

NEWSLETTER

Thank you so much to 'Portreath Improvement Committee' for providing our wonderful tree. We look forward to decorating it. Don't forget to send in any decorations your child has made at home. and they can pop it on it next week.

Key Stage 2 had a brilliant assembly this week, by Tomas Williams, about Parliament. We learnt about the House of Commons and the House of Lords and their roles. I learnt that there are 650 constituencies in the UK. He spoke about our country being a democracy and how MPs are voted into parliament. We linked this to our school council and how each member was voted in by their class mates.

Today our chair of Governors, Matt Leech, came in for the morning. He spent time watching writing lessons, looking in books and talking with the children. He then led an assembly for the school on climate change. The children engaged really well with it and were particularly interested to see the fossilised mammoth tooth and bison vertebrae. The staff liked how he used his arm as a timeline, with the time humans have been on earth equivalent to just our finger tip. He got everyone excited about the fact that we still do not know the answers to some big questions that people have studied for years. Maybe one of our pupils will discover the answers one day!

Congratulations to our rugby team who played at the rugby final competition today, Mrs Doble said that they played fantastically as a team and had a great morning..

We would like to welcome our new member of staff, Mrs Georgina Chiplin. She is an SEND specialist TA and will be mainly working in Oak Class. I know that she is going to be a brilliant addition to the team.

Cherry treated us to a fantastic assembly today. I loved the poetry, artwork and facts about Hinduism.

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Ella.T - For articulating her ideas clearly to the rest of the class.

Rowan Class: Tilly - For showing enthusiasm and resilience in her learning.

Sycamore Class: Paige - For using her maths knowledge and for her resilience and focus

Oak Class: - Volodya - For being polite and a lovely member of Oak who works hard in lessons.

Cherry Class: Martha - For confident, articulate contributions to class discussions.

SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Stars are:
Konan

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Bella

Rowan Class: Paige

Sycamore Class: George

Oak Class: Arlo

Cherry Class: Sam

VALUE CHAMPIONS



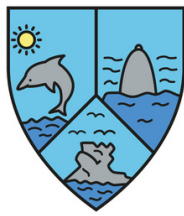
Maple Class: Arti

Rowan Class: Bligh

Sycamore Class: Taylor

Oak Class: Will

Cherry Class: Kara-Lily



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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**Safeguarding/
Health and Safety**

childline
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

**Welcome to
our new TA,
Georgina
Chiplin**



Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.



Franklin D. Roosevelt
32nd U.S. President

House Winner this Week is: Farthing Wood

PE News

Netball Club

Huge thank you to Katie Tonkin and Sophie Orme for their continued support with the Year 5/6 netball club. Next Friday (8th December) will be the last training session before Christmas.

Football Club

Super grateful to our football coach, Derek Jose, who runs the girls and boys football training each week. This week was the last session before Christmas.

Touch Rugby Peninsula Final

This morning, a talented and determined team of 10 players headed off to represent the Crofty MAT in the Touch Rugby Peninsula Final at Penryn College. They experienced a busy morning full of opportunities to play several games against different schools. With back-to-back games and intense and challenging opposition from all the other schools, Portreath just kept growing in confidence as the morning progressed. Building on their game strategies, creating an effective defence and showing perseverance, Portreath showed tremendous teamwork. Amazingly, they did all of this whilst showing great sportsmanship after each game! Huge thank you to Simon Tripp who has supported the team over the last two weeks, offering extra training sessions as well as being the sideline coach during today's games!



