



# NEWSLETTER

The giant Christmas tree is up, thanks to our engineering elves! Thanks to the PIC for providing it. We look forward to the children bringing in their natural decorations for it next week.

This week headteachers, Mrs May, Mrs Craig and Mr Ratcliffe, came to visit the school to help us evaluate our school development work. They commented on what a great enthusiastic and committed staff we have here at Portreath. The children, as always, were wonderful at telling them all about their learning as well as our values and learning behaviours. They could see how hard the school is working at becoming even better!

Oak took part in the Crofty Music Concert this week. They loved performing and also listening to the other schools sing. Thanks to Miss Baseley, Miss Vernon and Mrs Gerrish who took them.

It was lovely having the Maple parents in today for their assembly. I loved the penguins that they created and the singing of their season songs with actions. I am sure that they impressed their parents with their work and wonderful behaviour.

Portreath's Got Talent is back! The children can audition in class on Thursday 15th December and we will be holding the final in front of the whole school on Friday 16th December.

I would like to say a HUGE thank-you to our wonderful volunteers, Graham, Sally, Penny, Brenda, Sue, Kate and Lizzie who have given the school hours of their time to relabel all our library books ready to launch Accelerated Reader after Christmas. Details to follow!

Cassie Pamplin

## STARS OF THE WEEK



Maple Class: Jessamy - For always working hard at everything she does.

Rowan Class: Harvey - For trying extremely hard in all areas of learning.

Sycamore Class: Bea - For being a conscientious learner.

Oak Class: Nerissa - For working so hard in her writing .

Cherry Class: Josh - For super resilience and always being a ready and willing learner.

## SPORTS STARS

This week's Sports Stars are:  
Matthew and Connor



## STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Mhairi

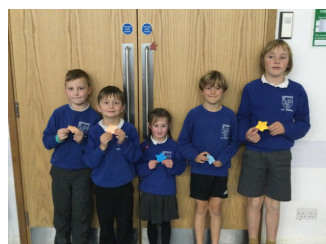
Rowan Class: Evie

Sycamore Class: Lowen

Oak Class: Will

Cherry Class: Tamsin

## VALUE CHAMPIONS



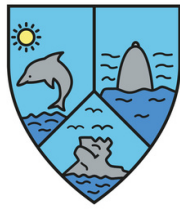
Maple Class: Eadie

Rowan Class: Tyga

Sycamore Class: George

Oak Class: Sam

Cherry Class: Corin



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## Safeguarding

Attendance forms part of safeguarding. We monitor attendance closely and look for patterns of absence. Please remember you must phone the school before 9am if your child is ill and is going to be off from school. Please leave a message if we are unable to answer (even if you follow this up with a more detailed message on Dojo/email). Thanks  
Our current attendance at 95.9%, our target is 97%.  
Congratulations to Sycamore who were over 98% this week!

If you ever have any concerns about a child or a member of [staff](#) please report them to:

**The Designated Safeguarding Lead: Cassie Pamplin, headteacher**

**The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Lucie Clarke, assistant head**

**The safeguarding governor is: Jessica Cafe**

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*Take a moment to stop*

Celebrate how far you've come.  
Savor it. Be proud. You have done amazingly well & you deserve to pause & just feel good about it.

**THIS WEEK'S  
HIGHEST SCORING TEAM IS:  
FARTHING WOOD**

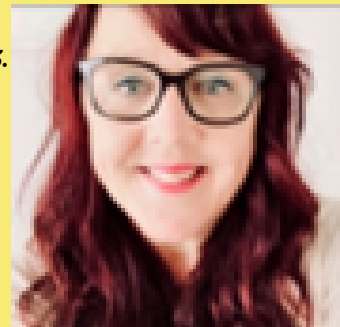
## SENDCo Update

Miss Baseley, who is our trainee SENDCo, has been supported this term by experienced SENDCo, Vicky Hocking. Unfortunately for us, Mrs Hocking is leaving to work for the autism team in the NHS. I am delighted to share with you that we have been able to appoint an experienced SENDCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) to take up the support role in January and she will also be the SENDCo at Weeth Primary School.

