

NEWSLETTER

This week Dave, from Sustrans, led an assembly linked to bikes. He spoke to the children about the history of the bike. On Monday he will be starting the after-school bike club for children in Year 3 and 4. He is going to be working closely with the school over the next year to increase children cycling, scooting and walking to school. This is in support of our environmental work and also as a way to help keep everyone healthy and fit. He is going to run a Dr Bike workshop when he will fix bikes soon and will work with children across the school. Details to come in the following months.

On Monday we had a team from Crofty's school improvement team in for the day to help us evaluate our development. They were particularly impressed with reading across school, starting with strong phonic work. They observed reading sessions in each class and could see how the school is prioritising a love of reading. They gave us some useful advice about how to refine our curriculum to make things even better.

We are excited that our planning application for our new classrooms has been submitted and should be on the council website soon. The new building will be situated where the greenhouse is at present. It will be 2 classrooms. Initially we will be expanding to a 6-class school and then hopefully once numbers are higher we will be in a financial position to be able to become a 7-class school - one class per year group. We are very excited about this development.

Thanks to Alex Orme for his donation of two laptops for the school. We are looking forward to staff and children using them to support their work and learning. Mrs Forsdick has attended training about how to use Microbits, which is some exciting new equipment for the Key Stage 2 children to use for computing.

Today in assembly we watched a short film about Stephen Hawkings, who is one of the scientists we are looking at this year as a school. I find it inspiring to hear about his achievements and how he did not let life's difficulties get in the way of his dreams. Hopefully he inspires the children too.

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Arti - For working hard in all his learning.

Rowan Class: Skye - For showing brilliant resilience when doing her learning.

Sycamore Class: Esme - For being an enthusiastic and happy learner.

Oak Class: Konan - For his positive attitude and dedication to his work.

Cherry Class: Jessica - For great focus in class and getting on well with her work.

SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Stars are: Mhairi & Joshua

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Jack

Rowan Class: Robert

Sycamore Class: Immy

Oak Class: Charlie

Cherry Class: Alila

VALUE CHAMPIONS



Maple Class: Florence

Rowan Class: Evie

Sycamore Class: Tyga

Oak Class: Lowen.W

Cherry Class: Taylor-May



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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.

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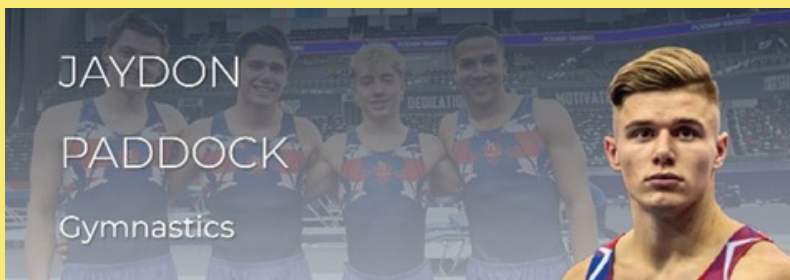
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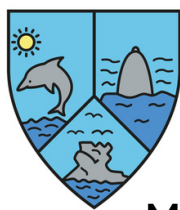
BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.

House Winner this Week is: Farthing Wood

PE News

Less than a week to go until GB athlete, Jaydon Paddock, comes into our school!! All children will need to come into school wearing PE kit and bring a water bottle. Thank you for all the sponsorship money collected to support this event. If any donations have been made using the QR code please could this be indicated on the sponsor form with the amount donated so I can identify the amount of money raised by each child.





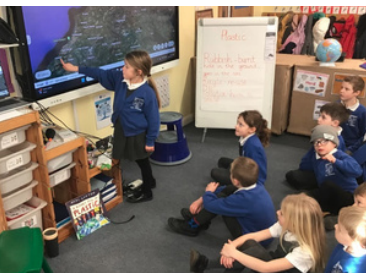
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Maple Class



This week we have been learning about Apollo 11 and the first team to land on the moon. We learnt that one person, Michael Collins went but never walked on the moon. We then watched the live feed of the space station as it orbited Earth. We have also been learning a song about the planets to help us remember information about them. Retelling 'Whatever Next' was popular as was building their own rockets!

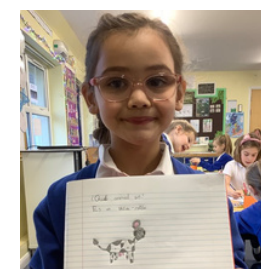
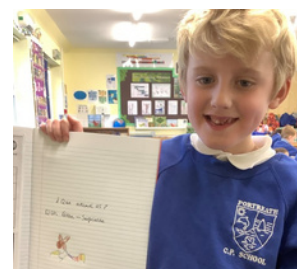
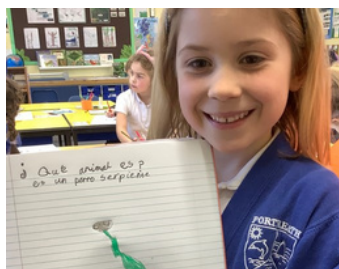
Rowan Class



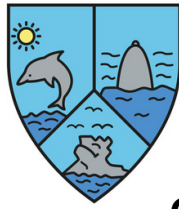
This week in Rowan we have enjoyed looking at the suitability of materials for certain items. We were able to identify which material was used and what properties that material had to make it suitable. We are so enjoying our DT this half term and spent the afternoon designing our bunting and using Mrs Platts' expertise to learn how to sew running stitch 😊 In English we are creating our own fact files about pollution and the children love using Google Earth in geography to locate different places - including my house!!



