

NEWSLETTER

This week we were lucky enough to have two guest speakers in to deliver assemblies. Our governor, Lizzie Gerrish, came in to talk to the children about recycling. She spoke about what they could do and how to help you with the recycling at home. We want children to realise that they have the power to make a difference. Please support them at home by getting them involved with the recycling. Sam Sender, our piano teacher, led another assembly. Reina and Eva both played pieces and the whole school were impressed. He played a game with the children which involved them guessing the tunes he was playing. The children (and Mrs Jones) were very competitive! He is a very talented pianist, as well as a great music teacher. I love the children having the opportunity to listen to live music. He has a few spaces in his lesson schedule at the moment, do take a look at his advert in this newsletter, if your child is keen to take up piano lessons.

We have a variety of other visitors too. I met with Steve Eva and Active Travel Officer, Dave Davies, from Sustrans to discuss a travel plan to consider how we can reduce traffic. Dave will be working with us over the next year to help us encourage families to walk and cycle to school. This will support all our environmental work. Miss Baseley and I met with James Taylor, who is the new SEND lead at Crofty MAT. He had great advice about additional ways we can support our children with special educational needs and we look forward to some staff training with him over the coming months. Clare Slouch attended school this week to work with Mrs Forsdick and the staff who deliver the RWI phonic sessions. She was delighted to see how well the sessions are going and the progress the children are making with their reading. Our next step is to ensure all children are regularly reading at home. I will send out a letter about this next week. Michael Proctor came in for his second mental health workshop with Oak Class this week. It sounds like they had another great session and he commented on what wonderful children they are.

This week we also had our NSPCC assemblies. They were virtual assemblies, one for the younger children and one for the older children. The focus was on 'speaking out' if they were worried about anything. We are hoping to purchase our very own fluffy NSPCC mascot, 'Buddy' to remind the children of this important message. We have posters with the Childline number on and our anti-bullying posters displayed around the school.

Oak Class treated us to a fabulous assembly today. I loved the poetry and the demonstration of an electrical circuit.

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Jack - For being an enthusiastic learner with a fabulous memory.

Rowan Class: Seb - For always trying his best and for being an enthusiastic learner.

Sycamore Class: Harvey - For demonstrating resilience in lessons.

Oak Class: Lowen.H - For listening carefully to the teachers and working so hard!

Cherry Class: Henry - For always having a great attitude to learning and for being a pleasure to teach.

SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Stars are:
 Harry.G &
 Billy

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Orla

Rowan Class: Evie

Sycamore Class: Sophie

Oak Class: Nerissa

Cherry Class: Elsie- Belle

VALUE CHAMPIONS



Maple Class: Toby

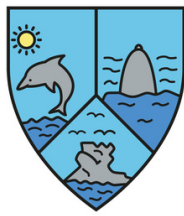
Rowan Class: Ella

Sycamore Class: Immy

Oak Class: Olivia &

Freddie

Cherry Class: Mia



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**Safeguarding/
Health and Safety**

Speak out. Stay safe.

**with
Buddy**



NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

childline

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



House Winner this Week is: Enchanted Wood

PE News

Crofty Touch Rugby Tournament

On Friday the 17th of December, Miss Vernon and Simon Tripp took Portreath School Touch Rugby Squad to a tournament held at Treloweth School. There were three pool matches and Portreath won all three pool matches, progressing into the Semi-final by scoring a try in the last few seconds of the third match.

The Semi-Final was tense and frantically contested. When the final whistle went, the score was nil-nil, so the game went into extra time. The squad defended really well and showed a 'never give up' attitude in attack. Showing real grit, they scored an amazing try that sent Portreath into the final. The whole squad was jumping with joy and Miss Vernon and Simon Tripp were not sure if they could take any more excitement!

In the Final, the squad showed 100% concentration in defence and attack throughout the entire game. At full time, the game ended with a score of nil-nil. The game went into 'extra time', and the referee declared 'first try wins'. After 10 minutes of extra time, the referee decided to call the game 'a draw'. Both teams were declared winners of the tournament and our Portreath squad members all received gold medals. The team will now represent the school at the Peninsula School Final, to be held at Penryn College on the 1st of December. Miss Vernon and Simon Tripp are extremely proud of all the players, each member contributed to the success of the whole team. They all listened, executed new tactics and communicated well with each other under pressure, organising themselves in defence and attack. Their behaviour was exemplary and amazingly, the squad did not concede a try in the whole tournament.

The squad's dedication and perseverance resulted in a momentous triumph for Portreath School, congratulations to all of you



**CONGRATULATIONS
MOKI WATCH
WINNER: Bethan.T**

Running Club

Great to see so many children still coming along to running club each week. Please remember a change of shoes if you want to take part - it is very muddy on the tram!



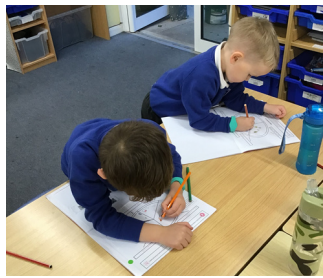
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Maple Class



Happy Thanksgiving!
We have been learning about the American celebration Thanksgiving. We have looked at where America is on a world map and made our Thanksgiving turkey's.