*"Hello, I would like to introduce myself. I am Mrs Fazakerley-Owen and I am going to be joining Portreath Primary School as your new SENDCo, working alongside Miss Baseley in January 2023. I am an experienced SENDCo and as well as my work in schools I have had a range of SEN roles including working for Cornwall Council Inclusion team and for a number of national charities. I look forward to bringing all my experience to work with you all and to working together to achieve the best for all children at the school.*

*When I am not working I love enjoying Cornwall with my family and also have interests in art, photography, cookery and music.*

*I look forward to joining you at Portreath and wish you all a Happy Christmas."*



Mrs Fazakerley-Owen has already starting working with Mrs Hocking and Miss Baseley in preparation for the hand over and we are really looking forward to welcoming her to the Portreath family.

## Reminders

Open Classroom Monday 5th December 2.45pm, an opportunity to have a look at your child's work and class.

Please book your nativity tickets (2 per family) if your child is in Maple, Rowan or Sycamore using the link:

<https://forms.gle/jXDMEa3dU7BtoiyTA>

Next week we will be sending home a link for the new photo consent form so that it includes Dojo. Please complete it asap as we would love to share photos of our Christmas activities on Dojo over the next few weeks.

## Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 92.3%

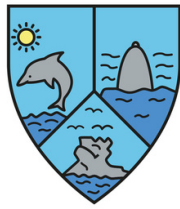
Rowan Class - 87.7%

**Sycamore Class - 98.4%**

Oak Class - 92.7%

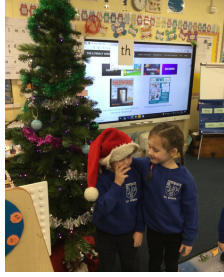
Cherry Class - 94.7%

Whole school attendance  
for the year is currently is : 95.9%



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## Maple Class



This week we have been in full flow of assembly and Christmas rehearsals. Both Year 1 and Reception class have been perfecting their letter formation whilst learning their 'special friends' sounds.

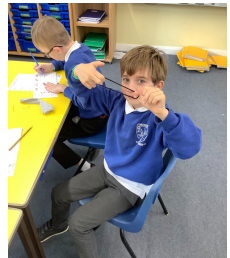
## Rowan Class



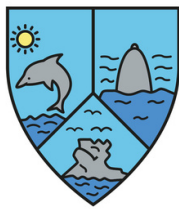
We have had such a busy week in Rowan Class. We LOVED our PE lesson on the beach and thoroughly enjoyed being Little fish and sharks – it was a good job this game kept us moving as it was quite blustery! We have also selected the ingredients for our Xmas bread. We have made our classroom super festive and look forward to showing it off on Monday at Open Classroom 😊



## Sycamore Class

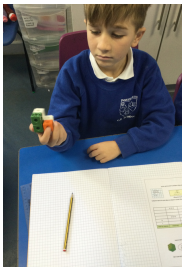


Christmas has arrived in Sycamore Class! We loved seeing the twinkly lights and decorating our tree yesterday. On Monday we were Scientists and investigated how we could bend, stretch, twist and squash different materials. We have also been continuing our Culture of the Heart work and were introduced this week to the "Cloak of Kindness". ❤️



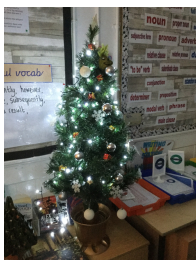
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## Oak Class



Its been a lovely in Oak. All our hard paid off as we had a fab day on Tuesday performing Cornish songs with the Crofty Trust. In maths Year 5 have been learning about square and cube numbers. In history we have been learning about our new heroine - Boudicca - and how she lead the revolt against the Romans.

## Cherry Class



We have had another very productive week in Cherry Class finding out about how fossils are made and linking them to our work on evolution in science. We got to handle real fossils! Rehearsals for our carol concert are well under way and on Thursday morning we were super excited to find that the Christmas elves had transformed our classroom for Christmas.



### Crofty Girls Football Competition

This newly formed team had a great afternoon and showed great teamwork throughout finishing in third place. Big thank you to Sophie Orme who proved a great coach and supporter!

### Crofty Active Advent Calendar

Check out the Crofty Active Advent calendar below, are you up to the challenges behind each door.

