

NEWSLETTER

I cannot believe it is already half term! The 7 weeks have flown by! I am proud of how hard the staff and children have been working. Everyone definitely deserves a well earned rest!

On Wednesday we held our annual skipping day. It is great to see the children challenging themselves and also encouraging each other. Skipping is such a fantastic way to keep fit! The children really enjoyed the showcase at the end of the day. The staff will be encouraging the children to continue skipping during break and lunchtime.

This week we celebrated harvest. We thought about how harvest links to our values of gratitude, empathy and kindness. I explained the role of Foodbanks. The children have brought in lots of food donations during the week - thank you so much. I am sure the Foodbank will really appreciate the donations.

Sycamore enjoyed their trip to Chysauster this week. They have been learning about the Bronze Age and Iron Age so it was a great way to bring the topic alive and get them to imagine what life was like then. They were excited to handle Iron Age artefacts. Objects from the past always fascinate children. Don't forget that we have our Cabinet of Curiosities and would love to borrow any artefacts to display in it. We would also love any objects that might be linked to science, nature or perhaps another country. Please us know if you have anything that you can lend us.

After half term you will be receiving your child's attendance for the first half term. We are aware that chicken pox has had a real impact on attendance this term. Let's hope for a healthier half term! It would be great to get attendance back up to 95% by Christmas, with our aim of 97% by the end of the year.

This week the new school councillors were elected. The children had to talk to their class about what would make them a great school councillor and the children then voted. Miss Cafe held the first school council meeting on Thursday. I cannot wait to hear about their ideas.

Enjoy the half term break, looking forward to the exciting run up to Christmas!

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Toby - For persevering and showing resilience during our skipping workshop.

Rowan Class: Robert - For showing great resilience in his learning.

Sycamore Class: Reina - For an inspiring and courageous school council speech.

Oak Class: Esmee - For brilliant team work and design skills, when making an Anglo-Saxon house.

Cherry Class: Kara-Lily - For excellent contributions to class discussions.

SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Stars is:
Bodhi

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Alfie.C

Rowan Class: Penny

Sycamore Class: Bea

Oak Class: Nerissa

Cherry Class: Logan

VALUE CHAMPIONS



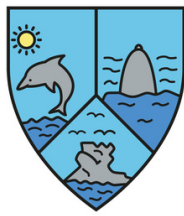
Maple Class: Maren

Rowan Class: Harry

Sycamore Class: Billy

Oak Class: Harry.M

Cherry Class: Josh



Safeguarding/Health and Safety

Attendance

Poor attendance is seen as a possible safeguarding issue by the DfE. We do understand some absence is unavoidable, for example if your child is ill. We track every child's attendance and monitor all children who are below 95%. We monitor closely children who are below 90% because these children are classed as persistent absentees. Please do not panic if your child has been ill with chicken pox. This has probably led to them being below 90%. However, I am sure their attendance will soon rise above 90% during next half term.

We understand that pupils need to attend medical and dental appointments and that it is not always possible to arrange this outside of school time. However, we would request that any non-emergency appointments are made for outside of the school day as this keeps the disruption to a minimum and ensures that they do not miss important lessons.

Children with poorer attendance at primary school are likely to go on to continue to have poorer attendance at secondary school. Regular absences can result in poorer outcomes over time. Research shows that pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school (which is between half and one day per week on average) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days.

How does occasional absence affect my child?

Missing occasional days from school may seem unimportant at the time; however, this can have a significant impact on your child in the long term:

% of attendance in a school year	Number of days absent	Weeks missed
98%	4	Less than 1 week
95%	9.5	Nearly 2 weeks
90%	19	Nearly 4 weeks
85%	28.5	Nearly 6 weeks

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



Our new school council team for this academic year held their first meeting this week.



Team Points- Mrs Forsdick has put a system into place so that we can total a team's dojos each week. We will announce the winning team in assembly and on the newsletter.

House Winner this Week is: Farthing Wood

Sports News - Skipping Workshop

Big thank you to Lizzie from Skipping Workshops for coming into school on Wednesday and working with all the children to promote skipping as a fun and healthy way to get exercise. Lunchtimes have been busy with children practising and being creative with their skipping – solo skills, long rope and double dutch!

Have a look at the challenges for National Skipping Day in March next year:

<https://youtu.be/DamUo6Ursil>

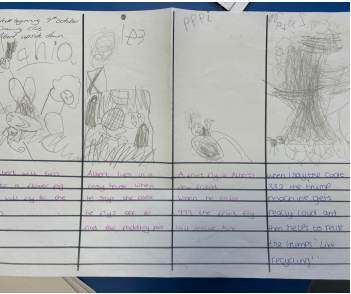
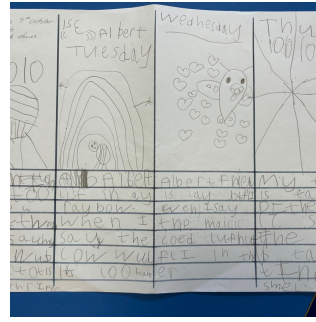
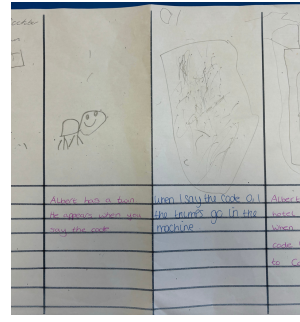
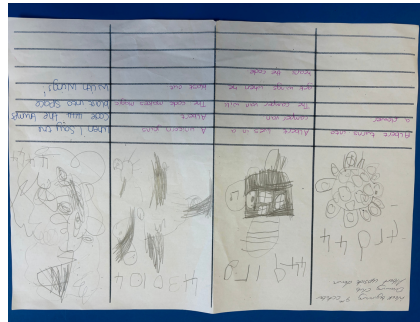
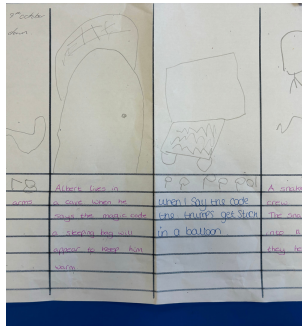
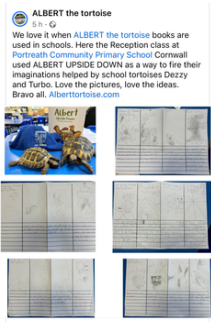
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Maple Class



