

# NEWSLETTER

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had a fantastic Easter holiday. The children have settled straight back into routine and the teachers have all been impressed with how hard everyone is working.

This week in assembly we thought about how everyone is a musician. To help explore this idea I shared the book, 'Music is for Everyone'. Listening to music is something that we want all children to see as a pleasurable activity. Music can help calm us, get us excited and get us moving. Music is also a wonderful way to express ourselves. As a school, we are trying to help make music accessible to everyone. It would be wonderful if you could encourage your child to listen to different styles of music. Sharing some of your favourite songs is always a great discussion point!

Each half term we have a different composer that we listen to. This week I introduced the musician 'Gwenno'. We listened to her song, 'A Song for Cornwall' which is sung in Cornish. In upper school the children are also learning to sing some Cornish. It is a wonderful way to explore our local heritage.

Our clerk to the governors, Jess Hutchings, has been collating the parent survey information and this will be discussed at our governors' meeting on Monday. I am delighted with the really positive results. There were also some good ideas for how we can improve things further. We will be sending out a copy of the results to parents soon. I was particularly pleased to see that 100% of parents felt their child was safe at school and 98% reported that child was happy at school. The comments about the school's strengths included:

"I think Portreath school has a wonderful ethos; promoting confidence, curiosity and enthusiasm to learn as well as encouraging children to develop respect and appreciation of their community and environment."

"...very focused on the needs of the children and go above and beyond."

"The school knows my child. The school takes time to listen."

"Engages with and contributes to the village community. "

"We are very lucky to have some wonderful role models in the teachers who encourage the children in music, art, sports and appreciation of the outdoors."

All the comments were very much appreciated. Thanks to all those who took the time to complete it. Mrs Pamplin

## CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

Maple Class: Alfie Clarke - For great concentration in RWI and following every word with his finger as we read.

Rowan Class: Robert - For a brilliant and hardworking approach towards his learning.

Sycamore Class: Lowen - For returning back after the Easter break with a fantastic, mature attitude to school.

Oak Class: India.L - For always working with such focus and determination.

Cherry Class: Jessica - For showing eagerness and readiness to learn after the holiday.

## SPORTS STAR

This week's Sports Star is: India.N & Tora



## STAR WRITERS

Maple Class: Hugo

Rowan Class: Soren

Sycamore Class:

Volodymyr

Oak Class: Jowan

Cherry Class: Dane

## VALUE CHAMPIONS

Maple Class: Lenny

Rowan Class: Esme

Sycamore Class: Isla.P

Oak Class: Mylo

Cherry Class: Alfie





# Portreath Primary School

## SAFEGUARDING

Please note that children must enter by the photocopier door for Wake and Shake (which is on Mon, Weds, Fri) where a member of staff will be supervising. The door opens at 8.20am. They must go straight to the hall and not into the rest of the school. The door will be locked at 8.30am and then reopened for children to arrive at the usual time of 8.35am.



## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity.”

## PE

### Wake and shake reminder

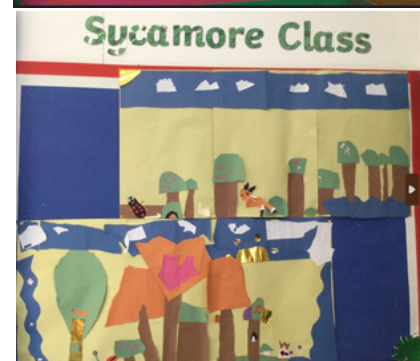
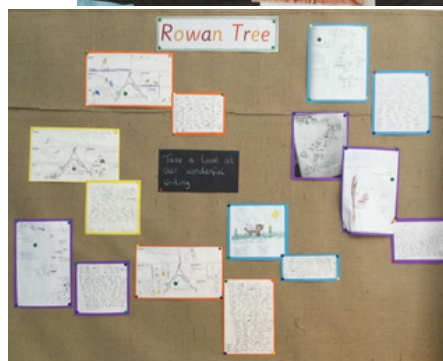
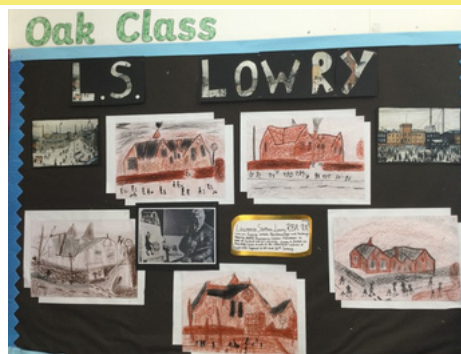
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Please encourage your child to come.



## Displays

We love to celebrate the children's work through displays. Parents do not always get to see them, so we thought it would be good to share some on this week's newsletter! You might need to zoom in!

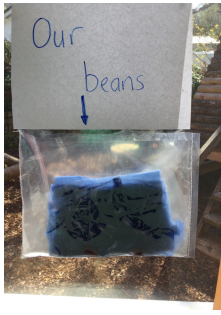






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## Maple Class



This week we looked at photos of our tadpoles that went home with Mrs Forsdick. She had to release them early as many had grown into froglets! We are now keeping an eye on the ones in our pond in our outside area. We have also started our new topic 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have begun this by planting beans. We are keeping a bean diary to see how they grow.

