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**Believe, Work Hard, Succeed**

## Portreath Primary School Newsletter

I hope you all had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed the spooky fun on 'The Tram' on Monday, despite the rain. Thanks to all those children who completed the seed challenge over half term!

Yesterday the children enjoyed getting outside for their learning as part of 'International Outdoor Classroom Day'. We love learning outside! We can learn so much from being outdoors and interacting with nature, it is also great for mental health.

This week the assemblies were focused on the wonder of words and we watched a film of the book 'The Word Collector'. Your child might have told you that they are a logophile! We spoke about the school wanting everyone to be a logophile and bibliophile (lovers of words and lover of books). The children and staff have been set the challenge of collecting words to share in school. We want children to enjoy learning new words and using them. This is something you can encourage at home too. Linked to this, for Children in Need (18th Nov) the children can choose a word and dress in a way that represents the word.

Thanks to Oak for their fantastic assembly today. It was brilliant to hear all about their learning so far this year. I especially loved their model of the teeth and mosaics, and their song was a joyful way to end the assembly.

Cassie Pamplin

### Stars of the Week

**Maple Class:** Charlie - For amazing phonics work.

**Rowan Class:** Charlie - For approaching activities with resilience.

**Sycamore:** Arlo - For being a mature and hard-working learner.

**Oak Class:** Genevieve  
- For being a responsible learner, in all subjects.

**Cherry Class:** Dane -  
For super positivity in all his learning.



### Thought of the Week

Vocabulary enables us to interpret and to express. If you have a limited vocabulary, you will also have a limited vision and a limited future.  
- Jim Rohn

**This Week's Highest Scoring Team is:**

**Enchanted Wood**



### Value Champions

This week's value champions are:

**Maple Class:** Tora

**Rowan Class:** Vinnie

**Sycamore Class:** Mila

**Oak Class:** Sophia

**Cherry Class:** Elle



### This Week's Attendance

Maple Class - 90.4%

Rowan Class - 98.7%

Sycamore Class - 93.9%

Oak Class - 96.9%

Cherry Class - 96.9%

Whole School attendance for the year is currently at: 95.8%

### Sports Star

This week's Sports Stars are:  
Bea and Maddie



## Safeguarding in the Curriculum

Pupil safeguarding is at the core of Portreath School and identifying opportunities for children to learn about safeguarding in the curriculum is key. Our broad and balanced curriculum allows pupils to develop their understanding of our diverse world and equip them with the skills and knowledge required for personal safeguarding.

We value pupils' questions and give them space to share their own thoughts, ideas, and concerns. We give them opportunities across the curriculum to explore values, rights, responsibilities, and equal opportunities. This enables our pupils to develop an understanding of moral concepts in a way that impacts positively on safeguarding, promotes British values, and prevents radicalisation and extremism.

Whole school assemblies also address safeguarding issues and safeguarding is covered through PSHE and Gooseberry Planet (online safety).

As part of the curriculum, Y2 and Y6 will be taking part in workshops about healthy relationships run by Barnardo's. Y2 and Y6 parents should have received a letter about this that contained a link to a zoom session for parents that will take place on Monday 7th November at 5.30pm if you want to find out more.

### Star Writers

This week's star writers are:

**Maple Class:** Jessamy

**Rowan Class:** Penny

**Sycamore Class:** Eddie

**Oak Class:** Amelie

**Cherry Class:** Jessica

Each week the star writers' writing will be selected to be displayed outside my office.



### Notes/Reminders

Next week we are looking forward to launching our new look newsletter. The new format is based on parent feedback and we are trying to modernise the look and make it easier to read on phones and other devices.

Thanks to Libby Ball for her support with the new design.

### Maple Class

This week all the children have been working on our fine motor skills by hammering golf tee's into pumpkins and putting paper clips onto cardboard tubes. In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and so took our learning outside to search for them on the school grounds.



