

NEWSLETTER

This week's theme in assembly was democracy which tied in well with our school council elections this week. At the start of the year, Year 6 children applied to be part of the pupil leadership team. Part of their role is to meet and discuss how we can make the school even better. We decided to reintroduce the school council, with representatives from every class to ensure children across the school have a say and get to share their ideas. The children who wanted to be councillors had to explain to their classmates why they would make a good school councillor and the children then all got to vote on who should be elected. Democracy in action! Members of the pupil leadership team will join the school council for meetings. Miss Cafe is leading the council and was delighted with how well their first meeting went this week. The pupil Leadership team also met with Karen, from Chartwells, to discuss school dinners. She was keen to hear their thoughts and ideas on lunches. I feel it is so important to seek the children's feedback and thoughts.

This week I popped into the chess club, at lunchtime, that Mrs Kerslake runs for the older children. I was so impressed with how well the children knew the game and challenged each other. Chess is such a wonderful game to stretch the brain!

Thanks to Vicki and Jo who ran an assembly this week about looking after animals and launched the dog fouling poster campaign to help keep our village clean. I love the entrants we have received so far.

Today I met with Ross Terris who is providing our school education welfare support this year. We discussed current attendance and how we can support and challenge our families to improve attendance.

Cassie Pamplin

STARS OF THE WEEK



Maple Class: Elsa- For amazing participation in phonics.

Rowan Class: Tyga- For a hardworking attitude towards his learning.

Sycamore Class: Sisi - For having a determined attitude and always taking pride in her work!

Oak Class: Ellie - For always working hard and being determined.

Cherry Class: Sophia - For having a great attitude to work and always wanting to push her learning on.

SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Stars are:
Molly and Charlie

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Skye

Rowan Class: Esme

Sycamore Class: George

Oak Class: Reuben

Cherry Class: Alfie

VALUE CHAMPIONS



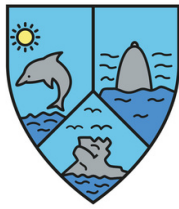
Maple Class: Mila

Rowan Class: Seb

Sycamore Class: Bethany

Oak Class: Lianna

Cherry Class: Blake



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

I am a firm believer in the importance of democracy, not only as the ultimate goal, but also as an essential part of the process.

— Dalai Lama —

Chess Fun

Our children showing off their logic and thinking skills



Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 93.5%

Rowan Class - 95.4%

Sycamore Class - 95.0%

Oak Class - 95.0%

Cherry Class - 95.5%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 94.9%

Safeguarding

There are times when children feel anxious. It is important to try to talk to the child about what is worrying them. Sometimes they might not even know themselves. As adults it can be hard to know what to say. Here are some sentence starters that might be helpful:

- I wonder if...
- I imagine you might...
- I noticed that...
- I understand that you ... I need you to...
- When you... I feel...I want you to try to...
- Can you help me understand...
- It is OK to feel ... It is not OK to hurt yourself, hurt others or damage things.



