



# NEWSLETTER

The chicks hatching in Maple Class has been very exciting news for the whole school! The children are fascinated and have been asking great questions. Fostering curiosity is so important, as is experiencing awe and wonder. The chicks have brought this for sure. Miss Tonkin also spoke about how the children experienced this at the Seal Sanctuary too, I think many were amazed at seeing the seals so close up! Mrs Jones said many of Rowan Class were flabbergasted that chocolate and clothes start off as plants. I love these wow moments! Both trips were full of so much learning and connected well with our ongoing 'looking after the environment' focus as a school.

Our pupil trust representatives Evelyn and Ellie were also learning more about looking after our planet at the summit held at Pennoweth School this week. We won the 'Veggie Vindicator' award for the work we have been doing with Chartwells around reducing food waste and using wonky veg! Kara-Lily, Indya and Lianna are weighing our food waste each day to track whether we are reducing waste. They have discovered that Friday usually has the least waste despite having the highest amount of children having lunch that day!

This week I was lucky enough to attend Cornwall's Association of Primary Headteachers' conference in Newquay. It was a time to come together with other heads and the focus of the day was linked to mental wellbeing. Dr Pooky Knight-Smith was the keynote speaker. She was fascinating to listen to and she helped us to reflect on the best ways to ensure children feel heard, cared for and safe in school.

Today Tamsin Lamb and two school leaders from schools in Gloucester came to visit our school. It was a joy to take them around the school. The children were engaging well with their learning and it had a lovely calm atmosphere. One of them commented on how inclusive our school felt. We discussed things such as Culture of the Heart, our community ethos and how we support those children with special educational needs.

Cassie Pamplin

## CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Ella G - For excellent number work this week.

Rowan Class: Charlie - For always trying his best.

Sycamore Class: Whole Class - For OUTSTANDING behaviour on our trip to the Seal Sanctuary.

Oak Class: Kenzie - For working so hard in writing and maths!

Cherry Class: Mia - For being such an enthusiastic and happy learner.

## SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Star is: Oliver & India (last week)



## STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Maddie

Rowan Class: Paige

Sycamore Class: Ernie

Oak Class: Nerissa

Cherry Class: Lianna

## VALUE CHAMPIONS



Maple Class: Freddie

Rowan Class: Lennie

Sycamore Class: Paige

Oak Class: Konan

Cherry Class: Genevieve



# Portreath Primary School

## Safeguarding

Please ensure you let us know if anyone different is picking up your child from school. For safeguarding reasons we cannot let them leave until we know we have permission. If someone is going to regularly pick up your child please inform the office, so we can add it to our consent form.



## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



## House Winner this Week is: 100 Acre Wood

### PE News

Year 3/4 had the opportunity to take part in a Crofty Mixed Football Tournament last Friday at Pool Academy. Never having played together before, the team took to the tournament in great spirit. In our pool we came up against Pennoweth, Rosemellin, Weeth and Pencoy's. Battling the strong winds, the team worked hard in every game. Unfortunately, we lost the 1st 2 matches, but went on to secure two 0-0 draws after. The team got stronger as the tournament went on and should be incredibly proud of their resilience and teamwork. A special shout out to Harry G, Caleb and Gladys who stepped up to be our goal keepers. And a huge thank you to Mrs Jose for being the team coach and to parent helper, Debbie Fox, for her help and support.



On Monday, 16 children participated at the Peninsula Cross Country Championships at Pool Academy. Both the course and competition provided challenges for all involved however our runners proved themselves more than capable in all age group categories. Congratulations to the following five pupils who have qualified for the County finals later this month in Newquay:

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| Evelyn | Harry M |
| Jowan  | Harriet |
| Isla   |         |



## Our Moki hero is Connor



## Lunchtime Football

Please bring in spare footwear so this can take place on the field.  
Monday – Girls only  
Tuesday – KS1  
Thursday – KS2  
Friday – Boys only





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## Maple Class



This week we were lucky enough to see our eggs hatch. The chicks timed their arrivals well and Maple class even managed to see one fully hatch. We have had lots of discussions about how different they are in colour (the children from across the school have also asked similar questions) and why they are wet looking when they hatch. Unfortunately, the other 3 eggs did not produce any chicks but we have decided we are lucky to have three special chicks called Susie, Syrup and Dotty. For those of you wondering what happens to them next, they will be going home with Miss Cafe at Easter.

