

# NEWSLETTER

This week I met with Kirsty, our Education Welfare Support Officer. She was pleased with the school's tracking attendance system. She could see that if we had not had so many cases of chicken pox, our attendance would be at 96%. I appreciate everyone's support in ensuring good attendance this term, it impacts so positively on the children.

This week Fiona and Andrew led an assembly about Christingle. After Fiona read a story to help the children understand that Christians use the symbol of light to represent Jesus, Andrew explained the Christingle. Some of the children had the opportunity to hold a lit one at the front and everyone had some thinking time to consider things that they are grateful for. They have given us some Christingle cards for the children. If anyone would like one pop along to the office.

Thanks to all those who attended Open Class this week. The children are always delighted to share their work with you. We also hope it helps you to feel informed about what your child is learning at school. Next week you will receive a letter about us sending home an assessment slip before the end of term, which will indicate to you how your child is currently progressing.

We are looking forward to our visit to the Hall for Cornwall on Monday. Please note the office will be closed on Monday from 9.15am. We will take the school mobile with us and will pop the phone number on Dojo, in case any of you need to contact school in an emergency.

The tree is looking wonderful, thanks for all the wonderful decorations. I am looking forward to the various performances next week, as well as Christmas dinner, Portreath's got Talent and lots of festive fun! The Reception's nativity got me in the Christmas spirit this morning, their families are in for a treat!

**Cassie Pamplin**

## CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Reception - For an OUTSTANDING dress rehearsal of Wriggly Nativity.

Rowan Class: Penny - For showing determination and resilience in all of her learning.

Sycamore Class: Bethan - For showing determination in lessons.

Oak Class: Isla.H - For great contributions to lessons.

Cherry Class: Jowan - For enthusiasm and great contributions to lessons in science and D.T.

## SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Stars are: Ellie & Albie

## STAR WRITERS

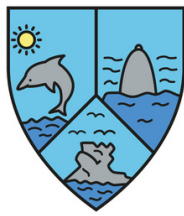
Maple Class: Olivia  
 Rowan Class: Connor  
 Sycamore Class:  
 Andie  
 Oak Class: Beth  
 Cherry Class:  
 Genevieve



## VALUE CHAMPIONS

Maple Class: Bessie  
 Rowan Class: Jessamy  
 Sycamore Class:  
 Harvey  
 Oak Class: Konan & Harry  
 Cherry Class: Isla





# Portreath Primary School

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**Safeguarding/Health and Safety**  
Please remember to phone in and let us know if your child is unwell and not able to attend school. It is fine to leave a message on the answerphone to report absence. We can then phone you back.

A few children still only have 2 contacts on our SIMS system. Please give us a 3rd contact if possible.



## House Winner this Week is: Enchanted Wood

### PE News

#### Running Club

Last lunchtime running club before Christmas... it was wet, Christmassy but lots of FUN! Well done to the regular runners who turn up each week. See you in the New Year for more!!

#### Sports For Champions

We have been given the opportunity to experience an "Inspirational Athlete Workshop" where a Team GB athlete will come into our school. This workshop will include a captivating presentation detailing the athlete's journey, an interactive Q&A session, and a fitness circuit guided by the athlete themselves. The clip below has been shared with the children today and they will bring home a sponsorship form to raise money both for the visiting athlete and the school.

#### 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!

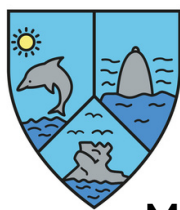
Huge thank you to Simon Tripp who has supported the team over the last two weeks, offering extra training sessions as well as being the sideline coach during today's games! Sports For Champions Goal - to promote healthier, active lifestyles and impart essential life skills to children through a portfolio of specially designed workshops.



**CONGRATULATIONS  
MOKI WATCH  
WINNER: Tommy**

## Special Assembly This Week





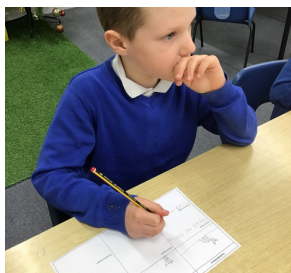
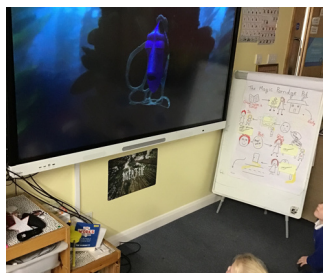
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## Maple Class



Maple and Cherry have been working together during their PE sessions. This week they learnt a dance routine to Rockin Robin. Today we did our dress rehearsal to the school and everyone loved it!