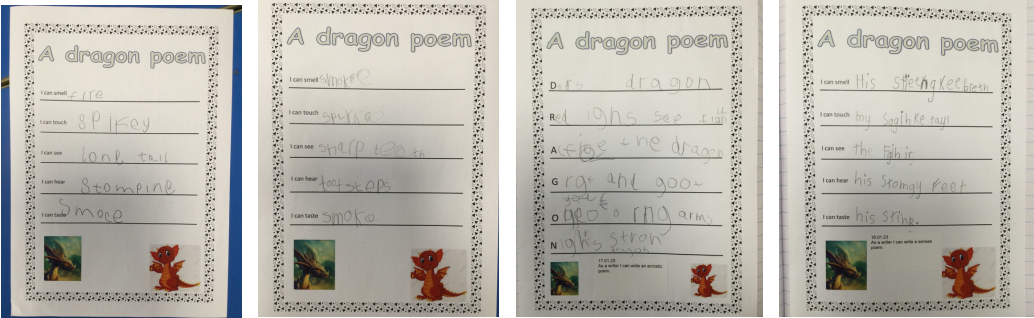
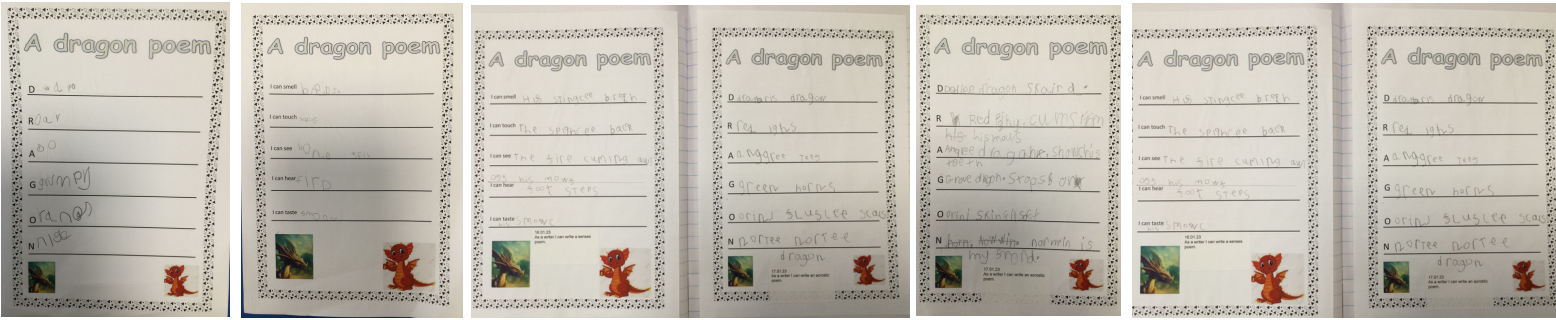
On Friday 3rd of February we will be joining with hundreds of schools around the country to take part in The NSPCC's Number Day. Classes will be taking part in fun maths activities during the morning and we are inviting everyone to dress up as a number: this can be a favourite sports top or cap or even a onesie. Or why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a full sized calculator. !

Please see Class Dojo for a letter with more information.



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Maple Class



This week Maple class have been going 'all dragon'. Dragon craft, dragon counting, dragon music and dragon poetry. We wrote acrostic and senses poems. Zoom in and have a read!

Rowan Class

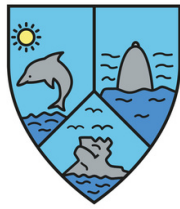


This week Rowan have been learning all about the UK in geography – we can tell you which 4 countries make up the UK and their capital cities. In science we have learnt the properties of materials and have used this knowledge to predict and discuss which material would be the warmest! We have also created our own finger puppets based on our characters from our independent writing.

Sycamore Class

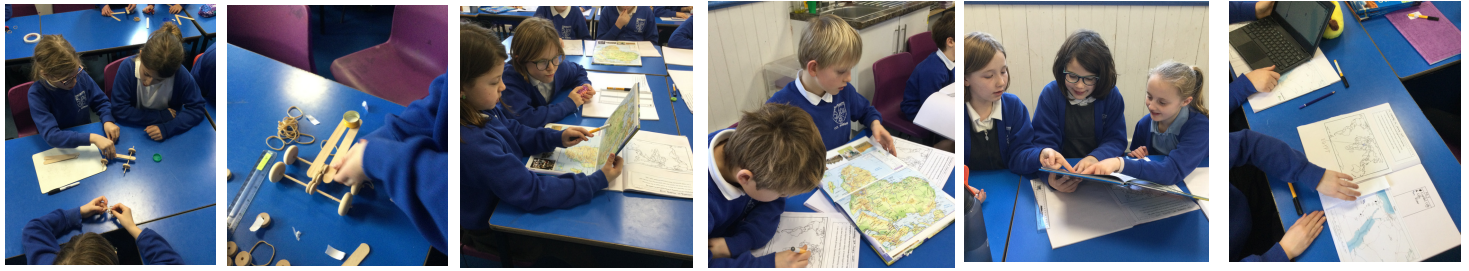


This week we were introduced to the work of Henri Matisse, the artist who will be our inspiration for this half term. We looked at his painting The Forest at Fontainebleau and experimented with colour to create our own forest paintings. In Science we investigated the effect that exercise has on our bodies.

