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Believe, Work Hard, Succeed

Portreath Primary School Newsletter

Thank-you for all your generous donations for harvest. In our harvest assembly we thought about why we celebrate harvest and linked it to our school value of gratefulness. It was wonderful singing together as a whole school. We also spoke about the importance of sharing and helping those less fortunate than ourselves. I know that the food bank will be very grateful for the food provided by our community. Thanks to Maple Class who were very kind and shared the delicious soup they made with me this week! Thanks to the teachers for all their hard work with parents consultations after school this week. I know they really enjoyed meeting with you and the meetings are so beneficial. I am grateful to staff and parents for working together to ensure the best for our children.

I am pleased to confirm that we have secured our booking to go to see 'Sleeping Beauty' by Miracle Theatre at Princess Pavilions on Wednesday 14th December, we will send out a letter after half term.

Thanks to all those who have already signed up to Class Dojo. We are keen for parents to sign up as soon as possible to aid communication. The first class to have everyone sign up will be receiving a treat!

I hope everyone has a wonderful break over half term.

Cassie Pamplin



Stars of the Week

Maple Class: Hugo - For working so hard on his writing.

Rowan Class: Clara - For consistently showing enthusiasm towards her learning.

Sycamore: Isla Grace - For showing focus, confidence and determination in Maths.

Oak Class: Harry M - For showing a growth mindset in his drawing and writing.

Cherry Class: Indya - For having a superb growth mind set and always being ready and happy to learn.



Thought of the Week

By Sharing
you don't become Poor...
you become Rich.
For the more you Share,
the more shall you Receive.



This Week's Highest Scoring Team is:

Forbidden Forest



Value Champions

This week's value champions are:

Maple Class: Harry R

Rowan Class: Andie

Sycamore Class:
Konan

Oak Class: Mia

Cherry Class: Meredith



This Week's Attendance

Maple Class - 91.6%

Rowan Class - 87.0%

Sycamore Class - 94.8%

Oak Class - 94.8%

Cherry Class - 96.9%

Whole School attendance for the year is currently at: 95.9%

Sports Star

This week's Sports Star is:
Glady



Safeguarding

Please can we ensure that there is enough space on the pavement outside the school gate for children to safely exit and walk without having to step into the road to pass waiting parents and dogs.

If your child is sick, please phone the school before 8.30am and leave a message. We are happy to receive an email with more detail, but please leave a telephone message as well. This makes checking that all children are safely in school or at home a quicker and easier process. We have to follow up all unexplained absences. Thanks for your support with this.



Star Writers

This week's star writers are:

Maple Class: Tilly

Rowan Class: Ernie

Sycamore Class: Tommy

Oak Class: Daisy

Cherry Class: Lewis



Each week some children's writing will be selected to be displayed outside my office.

Reminders

Please note the new lunch menu starts after half. The front cover shows that there is a slight increase in price (4p) but Crofty schools won't introduce this until January 2023.

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. Please contact the school office if you can help.

Maple Class

Maple have innovated the Farmer Duck story. The reception children wrote 'The Zoo crocodile' and the year one's wrote their own versions. On Wednesday Farmer Duck left some carrots, onions and some coriander for the class to make soup. They were excellent at peeling and chopping carrots!



Rowan Class

Rowan Class have worked incredibly hard this half term and should be very proud of themselves. We have produced non-chronological reports on hedgehogs, begun to learn about using the keyboard to control objects on the screen in coding and finished off our science topic on humans and other animals. Today we had a great time at the beach toasting our marshmallows.



Sycamore Class

All term, the children in Sycamore class have been working hard to fill our marble jar. We filled the jar last week, so we started the week by enjoying our whole-class reward... a teddy bear's picnic! We have also written our own version of "The Dragon Machine" and enjoyed experimenting with shape and colour by producing mood paintings in Art.



Oak

This week Oak have had a brilliant week – we finished reading James and the Giant Peach (with huge applause!) We're just finishing off our non-chronological reports on our chosen insect from the book.

We experimented with making our own Roman mosaics. We had a visit from Christine Judge from the Music hub, to teach us a Cornish song AND have been learning about food chains and webs.



Cherry

Cherry completed their science investigation into the effect of exercise on heart rate this week. In English they have written the most fantastic portal stories and in geography they have been finding out about plate tectonics. On Thursday we enjoyed watching part of David Attenborough's "Gallapagos" linked to our class reader "Darwin's Dragons".



RWI

After half term some children will be moving RWI groups. To allow this process to go as smoothly as possible we have recalled all book bag books. We have given all children a couple of 'challenge books' to read over half term and it would also be beneficial to go through the speed sounds they have covered this half term.

Next half term you may find your child will be going back over sounds they have already covered, but this is to consolidate and embed their learning.

