

# NEWSLETTER

I am thrilled that we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark this week. A huge well done to Mrs Jones who leads science at our school. She completed training, an audit and then wrote and carried out an action plan linked to science across the school. Well done to her and all the team for making the teaching of science even better at Portreath. We hope we are creating future scientists!

I am the English leader for the school and we are currently focused on improving the teaching of writing across the school because overall our children (like most children across UK) attain higher in reading and maths compared to writing. Just before half term Lucie Clarke and myself attended a course called 'The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar.' You might hear the children talking about Grammarsaurus. This is a resource which helps the children to secure the basics and understand the structure of our language. I will be sharing more information about this over the coming months. As well as them being able to punctuate their grammatically correct sentences, we want them to be creative, enthusiastic writers. We give the children opportunities to write in a variety of genres often linked to our learning in other subjects. This week I had the pleasure of observing 'Drawing Club' in Maple Class. This is an approach that encourages children to write. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the staff, as well as the children, for it. The children were full of creative ideas and could not wait to put pencil to paper! I observed a fabulous writing session in Oak Class. They were writing a character description of Beowulf. I was so impressed with their ambitious word choices and their enthusiasm to paint a picture with words. Today I observed an excellent writing session in Sycamore Class. They were writing descriptions linked to Greek mythical creatures. Miss Tonkin expertly modelled writing about her own creature and then the children started writing their own brilliant character descriptions. Next week I am looking forward to getting into Rowan and Cherry Class.

Cherry Class got to meet a celebrity this week! Miss Clarke and Mrs Doble certainly loved meeting Darcey Bussell and the children loved their dance workshop with her. Another amazing opportunity for our children to celebrate and engage with the arts.

**Cassie Pamplin**

## CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Arina - For growing in confidence and doing everything with a smile.  
Rowan Class: Evie - For a positive and enthusiastic approach towards her learning.  
Sycamore Class: Phoebe - For being a smiley, hard-working learner.  
Oak Class: Ellis - For always being so kind helpful to all. For always being keen to contribute to class discussions.  
Cherry Class: Harriet - For super effort in all lessons - well done for challenging yourself.

## SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Stars is: Ella

## STAR WRITERS

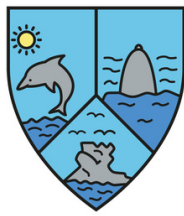


Maple Class: Olivia  
Rowan Class: Alfie  
Sycamore Class: Sienna  
Oak Class: Isla.E  
Cherry Class: Ellie

## VALUE CHAMPIONS



Maple Class: Ella.G  
Rowan Class: Eva  
Sycamore Class: Elsie  
Oak Class: Grover  
Cherry Class: Ollie



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## Safeguarding/Health and Safety

On the NSPCC website there are a range of leaflets to support parents leaflets include: 'Home or Out Alone' and 'Positive Parenting'.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>



## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



We are delighted to announce that Portreath School has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark this week. PSQM is a comprehensive evidence-based professional development programme that effectively develops science leadership, ensuring teachers have the knowledge, capability and support they need to transform science education and shape future generations. The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire.

Helen Sizer, PSQM Co-Director said: 'By enabling effective science leadership, PSQM is powering the potential of all children to see the relevance and importance of science in their lives, now and in the future. Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science leadership, teaching and learning and the profile and quality of science in each accredited school is very high. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, headteachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.'

## Congratulations to Mrs Jones and the team!

**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

### Lunchtime Football

Monster kickabout has been a great success and it's been wonderful to see so many children keen to try out the game of football. Therefore, lunchtime football clubs will continue! These will take place on the school field so the children 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 for the first time we had a full class so we took advantage and snapped a photo! The start of our celebrations topic meant we talked about Halloween and the up coming bonfire night.