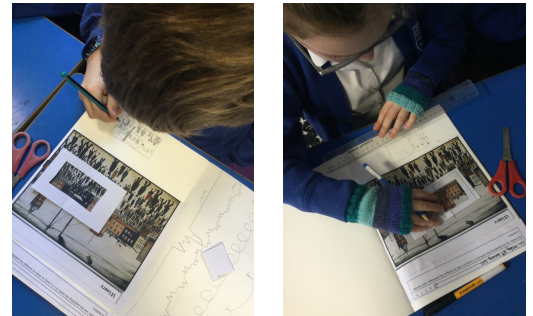


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Oak Class



Oak Class have had a very full, but brilliant week! We finally got round to making out Roman catapults – with huge success! We have been looking at the industrial paintings of L.S Lowri; learning about him, his inspirations and having a go at drawing parts of his painting. In Geography we have been using atlases and digimaps to locate Egypt, Cairo, Luxor and The River Nile.



Cherry Class



This week Cherry class have been interested to learn some of the causes of World War Two, we are also getting totally into our class novel “Goodnight Mr Tom” which is set in World War Two. In other news we have been experimenting with using newton meters in science and using the big apparatus in P.E.



School Council

Congratulations to our new school councillors



Pupil Leadership Team

Karen enjoyed talking to the children about school lunches.





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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note the new link for clubs after half term:

Spring 1 2023 Portreath After School Wraparound and Clubs Booking form ([google.com](https://www.google.com))

Monday	Gymnastics - Mrs Doble	Team Challenges - Mrs Barnes
Tuesday	Multi-sports - Miss Cafe	Sewing - Mrs Barnes
Wednesday	Science - Mrs Rosser	
Thursday	Computers/ICT - Mrs Rosser	Recycled Crafts - Mrs Barnes
Friday	Wraparound-Mrs Barnes	

Community News

Portreath Parish Council Update – January 2023

The council met on Monday 9 January 2023 and had a very full agenda. These are the exciting things the council have agreed and arranged!

- Community Chat Winter Warmers – EVERY Thursday in St Marys Church, 10am-12noon – Free warm drinks and various activities running: Thursday 26 January: Bingo; Why not come along and enjoy some company, cake and warm drinks! All Welcome!
- Dog Fouling Campaign – Jo from Gwel an Mor, Feadon Farm and Vicki Webb, Portreath Parish Councillor, really enjoyed coming to your school to ask for your help! We hope that you felt excited and motivated to design a poster, that helps to raise awareness of this stinky issue. We would like your family and friends to help us too, by remembering to please pick up after your four-legged friend! POSTER DEADLINE: Tuesday 31 January! Get drawing!!
- The Parish Council have begun to revisit their Climate Action Plan!
- We have a vacancy! Have you some time to spare – are you interested in what happens in Portreath? Why not join YOUR parish council? Contact Lucy (Parish Clerk) portreathparishcouncil@gmail.com



Funds raised

Well done to Vicki and Katie who raised £159 towards the Year 6 Leavers celebrations fund through their recent craft sale.

REMINDERS

Book bags every day please in Maple, Rowan and Sycamore.

Please check all uniform and drinks bottles are named.

PE DAYS

Monday - Rowan
Tuesday - Sycamore
Thursday - Cherry
Thursday - Maple
Friday - Oak

Outdoor learning for Sycamore will be on Fridays until Feb Half Term.

INSET DAYS

School inset days:
5th June 2023

Crofty MAT inset day:
20th February 2023

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.