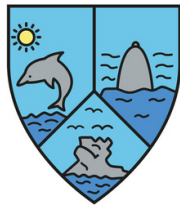
<https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=gfm9lc2c4e7zqwnqjhl8ra209juxpn1>

## PE News



### Girls and Boys Football Team Training

The football teams have really enjoyed their first training sessions with volunteer coach - Derek Jose. Due to an after school event on Wednesday 7th December (involving most of the girls), the boys next training session will be on the 7th December and the girls will do their training session the last week of term.



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## AFTER SCHOOL 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	Drama - Mrs Rosser
Thursday	Computers - Mrs Rosser	Outdoor Games - Mrs Barnes
Friday	Art - Mrs Kerlake	Art - Mrs Kerlake

## PE Days

Monday - Rowan

Tuesday - Sycamore

Thursday - Cherry

Thursday - Maple

Friday - Oak

Outdoor learning is on Wednesdays for Rowan until Christmas

## 2022-23

### INSET DAYS

School inset days:

3rd January 2023

4th January 2023

5th June 2023

Crofty MAT inset day:

20th February 2023

## KEY DATES

Monday 5th December : Open Classrooms

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th December : KS1 Show

Tuesday 13th December : Upper School Carol Concert, 5pm

Wednesday 14th December : Sleeping Beauty Princess Pavilions trip

Thursday 15th December : Christmas Dinner and parties

Thursday 15th December : Portreath's Got Talent Auditions

Friday 16th December : Christmas jumper day,

Friday 16th December : last day of term 2pm finish.

The charity we are supporting through our Christmas performances this year with the retiring cash donation will be for St Petrocs.

## From our PTA

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to Portreath Community Primary School PTA at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else!

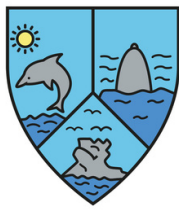
We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and support us:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/portreathpta/>

Some good news - you can now get the easyfundraising Donation Reminder on your iPhone and iPad.

So far we've raised over £400 for the school with easyfundraising - thank you to everyone who has supported us so far.





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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Qatar World Cup Art Competition

All Crofty schools are taking part in a World Cup themed art competition, where pupils may create a 'World Cup' inspired piece of art. This could include a portrait of their favourite player competing at the competition, favourite kit or stadium. Children can use any media and the artwork can be any size.

All entries need to be returned to schools by:

**Friday 9th December**

There will be a selection of prizes on offer to winning

Entries - why not create your own masterpiece during the World Cup?



### Free Teatime Family Meals

You will find a warm welcome with hot, tasty food and great company!

- Everyone is welcome
- Meals are totally free
- You don't need a referral or a voucher

**Wednesdays**  
16th, 23rd, 30th November & 7th December  
5pm – 6pm

**Where?**  
Gwealan Tops, School Lane, Redruth  
TR15 2ER

**What is the food like?**  
We prepare fresh, home-cooked meals. There is always a vegetarian, vegan or gluten free option on offer too. The menu is announced on our Facebook page.

**What do I need to bring?**  
You and your family – All ages are welcome! We have a warm, safe space with friendly volunteers and a hot meal.

Please let us know if you want to come when you are collecting your children or email to [manager@gwealantops.org](mailto:manager@gwealantops.org)

LOTTERY FUNDED

[www.gwealantops.org](http://www.gwealantops.org)

**PORTREATH**  
**YOGA**

**THURSDAY**  
**6.15PM**

**FRIDAY 9AM**

**WITH**  
**CLAIRE**

**MILLENNIUM**  
**HALL**

**07737**  
**121327**

Portreath School PTA

## INVITATION

**LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP**  
**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER**  
**@MILLENNIUM HALL**

