

NEWSLETTER

I was lucky enough to attend an attendance conference yesterday at Heartlands, where Marc Rowland was the key note speaker. It was an interesting day and focused on how people across Cornwall can work together to improve attendance. Good attendance has such a positive impact on a child's education, friendships and personal development. We know that chicken pox has impacted on our attendance, and this was unavoidable, but hopefully working together we can raise the school's attendance during the rest of this term.

Attending this conference sadly meant I missed 'Arthur's Club'. This is a live key word signed theatre show. 'Arthur's Club' is a place where everyone is welcome, a place where stories come alive. Maple, Rowan and Sycamore watched the show. It sounds like they absolutely loved it! The original music was written by Matthew Thomason, who was one of our 'composers of the term' last year. A huge thank you to Rebecca Hulbert and the team who created this magical and inclusive piece of theatre.

Whilst showing prospective parents around the school, we saw Sycamore Class handling genuine Greek artefacts. How exciting for the children! There is something wonderful about holding something that is over 2000 years old! The class did an excellent retelling of the Greek Myth, Medusa, in assembly today.

This week I attended the Parish Council meeting, to talk about our proposed extension to the school. Thanks to Steve Eva and Sean Pinhay, who presented on behalf of the school. The next step is putting together the travel plan and preparing the paperwork for planning permission. I will keep you all fully updated. I also took the opportunity at the meeting to thank councilors, Gillian and John, for being our volunteer crossing patrol and to Vicki for all her work to provide activities and opportunities for the young people of Portreath.

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



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

Rowan Class: Eadie - For always working enthusiastically.

Sycamore Class: Albie - For settling in and having a great first week in Sycamore class!

Oak Class: Gladys - For always working so hard and trying her best.

Cherry Class: Evie - For having a great growth mindset and always working hard.

SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Stars is:
 Lowen & Paige

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Ella.T

Rowan Class: Frank

Sycamore Class: Charlie

Oak Class: Isla.C

Cherry Class: Amelie

VALUE CHAMPIONS



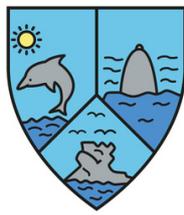
Maple Class: Archie

Rowan Class: Molly

Sycamore Class: Joel

Oak Class: Esmae

Cherry Class: Hugo



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Safeguarding/Health and Safety

It is essential that you telephone school if your child is not well and unable to attend school, even if you have sent an email or message on Dojo. For safeguarding reasons, we have to check why any children are absent as soon as possible. By having all absences reported by phone (inc answerphone) it means we only need to check in one place which makes the system more effective and easier.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

NELLIE BORRERO

Diversity is a fact, but inclusion is a choice we make every day.



House Winner this Week is: Enchanted Wood

Sports Stars



Running Club

Great to see the runners out enjoying a muddy tram run this week! **PLEASE** remember to bring a change of footwear for after and a plastic bag for muddy shoes. We would like to venture out further and have a change of scenery, so please could all the runners get changed at breaktime and be ready to leave as close to 12.15pm as possible.

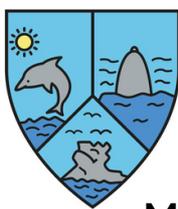


Lunchtime football club

Big thank you to the Year 6 helpers who have been helping out with the lunchtime football and giving so many children the chance to try the sport. Come along and join in (**MUST** have a change of footwear to take part):

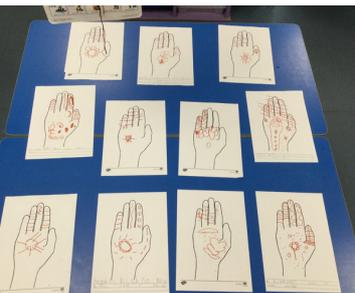
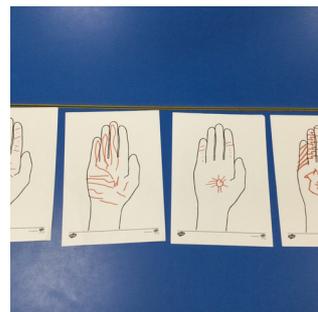
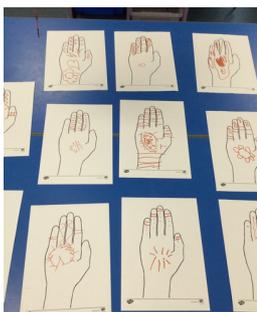
- Monday** **Girls only**
- Tuesday** **KS1**
- Thursday** **KS2**
- Friday** **Boys only**





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Maple Class



This week we have been learning about the Hindu festival Diwali. We have used clay to make Diyas and are waiting for them to dry so we can decorate them. We also designed our own Mehndi (henna tattoos) and then I copied their design onto their hands. They were so excited.

Rowan Class



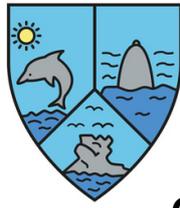
This week we have been reading the book Flotsam by David Wiesner, the children have enjoyed looking at the detail in the illustrations and creating sentences to go alongside them. We have begun to learn about the coastline in geography and we are learning how to use the paint program on the computer.



Sycamore Class



This week we were lucky to have a look at a box of real artefacts from Ancient Greece, borrowed from the Royal Cornwall Museum. We had to wear special gloves to handle the objects as they were so old! We have also started our new storytelling unit in English, and enjoyed performing "Perseus and Medusa" to our grown ups and the rest of the school in assembly this afternoon.



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Oak Class



This week we've been immersing ourselves in Viking myths and history. We finished one version of the Beowulf story, everyone was gripped! From this we have written detailed and gory character descriptions of Grendel, and then have gone on to writing Kennings poems. In science we have been learning about how light reflects, and made predictions about which surfaces would reflect light the most.



Cherry Class



This week we finished our class reader "The Final year" – it is a brilliant book and we have absolutely loved reading it. Another thing that we enjoyed this week was starting our new science topic "Electricity". We began our topic by reactivating our previous knowledge and making lots of different circuits. We were sad to say goodbye to Vi when she left our school on Wednesday, but we know she is going to have lots of new adventures in Australia.

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

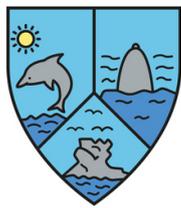
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| Monday | Sports Games - KS1 - Miss Cafe Sports Games - KS2 - Mrs Barnes |
| Tuesday | Craft Club - Miss Cafe Book/Homework club -Mrs Barnes Maths Whizz (free until 4:20pm) - Mrs Kerlake |
| Wednesday | Newspaper club - Mrs Barnes Maths Whizz (free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

Inclusive Theatre Show

Arthur's Club joined us yesterday to perform their live show, 'Stories from the Island', to all the children in Maple, Rowan and Sycamore Class.

www.arthursclub.co.uk





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REMINDERS



Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 97.7%

Rowan Class - 95.8%

Sycamore Class - 96.3%

Oak Class - 89.4%

Cherry Class - 95.7%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 93.8%

PE DAYS

Monday - Rowan

Tuesday - Sycamore

Thursday - Cherry

Thursday - Maple

Friday - Oak

Outdoor Learning on

Fridays for Rowan

DATES

- 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
- 15th Dec - Last day finish 3.20pm-no after school club
- 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
- 10th June - Sports Day
- 13th June - back up Sports Day
- 17th July - 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