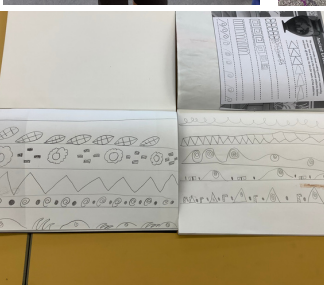
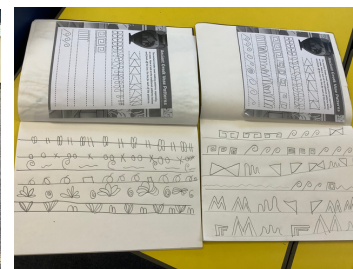
Rowan Class



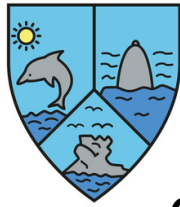
We have had a brilliant week in Rowan Class! We have enjoyed starting our new writing topic and reading the story of The Magic Porridge Pot. Of course we had to make and eat porridge – it would have been rude not to!! In Science we continued looking at different food groups and talked about the importance of staying healthy. We were working so quietly that we were lucky enough that our class Quiet Critters came out of their soundproof jar to sit with us 😊 We also visited the library and chose a book to read for pleasure.



Sycamore Class

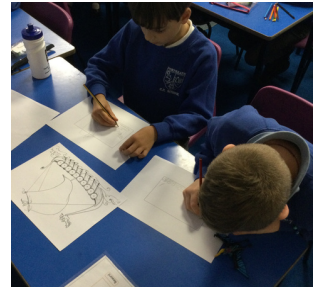
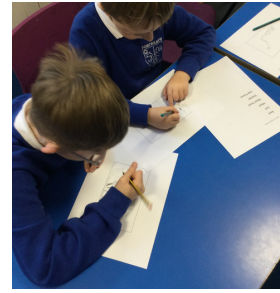


This week we have finished our English unit by inventing our own stories, inspired by Ancient Greece and the mythical creatures from the time. In History we have been learning all about the Ancient Greek Olympics and even created our own mini-Olympic games! We have also been looking at patterns in Art and the Year 3s have been smashing the column method in Maths!



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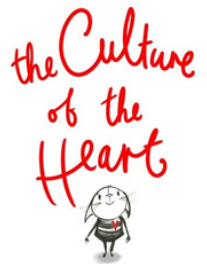
Oak Class



This week, we have been learning all about what made the Viking longships so efficient in enabling the Vikings to invade Britain. We then drew our own longships and labelled the different features. After that, we learnt about why the Vikings eventually settled in the UK. We played a trading game, where the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons traded produce. However, the harsh snowy conditions in Scandinavia eventually spoilt their produce and made their lives difficult.



Cherry Class



Mrs Pamplin had a lovely 'Culture of the Heart' session with the children, it involved the children describing each other using powerful vocabulary. On Wednesday they had a fabulous outdoor learning sessions with Miss Rundle, children were particularly interested in the bug hotel and the mud kitchen. We believe children are never too old to play! In English we have been finalising and publishing our reports on El Salvador.

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

New Chromebooks

A huge thank-you to Aequorea, for providing the school with 22 new chromebooks and a new trolley to house them. This was incredibly generous of Vicky and Robin. They are keen to support the education of the children in Portreath. This generous donation now means several year groups can use chromebooks at the same time. I know the staff, as well as the children, are delighted.

AEQUOREA



Community Recycling News

In assembly we had our governor, Lizzie Gerrish, come in to talk about recycling and how to do more for the community.





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REMINDERS

THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB OFFERED ON 15TH DECEMBER (LAST DAY OF TERM). PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE FINISHING AT 3.20PM ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM.

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 96.2%

Rowan Class - 98.6%

Sycamore Class - 99.7%

Oak Class - 91.0%

Cherry Class - 93.3%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 94.1%

PE DAYS

Monday - Rowan

Tuesday - Sycamore

Thursday - Cherry

Thursday - Maple

Friday - Oak

Outdoor Learning on

Fridays for Rowan

DATES

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
17-19th April - Yr 4 Residential Camp
13th May - KS2 SATS week
17th May - Open class 3:10-3:30pm
10th June - Sports Day
13th June - back up Sports Day
17-19th June - Yr 5 & 6 Residential Camp
1st July - Yr 5 Surf Day
17th July - Open class 3:10-3:30pm

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

INSET DAYS

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

Christmas Performances

12th Dec 9:15am & 2pm - Maple Class
13th Dec 2:15pm & 6:15pm - Yr1, Yr2 & Yr3
14th Dec 2:15pm & 6:15pm - Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6

tickets available from next week

Community News

Please use this link to find out more about family activities over Christmas in Cornwall
https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/advice.page?id=lkWfIXyzICE#sub_4

Piano Assembly with Sam Sender

A massive well done to two of my piano students for their brilliant performances in assembly on Thursday 23rd November. We were treated to beautiful performances of 'Merrily' and 'Aura Lee' this time and I'm looking forward to some more excellent live music next year from some other students, perhaps a duet or two? I was also impressed by how our audience played Clap This Back and correctly guessed every piece during Name That Tune.

Thanks

Sam



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Join us for the **FREE** weekly
Community Catch Up—All welcome
Thursday's from 10:30 am –12noon, St Mary's
Church Hall, Portreath

7th December: Catch Up & Cake

**14th December: END OF YEAR
CELEBRATION: Portreath Primary School
Choir**

We Return on Thursday 11th January 2024
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

WARMWELCOME
PORTREATH



Portreath School PTA

INVITATION
LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP
SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER
@MILLENNIUM HALL

10:00-13:00
Open to all Portreath Preschool & Primary school aged children

REFRESHMENTS AND A DONATION POT (WITH QR CODE) WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE WORKSHOP

PACKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO CANT MAKE THE WORKSHOP BUT WISH TO ATTEND THE LANTERN PARADE BY EMAILING PORTREATHSCHOOLPTA@GMAIL.COM

LANTERN PARADE

Friday 15th December

6PM start @ Millennium Hall

More details will be distributed at the workshop