

NEWSLETTER

Wow I cannot believe it is the half term holiday already! We have managed to squeeze lots into this half term. One of the things that has brought me the greatest pleasure is seeing the children sitting on the sofa at breaktime reading our biographies. I love the way that they are showing such interest in these amazing people. This week I attended the Parish Council meeting with our chair of governors, Matt Leech, and our estates manager, Steve Eva. I am delighted to report that the Parish Council discussed our planning application and are in support of it.

This week Karen, from Chartwells, came in to lead an assembly about food waste. The children have told me lots about it and I know that they have lots of ideas of how we could reduce food waste at school and at home. One group of children are keen to weigh the waste to monitor how much is being thrown away.

Thanks to all those who attended Open Class this week to look at their child's work. The children love showing off all of their hard work. Having so many adults on site at the end of the school day can make dismissal tricky, especially with after school clubs, so we have decided to change the time of Open Class. Going forward we will hold them 2.50-3.15pm. The children can leave with their family member and we can then dismiss the rest of the school.

This year we have been lucky enough to work with the creater of 'Culture of the Heart', Kate Neal. The staff have found working with her so helpful and have really enjoyed her training sessions. We thought it would be great for her to work with parents and carers too! She has kindly offered to run a free information session for parents. It will be on Wednesday 21st February 2.30pm-3.15pm. To book a place, please see the link on the letter sent today. Have a great half term break

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Rowan - For being a happy, enthusiastic and hard working member of Maple class.

- Rowan Class: Elsa For always being enthusiastic towards all of her learning.
- **Sycamore Class:** Arlia For always giving her work 100% effort.
- **Oak Class:** Frankie For not only being hardworking and enthusiastic in lessons but also supportive of others.

Cherry Class: Taylor-May - For really working hard in her maths.

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Bella Rowan Class: Charlie Sycamore Class: Reina Oak Class: Tommy Cherry Class: Kara-Lily

VALUE CHAMPIONS



Maple Class: Orla Rowan Class: Penny Sycamore Class: Pheobe Oak Class: Arlo Cherry Class: Indya T

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SPORTS STAR





Safeguarding/Health and Safety

Make sure home is a safe online space Here are some useful resources:

- NSPCC: <u>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-</u> <u>safe/online-safety/#guides</u>
- Talking to your child about online safety:
 - Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety
 - Conversation starters for your child's online life
 - <u>https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-</u> <u>conversation/</u>
- Setting up parental controls:
- <u>Deciding what's appropriate for children to see online</u>
 <u>Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides</u>
- Guide to apps:
 - A parent's guide to apps for kids

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



House Winner this Week is: 100 Acre Wood

PE News

Stunning Gymnastics Gold Medal

Wow!! Massive congratulations to the 8 gymnasts who travelled to Penryn Gymnastic Centre last Friday to represent the Crofty MAT at the Peninsula Schools Final. Within the competition, our 2 teams of gymnasts were marked on 2 disciplines – floor exercise and body management. All of the children have been putting in extra practice and they all pulled off a string of stunning performances. A particular shout out goes to Sam, who gained an individual gold in the non-club gymnast category, meaning the non-club team earned overall winners!! We also left the competition with an impressive and well deserved 2nd place in the gym club team category. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience and dedication of all the children taking part. Be proud of this achievement!! Huge thank you to Katie Tonkin for her help

and support ... and for being chief hair - stylist.

KS2 Girls Football

What a busy day of sport we had last Friday, as another group of 9 children spent the afternoon showing great team spirit whilst representing the school in the Crofty Girls football tournament at Pool Academy. They fought hard in every group game to finish 2nd in their group, taking them to the semi final versus Treloweth. The girls battled well but unfortunately lost 2-0 seeing them go on to play Weeth to contest for 3rd place. This was an even game with chances for both teams to score but defences coming out on top with a 0-0 result and both teams declared joint 3rd!! Magic moment of the tournament went to India. Big thank you to Mrs. Jose for taking the girls and cheering on the side line.

National Schools Football Week

Great to see so many children wanting to give football a try this week! We will continue with our lunchtime football to allow all children the opportunity to get involved when and as they please. Please bring in spare footwear so this can take place on the field.

Monday – Girls only Tuesday – KS1

Thursday - KS2 Friday - Boys only















This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday. The children found out if they were born in the year of the Dog or Pig and learnt that this year is the year of the dragon. Our learning about Shrove Tuesday included cooking pancakes, but we did learn lots about why Christians have them too!

Rowan Class



This week in Rowan we have been creating our own innovation of Barbar the Elephant. We have finished sewing our bunting in preparation for our French breakfast and we enjoyed tasting our crepes, made by Ben ^{ID} In science we predicted which material would provide the most protection for an egg dropped from a height!







Sycamore Class



This week we enjoyed reflecting on our learning from this half term. In RE, we created posters to show off all of our fantastic work about Islam. In Science we were learning about how animals adapt to their habitats and played a game to create different animals. We have also been writing non-chronological reports about animals living in the Amazon rainforest.



Oak Class



This week in Oak, we have been gathering vocabulary to help us describe the magical and mysterious home and garden of Tamarind's relatives, featured in our class text. We used these descriptions to help us write an informal letter to Tamarind's friend, describing her experience of being in the Himalayas. In Art, we have been looking at Claude Monet's River Thames series, learning to create 'colour swatches' from his painting in order to replicate his impressionist style of painting.



Cherry Class



This week we were amazed to look at the results of the experiment we set up a couple of weeks ago to grow salt crystals – all the groups have managed to grow HUGE crystals! This experiment was part of our learning about changing states of materials and the processes of evaporation, condensation, solidifying and melting. We also enjoyed a craft afternoon where we made Mayan "God's eyes" and wrote invitations to the Culture of the Heart parents' workshop.

PLEASE NOTE ALL CLUBS INCLUDING BREAKFAST CLUB MUST NOW BE BOOKED & PAID IN ADVANCE ON PARENT PAY.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Breakfast by 9pm night before and After School Club by 9am 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



REMINDERS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING DEADLINE WILL NOW BE 9AM ON THE DAY OF THE CLUB

OPEN CLASS TIME CHANGE 2:50 - 3:15PM

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows: Maple Class - 97.3% Rowan Class - 95% Sycamore Class - 92.2% Oak Class - 91.2% Cherry Class - 92.9% Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 94.4% **PE DAYS**

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

Outdoor Learning on Fridays for Sycamore

TERM DATES

DATES

27th Feb - Free Cycle / Scooter Servicing 7th March - World Book Day 26th Mar - Open class 2:50-3:15pm 17-19th April - Yr 4 Residential Camp 13th May - KS2 SATS week 17th May - Open class 2:50-3:15pm 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 2:50-3:15pm

INSET DAYS 19th February 2024 24th July 2024 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

Half Term - w/c 12th February

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Community News

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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.