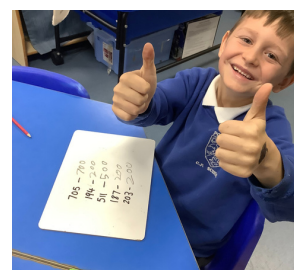
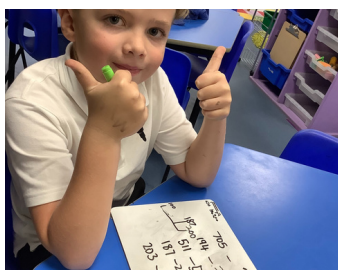
## Rowan Class



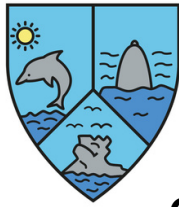
This week we have been practicing like mad for our Christmas Extravaganza!! We have managed to squeeze in a yoga session, learnt about how humans are impacting the environment and discovered that there are 3 types of skeletons and even managed to link all of this whilst watching Finding Dory! We rounded off the week with a Christmas themed Outdoor Learning session.



## Sycamore Class



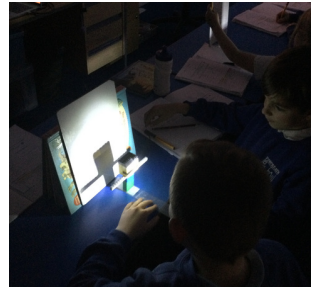
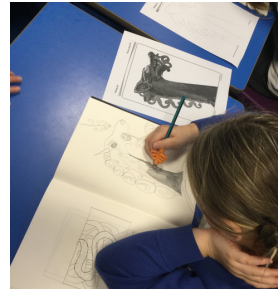
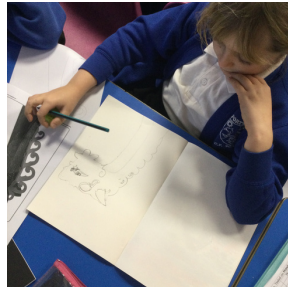
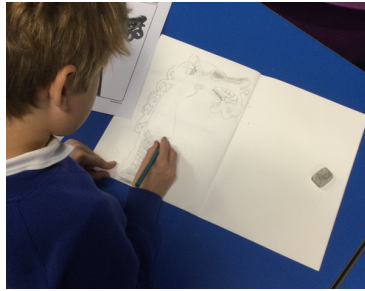
This week we have been rounding off lots of our learning for this half term. In history we considered how much of our daily lives is thanks to the legacy of Ancient Greece – including writing, Maths and even watching TV! In RE we created our own stories about forgiveness and promises, inspired by Noah's Ark. We have also been getting festive using the Active Advent Calendar for brain breaks.



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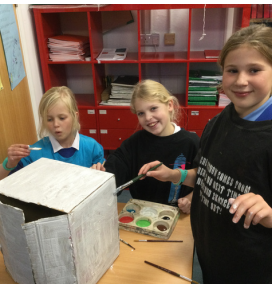
### Oak Class



This week in Oak, we've been continuing our learning of the Vikings. We've really loved this topic! In art we have been practicing our shading techniques, with drawing our Viking Longship figureheads. We have been starting to plan our newspaper reports on the Viking attack on Lindesfarne. Also, in science we have been experimenting with how a shadow changes according to how far away it is from the light source.



### Cherry Class



This week we have been loving doing our "making" for DT. We have been making Christmas decorations involving electrical circuits; we have discovered that resilience and adaptability are key characteristics we need when doing our making as often the first attempt needs tweaking!

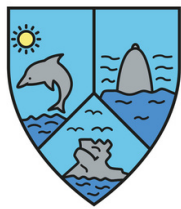
**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

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 - 96.2%

Rowan Class - 95.7%

Sycamore Class - 96.6%

Oak Class - 96.5%

Cherry Class - 96.8%

Whole school attendance  
for the year is currently is : 94.5%

## PE DAYS

**Monday - Rowan**

**Tuesday - Sycamore**

**Thursday - Cherry**

**Thursday - Maple**

**Friday - Oak**

**Outdoor Learning on**

**Fridays for Rowan**

## DATES

- 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

## 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

## Christmas Performances

- 12th Dec 9:15am & 2pm - Maple Class
- 13th Dec 2:15pm & 6:15pm - Yr1, Yr2 & Yr3
- 14th Dec 6:15pm (no tickets)- Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6

## Community News



## CORNWALL CRICKET CENTRE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Softball £15, 20th Dec, 10am to 3pm for school years 1 to 4.

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/zpqdnw>

Hardball £20, 21st Dec, 10am to 3pm for school years 4 to 8.

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/hpqdnx>