PE News

Crofty Cross Country

Over 30 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in last week's Cross Country qualifier at Pool Academy. There was a big turn out from all the other Crofty schools and our children ran superbly putting Portreath School in second place overall. Congratulations to the 13 children who qualified to represent the Crofty MAT at the next round. Cross Country requires an incredible amount of mental toughness so a huge well done to all the children who took part, and for their commitment to our weekly running club.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Thank you to all the helpers who supported, encouraged and even ran alongside the children, your support is invaluable.

Heartfelt gratitude to Miss Baseley, Miss Cafe and Leanda Daddow for their weekly support at running club. Warm thanks and appreciation to Celtic Book Keeping for their generous donation to help get us to the event.

Year 5/6 Girls Football

Our Year 5/6 Girls Football Team had their first friendly game against Roskear School this week. They battled hard against the windy conditions, and play progressed as the game went on. Congratulations to our goal scorer - Jess Widdershoven. Final score was 3-1 to Roskear.



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	

Half Term Seed Challenge

Annette, from Cornwall Wildlife Trust, has set us a wonderful challenge this half term:

Here is an autumn challenge for you to have a go at whilst out and about during half term. Try to collect and identify as many different tree seeds as you can with the help of the guide attached and bring some back into school! Take care when collecting not to damage the parent tree and only bring seeds from local trees to prevent the spread of tree diseases. We may have a chance to plant them and watch them grow after the holiday!

Annette Rossiter

Water Quality - Upstream Thinking

Cornwall Wildlife Trust



Animal dispersal

SEED DISPERSAL KEY

Nuts

COMPLETE TREE ID COURSE

Wind dispersal

Water dispersal

Seeds

Berries



BIRCH
Betula spp.
Scaly brown catkins



BLACKTHORN
Prunus spinosa
Large, round sour sloes



HAWTHORN
Crataegus monogyna
Small, oval haws in bunches



ROWAN
Sorbus aucuparia
Clusters of small red berries



WHITEBEAM
Sorbus aria
Clusters of large red berries



GUELDER ROSE
Viburnum opulus
Clusters of red oval berries



ELDER
Sambucus nigra
Clusters of small black berries



SPINDLE
Euonymus europaeus
Bright pink fruits & orange seeds

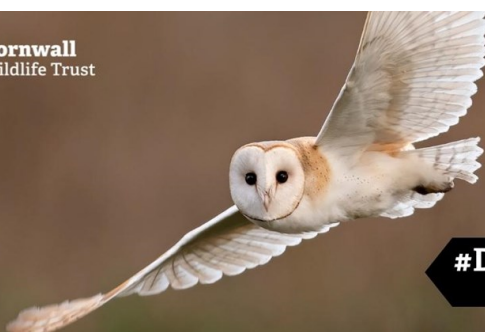


ALDER
Alnus glutinosa
Green and brown cones



Cornwall Wildlife Trust

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#DefendNature

...before it's too late

Key Dates

Friday 4th November : Oak Class Assembly
Tuesday 8th November : Eden Trip (Maple & Rowan)
Friday 11th November : Flu Immunisations
Friday 18th November : Sycamore Class Assembly
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
 Fridays 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

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who completed the reading challenge hosted by the Library Service.



Community News

HM Government **HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE** Childcare Choices

MONEY TOWARDS CHILDCARE
 Any **one** of the following schemes...

<p>Age 0-11 <small>Or 16 if disabled</small> Get up to £2000 per child For working families TAX-FREE CHILDCARE</p>	<p>Age 0-16 <small>Or 16 if disabled</small> Claim back up to 85% of costs For working families UNIVERSAL CREDIT</p>	<p>Age 0-15 <small>Or 16 if disabled</small> Claim back up to 70% of costs For working families TAX CREDITS</p>
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... **can** be used with

FREE HOURS OF CHILDCARE

<p>Age 2 For families getting certain government support 15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE</p>	<p>Age 3&4 For all families 15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE</p>	<p>Age 3&4 For working families 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE</p>
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For full details visit childcarechoices.gov.uk
 Getting childcare vouchers? Go to GOV.UK to find out more

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER
2PM-4PM
£2 PER CHILD
MILLENNIUM HALL PORTREATH

Let your small donation make a big difference: contact us if you have something to give

Camborne Children's Clothes Bank

CLOTHES AND SHOES
 For 0 - 16 year olds
 Every first Tuesday of the month @ 2pm until 4pm in Camborne Parish Church hall

FOR MORE INFO
 07541 127 865 or 07903 496 869
 @ camborne children's clothes bank

Portreath Primary School, throughout the year, distributes fliers and magazines offering family services or posts details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not endorse these services.