



NEWSLETTER

Welcome back everyone! We have had a wonderful first week back. The Year 4s had a brilliant adventure on camp at Porthpean. They were all so brave and tried new things. Camp is such a special experience, and it is something we want to ensure all children get to experience. Being away from your parents is very daunting, but it is in these challenging times we often grow the most! They all said that they LOVED it! I am proud of them all.

Rowan also had their own adventure at The Royal Cornwall Museum and went back in time to meet Mrs Trevithick. This was a great introduction to their work on Richard Trevithick and how his inventions helped make a positive difference to Cornwall and the rest of the world. Hopefully it has inspired them to think about what they could create to make a difference.

This week the CEO of Crofty MAT, Simon Hague, came to visit the school. I took him on a tour of the school, and he commented on how wonderful the children of Portreath are. He has not been to the school for a while and was impressed with how the school has developed over the last few years. It was a great time for me to step back and reflect on my journey here over the last seven years. It gave me an opportunity to talk about what is important to us as a school and my philosophy of education. He was particularly interested in our trauma-informed approach and how we support children in school and help them feel that they belong.

This week in assembly we enjoyed one of my favourite stories: 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. I think it is important for all children to know key stories from our culture and other cultures, including fairytales. If you haven't already, buy a book of fairytales or folk stories to share at home. Knowing these stories builds cultural capital, develops vocabulary and imagination. The more stories they know the more they have to draw on when writing themselves. I also introduced them to our musicians for this half term, 'The Beatles' and our artist, 'Jon Tremain'.

Just before Easter four of our children, Ellis, Elliot, Lowen and Daisy attended training and have become our 'Water Safety Ambassadors' and will be teaching the rest of the school about how to keep safe in water. We look forward to this!

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: George - For being a fantastic and happy learner.

Rowan Class: Hugo - For having a positive approach towards his learning.

Sycamore Class: Mila - For being a smiley and enthusiastic learner.

Oak Class: Alex - For his hard work and focus this week, especially when creating his artwork based on a poem we studied in class.

Cherry Class: Sam - For an excellent, enthusiastic start to the term.

SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Star is: Eva.E

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Ivy

Rowan Class: Is

Sycamore Class: Elsie

Oak Class: Will

Cherry Class: Danica

VALUE CHAMPIONS



Maple Class: Olivia

Rowan Class: Skye

Sycamore Class: Jake

Oak Class: Charlie

Cherry Class: Heidi



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



Safeguarding/Health and Safety

Please remember no nuts in school. This is for safety reasons. We have a member of staff with a severe allergy so it is very important that children do not bring nuts or things containing nut such as hazelnut spread into school.

House Winner this Week is: 100 Acre Wood

PE News

Dodgeball news

Today a Year 3 and Year 5 team attended a dodgeball competition. Further information and photographs will be on next weeks newsletter

National Nipper Surf Life Saving Championships

Well done to all the children who attended in Cardiff. They were competing with over 800 children from all around the country. Special well done to Arlo for his bronze medal in the Manikin tow.



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



Our New Water Safety Ambassadors at their training event.

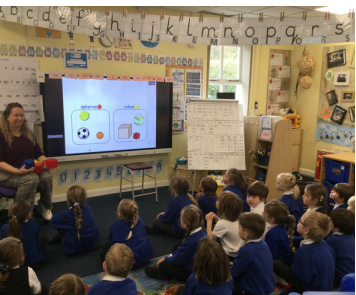


Harriet raised £676 by running 17.5km on Easter Sunday in Liverpool and presented the cheque with Alex & Rafa, to Surfers against Sewage.



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Maple Class



This week we have been exploring 3D shapes and patterns. We went off around the school to see if we could find any 3D shapes in our environment. We managed to see lots, the most common was a cuboid. The children have also helped move the classroom around. Thinking very carefully about where they wanted the tortoises! They also realised that their home is a cuboid shape!

