching of maths in the UK.



Welcome to...

Warbstow Primary near Launceston, our 21st school! As of 1st April they become officially part of the Aspire family. On behalf of everyone at Aspire Academy Trust, a big friendly wave from us to you!



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Have a very happy Easter everybody!

