

NEWSLETTER

What an exciting day we had on Wednesday! The children were so excited to meet Jaydon Paddock, Team GB gymnast. He inspired the children and helped them to see that with hard work, you can realise your dreams! The children did an amazing job with their sponsored workout. A huge thank-you to all of you for helping them to raise a staggering £1900! This money will be used to support Jaydon and purchase equipment for school. A massive thank-you to Mrs Doble for organising this incredible opportunity. She also created a video of the day, that she is hoping to share with you all on Dojo.

This week Dave, from Sustrans, met with the school council to discuss ideas of how we can get more children walking, cycling and scooting to school and ideas for how he could support the school. He also led the first bike club session with the Year 3 and 4 children.

This week our staff meeting was led by Kate Neal from 'Culture of the Heart'. She worked with staff on how they can help children name a variety of emotions. Our aim is to help the children to use a wider range of vocabulary to talk about their feelings. The key message is that all emotions are normal including things such as anger, sadness and frustration. We all experience them, we should not feel bad about feeling them. What's important is how we behave as a result. Talking about how we feel can really help. Another key point was that all children are good and we need to remind children of this. Hence our mantra 'I am good. I am valuable. I am able. People believe in me'. They might make poor choices or be unkind and this is something we need to work on with them, but it doesn't stop them being a good person, we need to label the behaviour rather than the child. See our safeguarding section for some language prompts that you might like to use at home. I am meeting with Kate next week to organise a session for parents in the coming weeks, details to follow.

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Maren - For being a resilient learner and working really hard.

Rowan Class: Madison - For brilliant independent writing.

Sycamore Class: Ernie - For being a sensible and hard-working learner.

Oak Class: Caleb - For his knowledge and understanding of rivers.

Cherry Class: Danica - For excellent enthusiasm with algebra.

SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Stars are: Elle & Harriet

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Arina

Rowan Class: Frank.S

Sycamore Class: Charlie

Oak Class: Isla.C

Cherry Class: Harriet

VALUE CHAMPIONS



Maple Class: Mhairi

Rowan Class: Robert

Sycamore Class: Barnaby

Oak Class: Grover

Cherry Class: Danica



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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Safeguarding/Health and Safety

Rather than asking "Have you been good today?" try asking:

Have you been curious today?

Can you tell me about how you've been kind today?

Who was kind to you today?

Who and what made you laugh?

Tell me about when you have been resilient this week and didn't give up.

If upset or angry try asking:

How has that made you feel? What other feelings do you have?

Where do you feel it in your body?

I noticed that...

I wonder if...

I understand that you feel... I need you to...

It is ok to be angry but it is not ok to hurt others.

You can't teach
children to behave
better by making them
feel worse. When
children feel better,
they behave better.

Pam Leo

House Winner this Week is: 100 Acre Wood

PE News

The children had a thrilling day on Wednesday when we welcomed Jaydon Paddock, Great British Gymnast, into our school.

The afternoon kicked off with a very inspiring assembly, as the children learnt all about the dedication and determination that goes with becoming an elite athlete. Jaydon spoke about his journey to success, all about his sport (tumbling), his career, his training and his hopes and dreams. We were even lucky enough for Jaydon to show us some skills! Each class then participated in their sponsored fitness circuit, completing a series of challenging exercises as demonstrated by Jaydon. Well done to all the children for taking part with such enthusiasm and as always, for showing such exemplary behaviour throughout the whole afternoon.

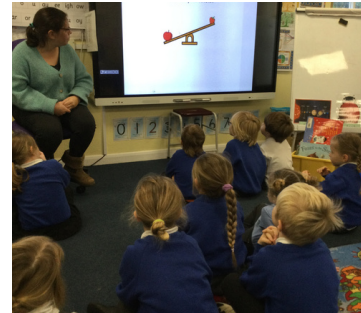
It is with thanks to our supportive families that we managed to raise a superb £1900. We will keep you posted on how this money will benefit our own school resources. I'm sure after Jaydon's visit there will be lots of aspiring gymnasts and tumblers!!





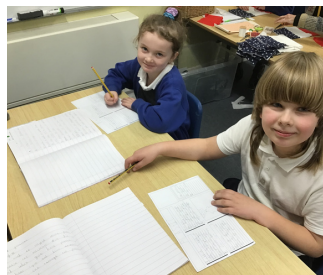
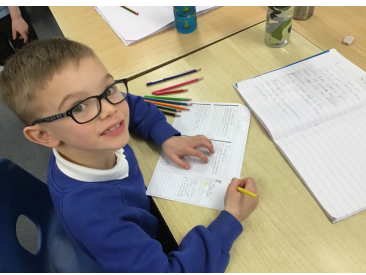
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Maple Class



What a busy week we've had in Maple Class! We've enjoyed drawing club this week featuring Button Moon. The sand tray was a hive of activity for our Maths work on capacity. We really enjoyed our afternoon with Jaydon the gymnast and learnt lots of new skills.