This week we have been celebrating our work on the book 'Albert the Tortoise'. I sent copies of the children's work to the Author Ian Brown and he wrote a message back to the children saying how amazing they all are and published their work on his facebook page. He is actually visiting Waterstones in Truro on Sunday to share his books if you would like to meet him.

Rowan Class



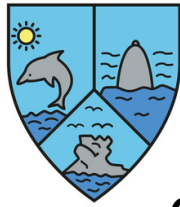
This week we have been writing our own instructions for the fruit salad we made last week. We have also been exploring what it would have been like in a school in the Victorian Era - I'm not sure if I could cope with all the children standing every time an adult walks into the room!!!! The children were also rewarded for their exemplary attitude towards learning with toasted marshmallows on the beach 😊



Sycamore Class



We started off the week with an excellent trip to Chysauster Ancient Village, where we handled Iron Age artefacts and explored the remains of seven roundhouses. It was fascinating to step back in time and imagine what life would have been like. In English we have been busy writing a recount all about our trip, as well as finishing off our creative autumn poems.



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Oak Class



We've had a very creative week making and finishing our Anglo-Saxon houses and they look amazing (and yes, the classroom still smells like a barn!). We have also started to film our documentaries! In RE we have been learning all about how the Hindu Deity Ganesh came to have an elephant's head.



Cherry Class



This week we really enjoyed finishing our "eye" artwork based on a piece of work called "Kids Hope" by Artif Akari. Our results are amazing, and we are so proud of them. In other news we are loving our new class novel 'The Final Year' and also had great fun increasing our fitness and skipping skills in the skipping workshop on Wednesday.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

PLEASE NOTE ALL CLUBS INCLUDING BREAKFAST CLUB MUST NOW BE BOOKED & PAID IN ADVANCE ON PARENT PAY.

Breakfast by 9pm night before and After School Club by midday on the day.

Maths Whizz Club (free) Tuesday's and Wednesday's until 4:20pm

Monday	Sports Games - KS1 - Miss Cafe Sports Games - KS2 - Mrs Barnes
Tuesday	Craft Club - Miss Cafe Book/Homework club -Mrs Barnes Maths Whizz (free until 4:20pm) - Mrs Kerlake
Wednesday	Newspaper club - Mrs Barnes Maths Whizz (free until 4:20pm) Mrs Rosser
Thursday	Quiz / Games club - Mrs Barnes & Mrs Rosser
Friday	Wraparound - Mrs Barnes



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REMINDERS

**CLASS ASSEMBLIES AFTER
HALF TERM-SEE DATES
BELOW**

**OVER HALF TERM PLEASE
CHECK ALL UNIFORM ETC IS
NAMED. DON'T FORGET
LOST PROPERTY IS JUST
OUTSIDE THE OFFICE IN
THE BLUE CUPBOARD**

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 95%

Rowan Class - 91%

Sycamore Class - 91%

Oak Class - 92%

Cherry Class - 96%

Whole school attendance
for the year is currently is : 93.5%

PE DAYS

Monday - Rowan

Tuesday - Sycamore

Thursday - Cherry

Thursday - Maple

Friday - Oak

**Outdoor Learning on
Fridays for Rowan**

DATES

- 3rd Nov - Rowan Assembly 2:45pm
- 10th Nov - Sycamore Assembly 2:45pm
- 17th Nov - Maple Assembly 2:45pm
- 24th Nov - Oak Assembly 2:45pm
- 1st Dec - Cherry Assembly 2:45pm
- 4th Dec - Open class 3:10-3:30pm
- 11th Dec - HfC trip 'Peter Pan' Performance
- 12th Dec - Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
- 25th Jan - Open class 3:10-3:30pm
- w/c 5th Feb - Parent consultations
- 26th Mar - Open class 3:10-3:30pm
- 13th May - KS2 SATS week
- 17th May - Open class 3:10-3:30pm

INSET DAYS

- 18th December 2023
- 19th December 2023
- 19th February 2024
- 24th July 2024

TERM DATES

- Last Day Autumn Term - 15th December
- First Day Spring Term - 4th January 2024
- Half Term - w/c 12th February
- Last Day of Spring Term - 28th March
- First Day Summer Term - 15th April
- Bank Holiday - 6th May
- Half Term - w/c 27th May
- Last Day Summer Term - 23rd July

Community News

Carn Brea Judo Club



www.facebook.com/carnbreajudo

WE are a children's university provider

Members of the British Judo Council
Affiliated to the British Judo Association



Venue: Main hall at Roskear Primary & Nursery School TR14 8DJ

**NEW BEGINNER CLASSES
START TUESDAY 31st October 2023
6-7PM**

FIRST TWO CLASSES FREE

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