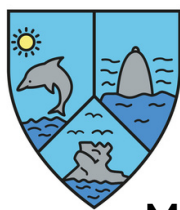
**CONGRATULATIONS
MOKI WATCH
WINNER: Hugo.S**



Special Assemblies This Week

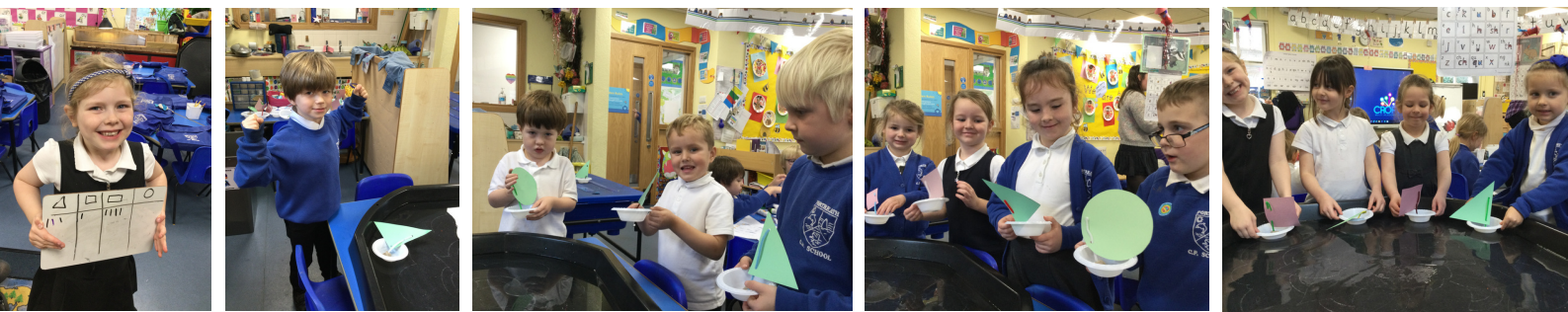
Thanks to Tomas Williams and Matt Leech for this week's assemblies.





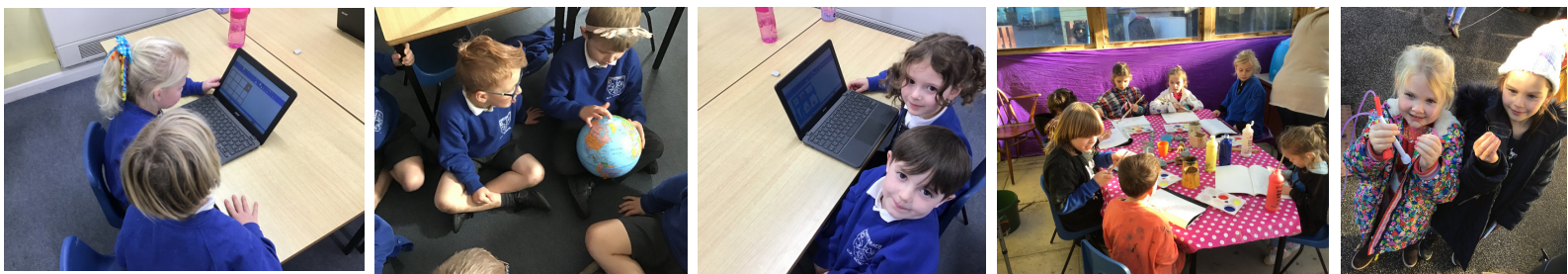
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Maple Class



This week we finished off our Thanksgiving learning by racing our Mayflower boats that we designed and made. We wanted to find out which shape would make the best sail. The children could choose either a square, triangle, rectangle or circle. The results were close but the rectangles proved the best! Ella T also found out that blowing gently also helped make the boats sail the faster.