## Rowan Class



This week Rowan class travelled to Eden Project to take part in a workshop all about the role of plants in our everyday lives. Their behaviour was exemplary and many people commented how they were a credit to Portreath School. We have also been creating our own algorithms in animation and have so enjoyed our outdoor learning sessions this week 😊



## Sycamore Class



We had the most amazing time at the Seal Sanctuary on Monday as part of our Coasts and Protecting Them topic. We loved seeing all of the different seals and hearing their individual stories about why they are looked after in the sanctuary. We then got into role as we learned how seals are rescued from the beach – this is obviously best left to the experts but it was fascinating to hear all of the checks that are done on seals to make sure they receive the best care. The children (and staff!) all had an amazing time and the children represented the school outstandingly.

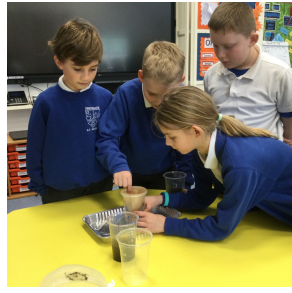




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## Primary School

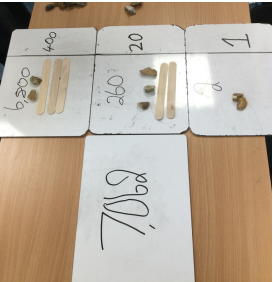
### Oak Class



This week, we have gotten stuck into our adventure writing, based on our class text 'The Explorer' (which we are REALLY enjoying!). We have been slowly building up vocabulary, grammar and sentences and have then built up a paragraph. Our science linked well with our class text too – as the children were given muddy, yucky water and they had to filter it to a point where they could drink it (like in a survival situation). We were able to filter and then found out we could evaporate the water, to make clean (ish) water.



### Cherry Class



On Monday afternoon we worked in groups making short educational films about healthy living; we are looking forward to sharing these with the rest of the class next week. This week we have also been learning about the Ancient Mayan number system and we really enjoyed using sticks, stones and shells to calculate in the way that they did.

#### 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 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





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## REMINDERS

LOST PROPERTY IS INCREASING, IT WILL BE DONATED TO PTA DURING APRIL HALF TERM

THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

## Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 98.1%  
Rowan Class - 95.7%  
Sycamore Class - 97.8%  
Oak Class - 95.8%  
Cherry Class - 96.1%  
Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 94.7%

## PE DAYS

Monday - Oak  
Tuesday - Sycamore  
Thursday - Cherry  
Thursday - Maple  
Friday - Rowan  
  
Outdoor Learning on Fridays for Sycamore

## DATES

25th-27th March - Parent consultations  
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

24th July 2024

## TERM DATES

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

## Parents Make A Difference

Across the country, schools are supported and shaped by active and innovative Parent Teacher Associations. Our PTA group helps to give pupils access to resources and experiences that would be otherwise unaffordable and impossible.

Please join us at Portreath School for our **PTA AGM at 3.30pm on Tuesday 19th March**. All parents, grandparents and supporters are invited to attend, children welcome. As the children of PTA committee members move through the school it is vital that parents of younger children come on board. Please come along to show your support and share your thoughts as we shape up plans and projects to benefit our children in 2024.

For inspiration and to find out more, visit the Parentkind website, which shares impressive stories of PTA activities across the UK

## Community News

# Lighthouse Hill

'Car Park & Amenity space'

## NEEDS YOU!

OPEN CONSULTATION  
AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL,  
PORTREATH  
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH  
4PM-8PM

Should Portreath Parish Council take this land on?

AND

What could it be use for?

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH  
9AM-MIDDAY