Sycamore Class



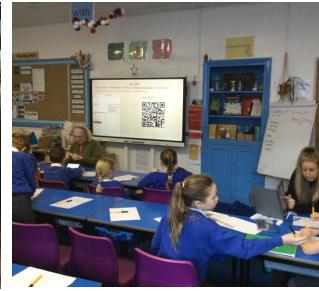
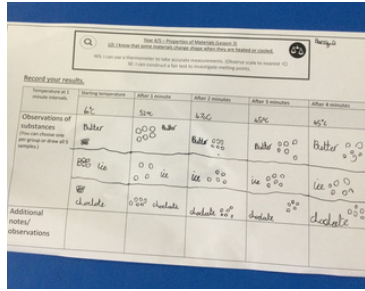
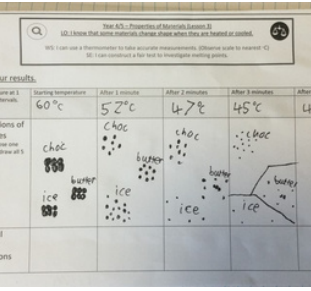
This week we have been learning all about animals! We finished our fantastic setting descriptions about the rainforest and the creatures that live there. In Science, we enjoyed learning about different biomes and how animals adapt to survive in the desert, tundra and rainforest. In Spanish we learned how to ask the question "What is it?" and how to answer with the name of an animal.



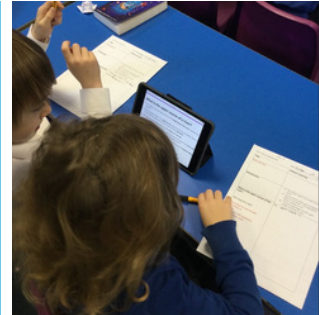
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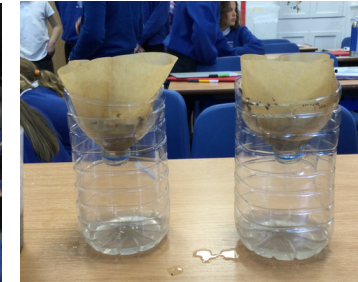
Oak Class



This week, in Oak, we have been diving into our topic of rivers! We have been developing our research and plans for writing our explanation texts on the journey of a river, from source to sea. We also looked into this in more detail in our geography lesson, learning about tributaries, confluences, oxbow lakes and deltas! In science, we conducted an experiment to observe the changing of states of three solids: ice cube, butter and chocolate (they did well to resist taste testing!), when exposed to heat energy.



Cherry Class



This week we have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes in our science lesson – we enjoyed sieving and filtering different mixtures of materials. In English we have started to plan for writing an explanation text linked to our learning in science about how materials can change state.

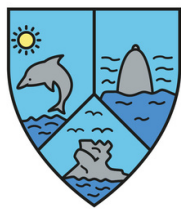
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

PE KITS - MUST WEAR SCHOOL PE TSHIRT OR PLAIN BLUE TSHIRT WITH PLAIN BLACK SHORTS, JOGGERS OR LEGGINGS

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

- Maple Class - 95.4%
- Rowan Class - 89.6%
- Sycamore Class - 91.6%
- Oak Class - 93.9%
- Cherry Class - 94.2%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 94.8%

PE DAYS

- Monday - Rowan
- Tuesday - Sycamore
- Thursday - Cherry
- Thursday - Maple
- Friday - Oak

Outdoor Learning on Fridays for Maple

DATES

- 7th Feb - 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

- 19th February 2024
- 24th July 2024

TERM DATES

- 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

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GWEALAN TOPS
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

WEDNESDAYS
FROM 4.30-6PM
FOOD SERVED @ 5PM

Free TEATIME COMMUNITY MEALS

A WARM WELCOME, WITH HOT TASTY FOOD AND GREAT COMPANY!
NO REFERRAL OR VOUCHER NEEDED
ALL DIETS CATERED FOR

Menus for this term:

- 10 Jan - Jacket Potatoes
- 17 Jan - Pasta and Meatballs/Veggie Balls
- 24 Jan - Curry and Rice
- 31 Jan - Sausage/Veggie Sausage & Mash
- 7 Feb - Sweet & Sour Chicken with Stir Fry Veg

Please let us know if you'd like to come - email deborah@gwealantops.org

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SCHOOL LANE REDRUTH TR15 2ER

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ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Starting Tues 16 Jan
Cubs in the Wild for parents/carers & under 6s
Tuesday morning
Contact donna@gwealantops.org to book

Starting Thurs 11 Jan
Dance Club Thursdays
Contact kerry@gwealantops.org to book

Starting Wed 10 Jan
FREE Community Family Meals
Wednesdays 4.30-6pm
Contact deborah@gwealantops.org to book

2024
OPENING TIMES
TUES 9 JAN - THUR 28 MAR
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 for more info

Starting Fri 12 Jan Youth Club
Free for 13s & overs
Just drop in Fridays, 5.30-7pm

Feb Half Term
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb
Details to follow

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