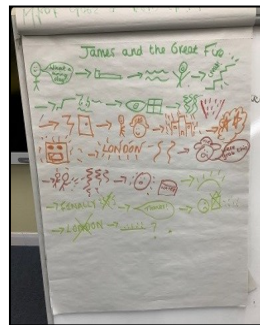
## Rowan Class

This week Rowan have begun learning about "The Great Fire of London". We have started to learn about the features of a newspaper report, ready to create our own articles. We have also embraced our wonderful outdoor learning environment (despite the weather) and have enjoyed our team building activities and are continuing to respect nature.



## Sycamore Class

This week we have started to immerse ourselves into our new topic "The Great Fire of London". We have also been learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and creating firework-inspired Art.



## Oak

Oak Class have been reading music this week! We explored what symbols we could see on the sheet music, understood about how many beats were in a bar and then played the chime bars to a song!



## Cherry

This week we have started to investigate our new science topic on Evolution and Inheritance whilst in geography we watched some fascinating footage of erupting volcanoes. We are very proud to have completed our art project based on the work of Ukrainian artist Viktoria Kravchenko and have started to display the finished artwork in our classroom and the corridor.



## PE News

### Crofty Football League

Our Football Team had their first game of the Crofty Football League against Roskear School, the week before half term. They battled hard in the windy conditions, and the level of play progressed as the game went on. Final score was 2-1 to Roskear



Earlier this week, we played Treloweth School. In wet and cold conditions, the team showed determination and resilience, a special mention must go to the defence who proved to be very difficult to get past! It is clear to see, that the children are beginning to gel and play together as a team and this will only improve as the season progresses.



## Clubs

Please note the new link for clubs after half term:

[Autumn 2 2022 Portreath After School Wraparound and Clubs Booking form \(google.com\)](#)

Monday	Dance - Mrs Doble	Craft - Miss Cafe
Tuesday	Multi-sports - Miss Cafe	Lego - Mrs Barnes
Wednesday	Drama - Mrs Rosser	
Thursday	Computers - Mrs Rosser	Outdoor Games - Mrs Barnes
Friday	Art - Mrs Kerslake	

## Seed Challenge



Thanks to all the children who brought seeds into school, having completed the half term seed challenge. Rowan Class enjoyed planting the seeds with the help of Annette Rossiter. We can't wait to watch them grow!



## Pupil Achievement

### Esmae

Esmae Stapleton had over 10 inches of her hair chopped off last weekend for The Little Princess Trust. What a wonderful thing to do!



She's raised £354 so far! If you would like to contribute, please drop any donations into the office.

Thanks



## Piano Player Needed for Christmas Carols

This Year upper school will be holding a carol concert at Christmas on 13th December at 6pm. We can learn the songs with a backing track, however, we are really keen to have someone play live as the children sing on the night and at the dress rehearsal that morning.

## Key Dates

**Tuesday 8th November** : Eden Trip (Maple & Rowan)

**Friday 11th November** : Flu Immunisations

**Friday 18th November** : Sycamore Class Assembly

**Friday 18th November** : Children in Need

**Friday 25th November** : Rowan Class Assembly

**Friday 2nd December** : Maple Class Assembly

**Monday 5th December** : Open Classrooms

**Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th December** : KS1 Show

**Tuesday 13th December** : Upper School Carol Concert, 6pm

**Wednesday 14th December** : Sleeping Beauty Princess Pavilions trip

**Thursday 15th December** : Christmas Dinner and parties

**Friday 16th December** : Last day of term 2pm finish, Christmas jumper day

## PE Days

Monday - Rowan

Tuesday - Sycamore

Thursday - Cherry

Thursday - Maple

Friday - Oak

Outdoor learning is on

**Wednesdays** for Rowan

until Christmas

## Key Dates

**2022-23 Inset days:**

*School inset days:*

3rd January 2023

4th January 2023

5th June 2023

*Crofty MAT inset day*

20th February 2023

**Week beginning: Monday 7th November 2022 ~ NEW MENU Week 2**