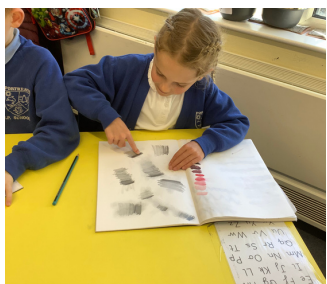
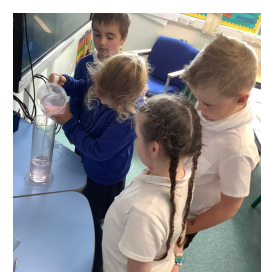
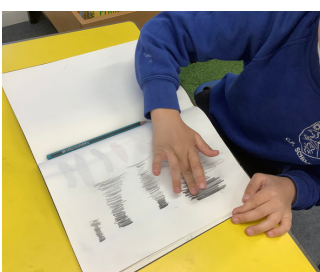
Rowan Class



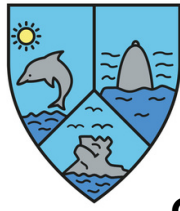
We have made a cracking start to the Summer Term 😊 We have been retelling the story of The Boy Who Cried Wolf through storyboards and drama and have enjoyed writing part of the story from different characters' perspectives. We made the best of the appearance of good weather and had an impromptu yoga session out on the field. We have also started our science topic of Seasons and Weather and are linking this theme through textiles pictures with Penny Platts and drawings with Natalia.



Sycamore Class



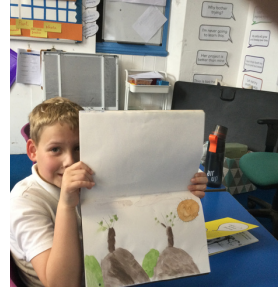
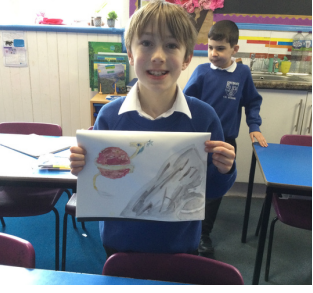
This week we have been enjoying getting stuck into our new topics. In history, we have started to learn about Cornish tin mining and found out some key facts about different mines in our local area. In Science, we have started our topic all about the human body and had fun exploring all of the different bones that make up our skeleton. We have started developing our drawing skills in art by practising shading and blending. The Year 3s have enjoyed learning about volume and capacity in Maths. A busy first week back!



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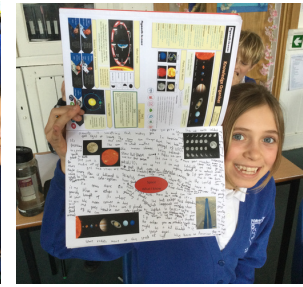
Oak Class



Before camp began the children enjoyed publishing their own stories based on The Explorer. They all really focused on their presentation and handwriting. The Year 4s have had a fabulous time on camp and we will be sharing some photos next week. Meanwhile the Year 5s have written some wonderful free verse poetry and created art work linked to this. In the grammar session we created sentences with coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. They impressed me with their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages in maths. We are looking forward to starting our new topic on Japan next week.



Cherry Class



This week we have been really excited to start our new science and geography topics. Our science topic is "Space" and we started our topic with some deep thinking about questions we have about the universe as well as making a scale model of the planets of our solar system from playdough! Our geography topic is "What is it like to live in Japan?" and we started this topic with a Japanese story and then used atlases and digital maps to find out about the location of the country.

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

ALL PARENTS TO PLEASE COME INTO OFFICE TO COMPLETE ADMINISTERING MEDICINE FORMS.

CHILDREN MUST HAVE 48 HOURS TO RECOVER FROM VOMITTING BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 98.5%

Rowan Class - 97.5%

Sycamore Class - 96.9%

Oak Class - 95.5%

Cherry Class - 100%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 94.6%

PE DAYS

Monday - Rowan

Tuesday - Oak

Thursday - Cherry

Thursday - Maple

Friday - Sycamore

Outdoor Learning

Oak 26th April & 3rd May

Sycamore 10th May

Cherry 17th & 24th May

DATES

8th May - Class Photographs

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

TERM DATES

Bank Holiday - 6th May

Half Term - w/c 27th May

Last Day Summer Term - 23rd July

INSET DAYS

24th July 2024

Community News

GWEALAN TOPS
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

SPRING
OPENING HOURS

Tuesday – Friday
3:15pm–6pm

Saturday
12pm–4pm

Youth Club (13+)
Friday 6pm–7:30pm

GWEALAN TOPS
School Lane
Redruth
TR15 2ER

AGES 7+

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