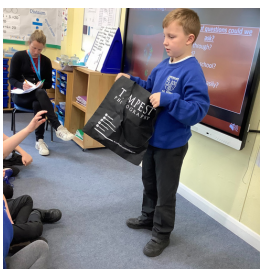
## Rowan Class



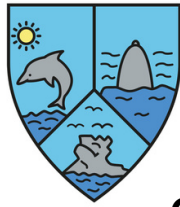
This week we have enjoyed beginning our geography unit and the children learnt all about the 5 oceans, using an atlas to identify where they can be found. In art we are looking at landscapes and the children had a go at adding features onto a landscape. In science this week we carried out an experiment to predict and see which exercise would/did effect out heart rates.



## Sycamore Class

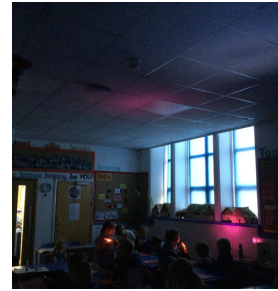


This week we started our new history topic, Ancient Greece. We have been learning about Greek myths as part of our guided reading and have written descriptions of our own made-up mythical creatures. We had a great Spanish lesson linked to bonfire night, where we learned to describe the colour of fireworks. In RE we are learning about stories from the Old Testament and this week enjoyed learning about Noah's Ark.



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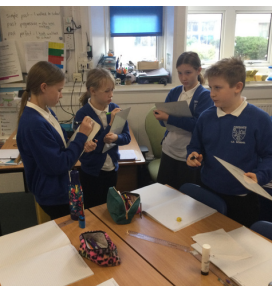
## Oak Class



This week, we have been immersing ourselves in the (rather gruesome) story of Beowulf. We've been practicing the skills of writing a good character description, by first describing our hero Beowulf and now begun to collect descriptions for the swamp monster, Grendel. In science, we have started our new unit on light by beginning to explore light and form scientific questions.



## Cherry Class



We had the exciting opportunity of travelling to St. Austell to work with world famous dancer Dame Darcey Bussell this week. Whilst we were there we experienced dance from the 1980s, Ancient Egypt, The Charleston, Bollywood and a cheerleading inspired dance. In other news this week Year 6 have been enjoying practical maths work in their exploration of fractions.

**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

**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 - 99.6%
- Rowan Class - 90%
- Sycamore Class - 97.8%
- Oak Class - 95.5%
- Cherry Class - 93.1%
- Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 93.6%

## PE DAYS

- Monday - Rowan
- Tuesday - Sycamore
- Thursday - Cherry
- Thursday - Maple
- Friday - Oak
- Outdoor Learning on Fridays for Rowan

## DATES

- 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
- 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



**We are looking for dancers of all ages and abilities to perform in our new contemporary ballet production entitled 'papyrus'**

**rehearsing weekly at mount hawke skatepark**

**visit our website for more information and to register your interest:**

**www.jennidandy.com or call jenni on 0798011169**

**Cubs in the Wild** for parents/carers & under 6s Tuesday morning  
Contact [donna@gwealantops.org](mailto:donna@gwealantops.org) to book

**Dance Club** Thursdays  
Contact [kerry@gwealantops.org](mailto:kerry@gwealantops.org) to book

**Free Community Family Meals** Wednesdays 4.30-6pm  
Contact [deborah@gwealantops.org](mailto:deborah@gwealantops.org) to book

**Winter**  
**OPENING TIMES:**  
TUES 31 OCT - TUES 19 DEC  
Term time free drop in adventure play sessions for 7-16 year olds Tuesday to Friday 3.15-5.30pm and Saturday 12-4pm

ALL children must be registered **NEW USERS** need to arrange an induction session  
See [www.gwealantops.org](http://www.gwealantops.org) for more info

**Youth Club**  
Free for 13s & overs  
Just drop in Fridays, 5.30-7pm

**Christmas Holidays**  
Wed 20 - Fri 22 Dec  
Details to follow

**LEVELLING UP**

[www.gwealantops.org](http://www.gwealantops.org)  
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