



NEWSLETTER

Another super week here at Portreath School- children and staff have been working hard! Cherry had a brilliant trip to Kresen Kernow this week, looking at the archived records linked to World War II. This is a topic that the children are finding fascinating, and it is great to explore it with in relation to Cornwall. We believe it is important for children to have a sense of local history as well as looking at British and global history.

Next week, governors are hoping to send out their annual survey. We will be sending out a letter with more details and the link. The results of the survey will be shared with Crofty's trust board and as a school we will also look carefully at the responses to celebrate what we are doing well and need to keep doing, as well as suggestions to improve. The introduction of Dojo and the new look newsletter happened as a result of last year's survey.

This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week so in assembly we spoke about diversity and how everyone is different, and that people's brains can work differently too. We looked at the terms: ADHD, autism, dyslexia, and dyspraxia. I spoke about how people with these learning differences might find some things more challenging, but other things easier. I reminded all the children that we need to show understanding and kindness towards everyone, and that difference is something to celebrate. We all have our own unique strengths and talents. It's been wonderful to see so much science happening this week to celebrate 'British Science Week'. Later in the newsletter, I have included our 'golden threads' for science. These are the key themes and skills that the children revisit throughout their time at Portreath.

Thanks to Rowan class for their assembly today. I loved their Maasai headbands and their wiggly puppets and enjoyed listening to the wonderful facts that they have learnt.

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Skye - For being such an enthusiastic learner

Rowan Class: Soren - For a resilient approach to his learning.

Sycamore Class: Rosie - For giving everything her best.

Oak Class: Charlie - For taking the time to research ancient Egypt at home

Cherry Class: Josh - For showing excellent knowledge of WW2 whilst at Kresen Kernow.

SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Star is: Grover

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Madison

Rowan Class: Harry

Sycamore Class: Isla.C

Oak Class: Esmae

Cherry Class: Blake

VALUE CHAMPIONS



Maple Class: Jessamy

Rowan Class: Charlie

Sycamore Class: Eva

Oak Class: Ellie

Cherry Class: Liam



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Safeguarding

STOP means STOP

Failure to stop could result in a **£1000 fine or points on your licence**

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Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We should celebrate neurodiversity - the world would be poorer and life duller if we were all the same."

- Neil Milliken

PE News

Each class is taking in turns to wear the Moki watches for a week. During the week the children are trying to complete as many marathons as possible as a whole class. So far Cherry and Maple have completed 28 marathons. This week it was Oak Class's turn and we look forward to hearing how far they have managed!

As a school, we try to encourage the children to be as active as possible. Movement is good for mental, as well as physical health.



The Golden Threads in Science



SCIENCE SKILLS



SCIENCE KNOWLEDGE



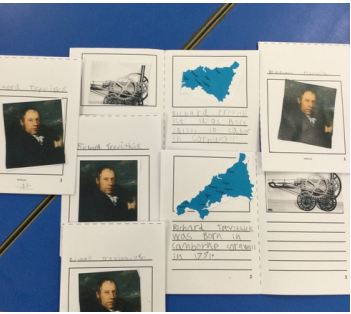


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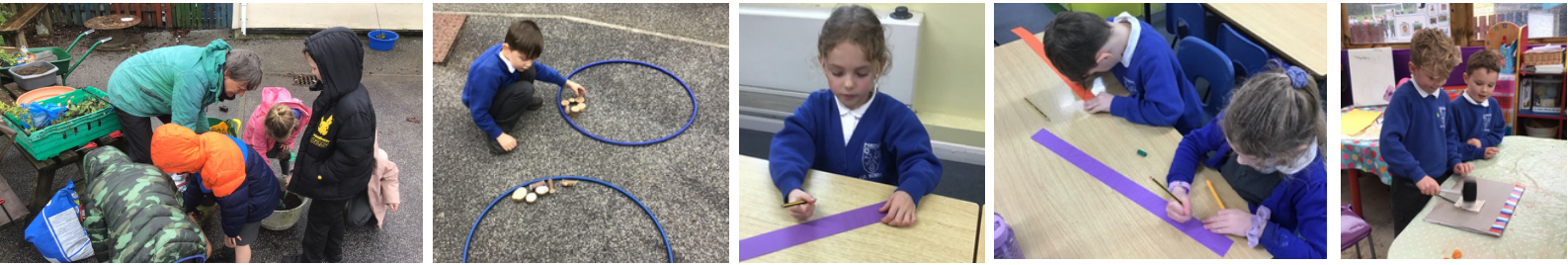
Maple Class



This week we have been learning all about 3D shapes. We have found lots around the school and have used them to build models. The Year 1s have been writing books about Richard Trevithick.