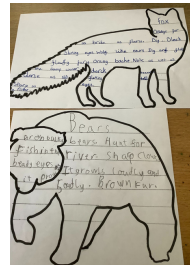
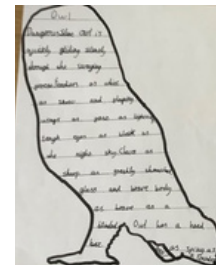
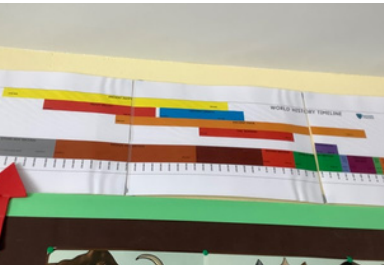
## Rowan Class



This week we had an amazing start to our science topic of 'Plants' and our geography topic 'Our Environment' when we visited Trebah Gardens. We loved sketching the landscape and identifying many plants as well as managing to squeeze in some mindfulness and a yoga session in their amphitheatre.

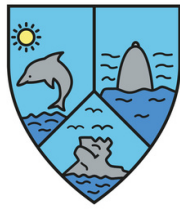


## Sycamore Class



This week we have started our new 'Stone Age' history topic. We were fascinated by some mysterious artefacts and made some creative guesses about what each object was. In English we have written beautifully-presented calligram poems about forest animals and in computing we had a great time experimenting with coding using Scratch!





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## Oak Class



We had such a brilliant week and start to our term! We have started our new writing unit of 'Writing a Local Myth', by reading local stories 'Cormoran' and 'The Mermaid of Zennor'. Now we are looking at 'Wrath the Giant of Portreath.' We have started our new science topic of 'Living Things and their Habitats' by being scientists ourselves and learning about classification. We have also been learning the different techniques of collage in art!



## Cherry Class



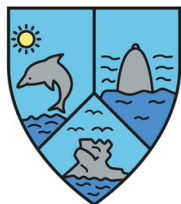
We have had a great first week back at school! We have started our new "Living Things" topic and started to look at the lifecycle of different organisms and we have also dived into our new history topic looking at the effect of Cornish mining on the residents of Portreath in the 19th century.



**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LINK and NEW CLUBS!  
Summer 1 2023 Portreath After School Wraparound and Clubs Booking form ([google.com](https://www.google.com))

|           |                            |                              |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Monday    | Health Movers - Mrs Barnes |                              |
| Tuesday   | Gardening - Miss Cafe      | Summer Sports - Mrs Barnes   |
| Wednesday | History - Mrs Rosser       |                              |
| Thursday  | Yoga - Mrs Rosser          | Recycled Crafts - Mrs Barnes |
| Friday    | Wraparound-Mrs Barnes      |                              |



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## REMINDERS

**NEW LIBRARY TIMES  
BEFORE SCHOOL AT 8.15AM:  
Y3,4,5,6 WEDS AND THURS  
THEN AFTER SCHOOL ON  
TUESDAYS FOR YR, 1 AND 2**

## Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

- Maple Class - 97.69%
- Rowan Class - 97.67%
- Sycamore Class - 97.74%
- Oak Class - 95.15%
- Cherry Class - 94.84%
- Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 95.2%

## PE DAYS

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

**Outdoor Learning on  
Fridays for Oak (wear PE kit)**

## DATES

- 2nd May - Teacher Strike - School closed
- 9-12th May - Year 6 SATS
- 15-17th May - Year 6 Camp
- 17-19th May - Year 5 Camp
- 25th May - Class Photographs
- 27th June - Provisional Sports Day
- 5-7th July - Year 4 Camp
- 13th July - Open Class 2:45-3:15pm

## TERM DATES

- Bank Holiday - 1st May
- Bank Holiday - 8th May King Charles Coronation
- Half Term - w/c 29th May
- Last Day Summer Term - 25th July

## INSET DAYS

5th June 2023

**THE WRITERS' BLOCK**

**SUMMER PROGRAMME  
EVENTS FOR CHILDREN**

**Story and Art Club**  
Our new Story Club led by Jo Lumber - story, creative writing, art & crafts.  
16 May | 13 June | 11 July 4-5pm  
7 - 11 years | up to £3

**Manga Club**  
Manga drawing workshops with illustrator Keith Sparrow.  
9 May | 6 June | 4 July  
4-5.30pm  
10 - 16 years | up to £3

**Katie's Black Hole Adventures**  
Little Trebiggan Theatre Company take you on a roller coaster ride of fun, adventure and even a little bit of science!  
26 May 4.15-5.15pm  
4 - 11 years | £6

**Booking is essential for all events.**  
More info & tickets at [thewritersblock.org.uk/events](http://thewritersblock.org.uk/events)

**Find us at:**  
The Writers' Block, The Ladder, 2-4 Clinton Road, Redruth, TR16 2QE

**Logos:** Arts Council England, Garfield Weston Foundation, Cornwall Council, Literary Partnership, KEAP

**8 week cricket programmes for children age 5 to 11 at Clubs across Cornwall**

**ALL STARS Cricket** gives 5 to 8 year olds their first experience of Cricket, learning new skills whilst having fun and making friends. Alongside the eight week programme each child that registers will receive a backpack, Cricket bat, Cricket ball and personalised t-shirt. Children returning to All Stars will receive a kit bag, a set of stumps, a new ball and a personalised t-shirt.

**DYNAMOS Cricket** provides the next step to those moving on from All Stars and is aimed at children aged 8 to 11 years old. The programme focuses on developing their skills and each child will receive a Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

Prices from £40 depending on the venue.

**FREE** spaces for children in receipt of pupil premium.  
email [admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk](mailto:admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk) for more information

[www.cornwallcricket.co.uk](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.uk)

**Logos:** Cornwall Cricket, All Stars Cricket, Dynamos Cricket

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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.