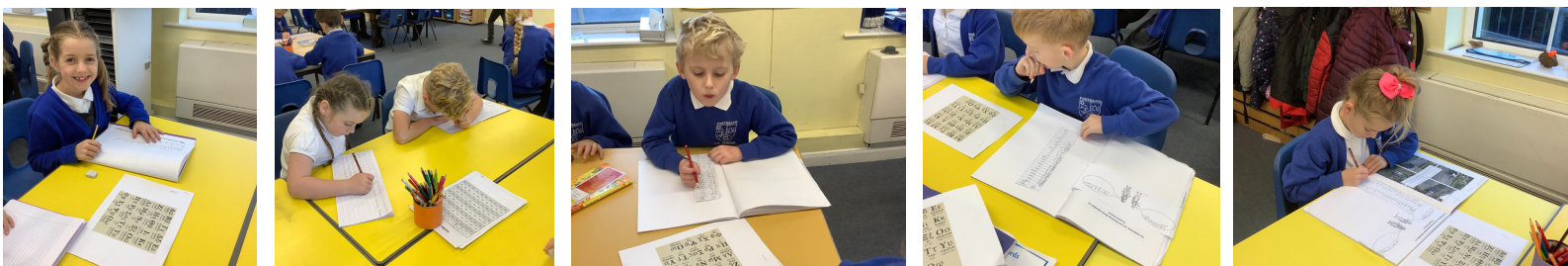
Rowan Class



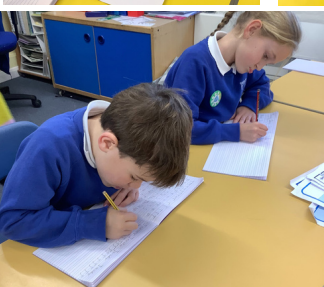
This week we have been innovating the traditional tale of The Magic Porridge Pot. We have also been learning all about the toolbar in IT. In Geography we talked about looking after the environment. In Science we have begun to learn about The Skeleton.

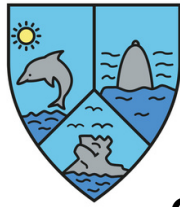


Sycamore Class



This week we have been learning about the Ancient Greek Myth "Pandora's Box". We have started to write letters to Pandora, persuading her to either open the box or keep it firmly closed! We also have been learning about how different education was during the Ancient Greek period and had a go at writing the Greek alphabet. In Spanish we enjoyed learning the days of the week.





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Oak Class



It's been a fun week in Oak! We have been thinking about how the sun's UV rays can be harmful to us. We got to try out the brilliant UV beads, and could see the effect UV rays had on them. We then conducted an experiment to see which coloured overlays created the best protection (and therefore would make the best sunglasses). Oak also had lots of muddy fun in Outdoor Learning!



Cherry Class



This week we have really got our teeth into our class novel, Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". As we are reading it we are realising how many films and books have used this classic story as an inspiration. We have also started planning for our D.T project of making decorations with electrical parts. The class enjoyed a visit to our local church, St Mary's Church and had many questions answered.

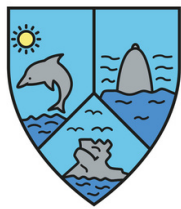
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

**OPEN CLASS MONDAY
3.10PM**

**NATURAL DECORATIONS
FOR THE TREE**

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

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 98.8%

Rowan Class - 97.5%

Sycamore Class - 99.4%

Oak Class - 94.1%

Cherry Class - 94.5%

Whole school attendance
for the year is currently is : 94.3%

PE DAYS

Monday - Rowan

Tuesday - Sycamore

Thursday - Cherry

Thursday - Maple

Friday - Oak

Outdoor Learning on

Fridays for Rowan

DATES

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

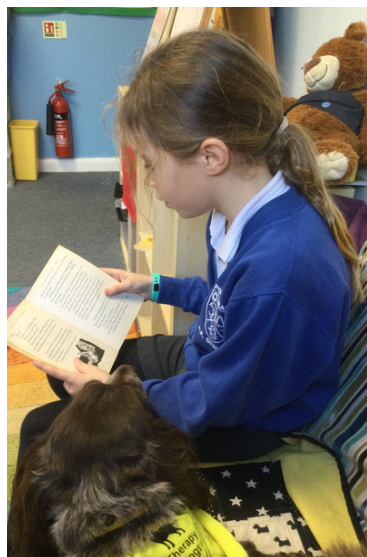
14th Dec 2:15pm & 6:15pm - Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6

tickets available from next week

Community News

Some children in Oak enjoyed reading with Holly, the

Therapy dog this week.



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.