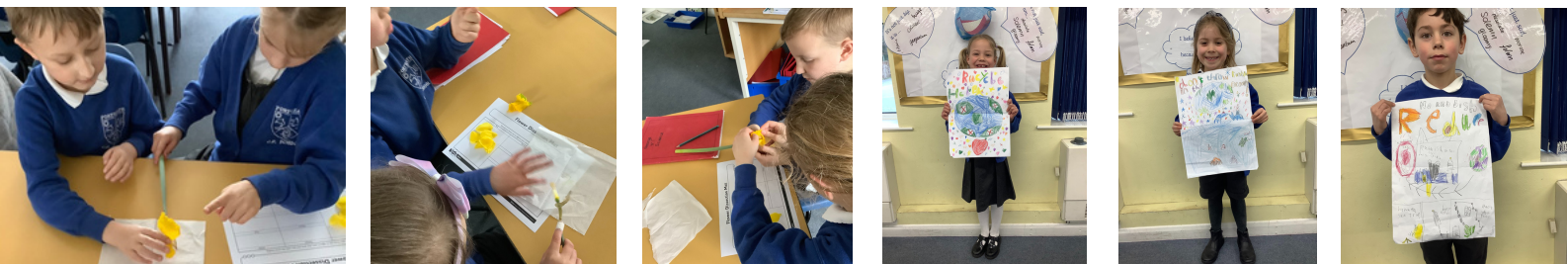
Rowan Class



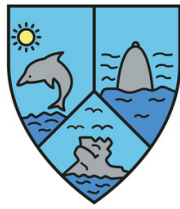
This week we have looked at the BIG Question in science – what would happen if there was no life in the oceans, rivers or lakes? We enjoyed learning all about life below water and enjoyed the rhyming story 'Commotion in the Ocean' which supported our learning. We also continued learning about habitats and had a go at creating our own biomes.



Sycamore Class

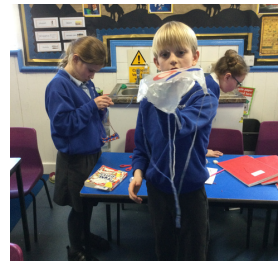
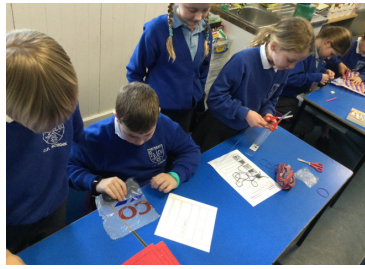


We have been doing lots of Science this week in Sycamore Class! As part of British Science Week, we became climate warriors and learned all about the importance of recycling to save the planet. We created posters to spread the word. In our plants topic, we delved deep into pollination by dissecting daffodils and looking at the different parts of a flower. In English we started to innovate our story and have been creating our own characters and story maps.



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Oak Class



Alike to Cherry Class, we started the week by taking part in a BBC Live Science lesson for British Science Week, which supported our science topic this term – 'Forces'. This lead nicely onto our science experiment this week; measuring the amount of air resistance compared to the size of a surface area. For this we made three different sized parachutes! In History we have been learning about the different Egyptian Gods and Goddesses and in English, we are on our final week of writing our newspaper reports!



Cherry Class



We started our week off by tuning into the BBC Live Science Lesson to celebrate British Science Week – it helped us to reactivate our "Forces" learning for this term and we followed it up by experimenting to discover which shapes produced the least water resistance. On Tuesday we went up to Kresen Kernow records library in Redruth where we did a fantastic workshop about the effect of WW2 on local people followed by a tour of the string room where millions of county records are kept – we were fascinated by the most gigantic book any of us had ever seen!

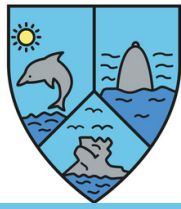


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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Spring 2 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	



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Your PTA needs you (and Easter eggs!)

Drop your donations for the Easter Bingo into school reception any day next week

Any size eggs or easter-themed items gratefully received
All proceeds will go towards a class set of ukuleles
Thanks for your support

NO EGG IS TOO SMALL!



In 2023, the PTA has committed to making a difference to our school but we need your help! We need Easter eggs or Easter themed items for our Easter Bingo Eggstravaganza! Details to follow. Just pop them into the school office - the teachers have promised not to eat them! Please get in touch if you are keen to get involved or join us at the next meeting at 3.30pm, Tuesday 14th March, Portreath School. There will be biscuits!

REMINDERS

LIBRARY TIME BEFORE SCHOOL AT 8.15AM: Y5/6 WEDS, Y3/4 THURS THEN AFTER SCHOOL ON ALTERNATE WEEKS- MAPLE AND Y1/2 (NEXT WEEK IT IS MAPLE'S TURN) THANKS

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 95.4%
Rowan Class - 96%
Sycamore Class - 89.0%
Oak Class - 93.6%
Cherry Class - 92.8%
Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 95.3%

PE DAYS

**Monday - Rowan
Tuesday - Sycamore
Thursday - Cherry
Thursday - Maple
Friday - Oak**
Outdoor learning - Maple Class- Fridays until Easter-they can wear old clothes as they might get muddy!

TERM DATES

Last Day of Term - 31st March
First Day Summer Term - 17th April
Bank Holiday - 8th May
Half Term - w/c 29th May
Last Day Summer Term - 25th July

INSET DAYS

5th June 2023

Here are the contact details for June, the local piano teacher who played in assembly last week:

Experienced Local Piano Teacher (ATCL)
Specialises in early years
Will come to you if preferred
07704 900790

DATES

22nd March - Songfest
24th March - Maple Assembly 2:45pm
28th March - Open Class 2:45-3:15pm
29th March - Upper School Choir Concert
31st March - Sycamore Assembly 2:45pm (note change of date)
9-12th May - Year 6 SATS
15-17th May - Year 6 Camp
17-19th May - Year 5 Camp
27th June - Provisional Sports Day
5-7th July - Year 4 Camp
13th July - Open Class 2:45-3:15pm

THE ROCKPOOL BEACH CAFE & OUTDOOR
FOREST SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS
Weds, 5th April
Morning & afternoon sessions
5 - 11 year olds
2 hours of child-led play with Forest School Leader from Cornwall's Nature's Playground
£15 per child
2 hour sessions 10am & 1.30pm
More info & booking:
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