**10:00-13:00**  
**Open to all Portreath Preschool & Primary school aged children**

REFRESHMENTS AND A DONATION POT (WITH QR CODE) WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE WORKSHOP

PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO CANT MAKE THE WORKSHOP BUT WISH TO ATTEND THE LANTERN PARADE

## LANTERN PARADE

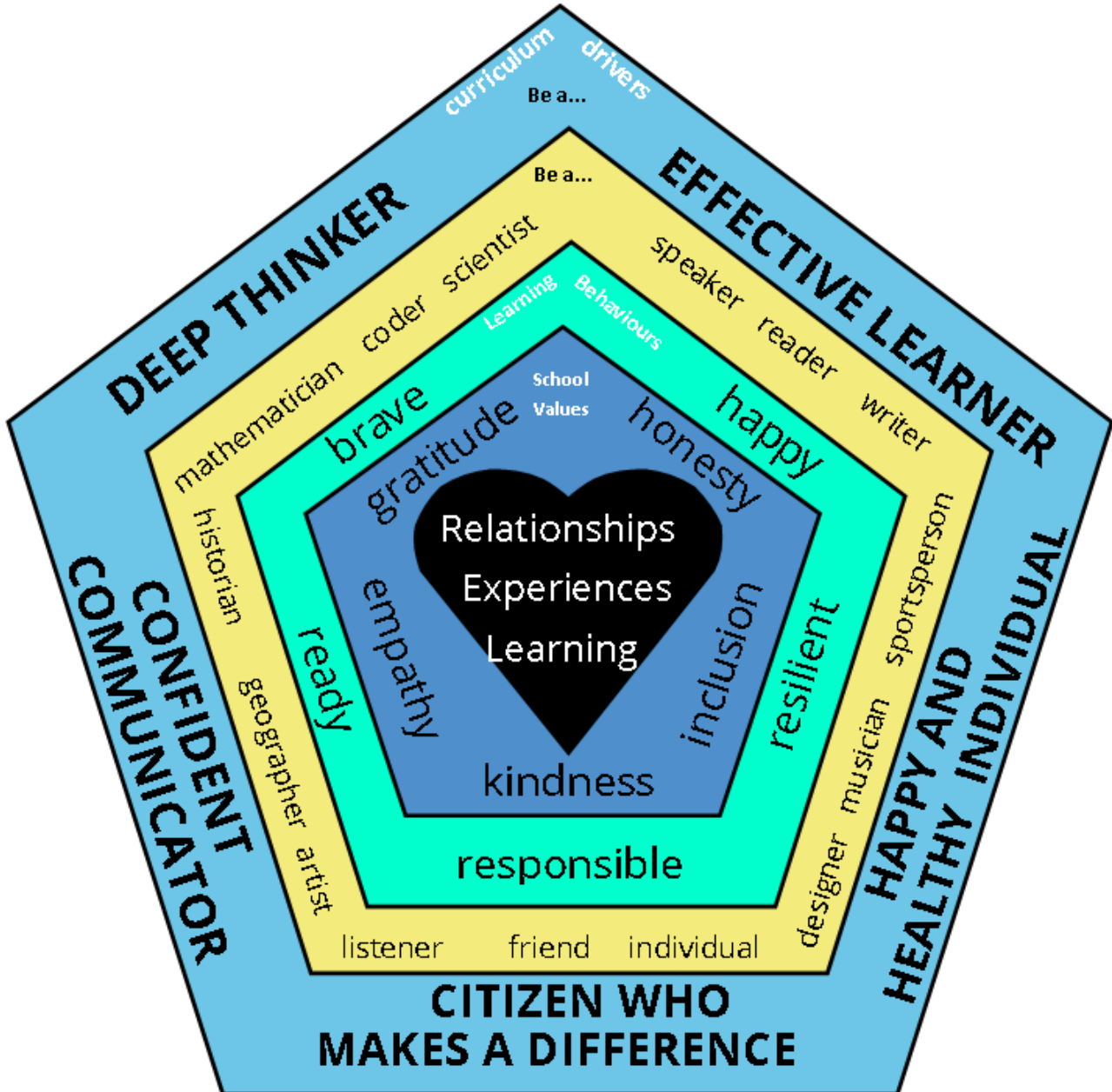
**Saturday 17th December**  
**6PM start @ Millennium Hall**  
More details will be distributed at the workshop



**Portreath**  
Primary School

**Our Motto: Believe, Work Hard, Succeed**

Our Values, Learning Behaviours and Curriculum Drivers:



*A deep thinker and an effective learner who is a confident communicator and a happy and healthy citizen that will make a positive difference to the world.*

**Our Golden Rules**

- Show good manners at all times
- Follow instructions with thought and care
- Care for (and respect) everyone and everything