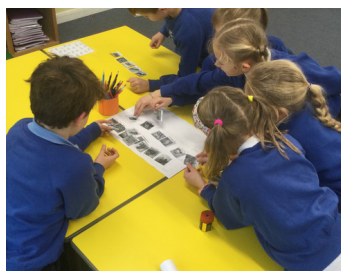
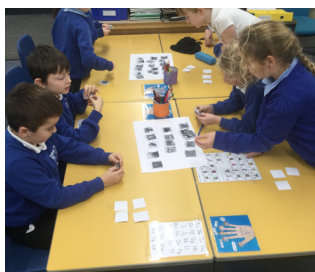
Rowan Class



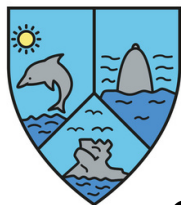
This week in English we have begun learning about Paris in readiness to create a non chronological report. We have created algorithms in IT and had a go at "debugging". In Science we focused on a material's properties.



Sycamore Class

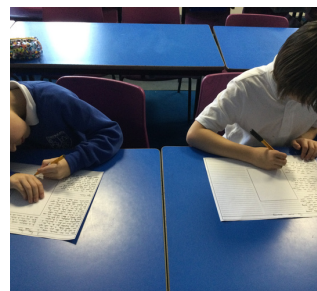
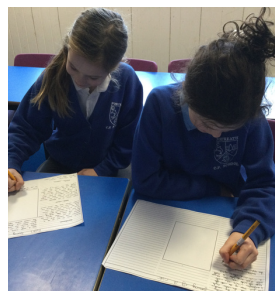


This week we have begun learning the story of "The Tree of Life", a traditional folk tale from the Amazon rainforest. The children have created story maps of the story which we have used to tell each other the tale and we are currently writing the story in our English books. We're looking forward to creating our own stories set in the Amazon next week! We have also been continuing our Living Things and their Habitats learning in Science and learned all about the grassland, savannah and woodland biome as well as the animals that live there.



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Oak Class



This week, we have furthered our knowledge on rivers, by studying an OS map of Cornwall and identifying the upper course, middle course and lower course of the River Fal. We also learnt how to give 4-figure grid references. In music, we have been learning about beats within a bar and how this affects the rhythm in a song. We have then applied this to learning songs on the chime bars. We are really enjoying our class text 'Tamarind and the Star of Ishta', it's becoming more mysterious by the day!



Cherry Class



This week we have continued to enjoy our science topic on materials. We started our session by setting up a long term experiment to grow our own crystals and then went on to plan an investigation to find out which household substances dissolve in water. We also really enjoyed the chance to look through microscopes kindly bought in by Indya and Elliot.

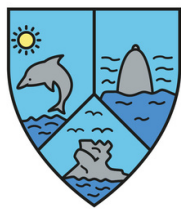
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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	Mindfulness Monday (calm activities) Miss Cafe & Mrs Barnes
Tuesday	Chirpy Tuesday (active movers) Miss Cafe & Mrs Barnes Maths Whizz (free until 4:20pm)
Wednesday	Wacky Wednesday (inside/outside) Mrs Barnes & Mrs Rosser Maths Whizz (free until 4:20pm)
Thursday	Thoughtful Thursday (writing & crafts) Mrs Barnes & Mrs Rosser
Friday	Funky Friday (dancing & painting) - Mrs Barnes



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REMINDERS

**OPEN CLASS 7TH FEB
3.10PM-3.30PM**

**Y6-PARENT
CONSULTATIONS MON
5TH, TUES 6TH FEB**

DATES

7th Feb - Open class 3:10-3:30pm
w/c 5th Feb - Y6 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

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 91.6%
Rowan Class - 95.2%
Sycamore Class - 95.8%

Oak Class - 93.4%
Cherry Class - 95.6%
Whole school attendance
for the year is currently is : **94.4%**

INSET DAYS

19th February 2024
24th July 2024

PE DAYS

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

**Outdoor Learning on
Fridays for Maple**

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



The Writers' Block at The Ladder,
2-4 Clinton Road, Redruth TR15 2QE

AFTER SCHOOL

Manga drawing for 10 - 16s

Monthly on Tuesdays
Next session 6 Feb 4 - 5.30pm

Creative Club for 7 - 10s

Thursdays term time 4.15 - 5.30pm

Young Writers for 11 - 16s

Saturdays - see website

HALF TERM

Drama Club for 9 - 11s

15 February 10am - 4pm

Story Adventurers for 6 - 8s

16 February 10am - 4pm



Tickets and more info at

www.thewritersblock.org.uk/events

Half Term Holiday Camps



Softball

For school years 1 to 4
Tuesday 13th February
10am to 3pm
£15



Hardball

For school years 5 to 8
Wednesday 14th February
10am to 3pm
£20



U13 Indoor Comp

Thursday 15th February
10am to 3pm
Team of 6
£30



At Cornwall Cricket Centre

Truro College Campus
Truro
TR1 3XX

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