

NEWSLETTER

I am pleased to inform you that planning permission has been granted for our new classrooms! Hopefully building work will be starting soon. The plan is to become a 6-class school in September 2024 and then 7 classes in a couple of years.

Huge congratulations to our Year 6s who completed their end of key stage assessments this week. They were all so positive about the tests and the adults who were in the rooms with the children reported to me that each and everyone of them gave 100%. I am so proud of them. They were well prepared because of the teaching that they have received over the last 7 years. A big thank-you to all the staff across the school in contributing to the children's educational journeys and to Mrs Kerlake and Mrs Wickett for all their particular support with the children this year. A massive thank-you to Miss Clarke for being such an inspirational teacher and helping the children to prepare, not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but also mentally and emotionally. The children were set up for the tests each day thanks to Dawn's amazing breakfasts!

Year 4 and 5 got to go to the opera this week! We were invited to watch 'The English Touring Opera Company' perform at the Cathedral. It was called 'The Big Stink' and was set in Victorian times. The children loved making the puppets in preparation. The staff reported that the children were mesmerised by the show. The Hall for Cornwall provided us with free tickets for it. It is such a privilege working so closely with the HfC.

This week the PTA AGM was held. I am delighted to share that Jen Jehan was voted in as the new chair and Kerensa Platts as the new treasurer. You will find a message from them at the end of the newsletter. I would like to say a huge thank-you to Claire Tripp and Stacey Smith who held these positions previously and to all the people who have played an active role in the PTA over the last few years and I hope they will continue to do so. We are excited to announce that the PTA will be raising money to develop and revamp 'Sarah's Garden with the help of Sandie Hawkey.

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Ivy - For working so hard on her phonics.

Rowan Class: Paige - For brilliant progress in phonics.

Sycamore Class: Callum - For working hard with his writing.

Oak Class: Gladys - For continually working hard in all subjects.

Cherry Class: Elliot - For enthusiasm in his topic and science learning.

SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Star is: Harry

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Ella.G

Rowan Class: Lenny

Sycamore Class: Izzy

Oak Class: Freddy

Cherry Class: Evie

VALUE CHAMPIONS



Maple Class: Matthew

Rowan Class: Eadie

Sycamore Class: Bea

Oak Class: Rosie

Cherry Class: Martha



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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Safeguarding/Health and Safety

Please can I remind parents and carers that it is staff only in the carpark. Staff are having trouble parking and getting out of the carpark due to other people blocking them in. I am also worried from a health and safety point of view as we have had some near misses with children. Going forward no parents or carers can use the carpark between 7.30am and 4.30pm. This includes during the day, if for some reason you are dropping off or picking up your child. if you have a disability badge please inform the office prior to parking.



House Winner this Week is: Farthing Wood

PE News

Quadkid Athletics Trials

Calling any Year 5 and 6 children who are interested in trialling out for this years Quadkids. Trials will take place on Thursday lunchtime (23rd May) on the school field. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Doble to sign up.

National School Sports Week

We are celebrating National School Sports Week from 10-14th June which includes our Olympic Themed Sports Day on Monday 10th June.

During this week the children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of different sports during lunchtimes – weather dependent! On Friday 14th June we invite the children to wear their own sports kit or dress up as their favourite sports star.



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

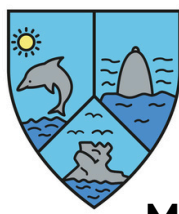


Portreath Olympics

Sports Day 2024

Monday 10th June @ 10am

*The front gate will be open to spectators ten minutes before the events are due to start.



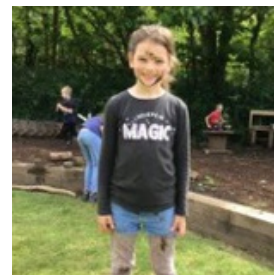
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Maple Class



This week we were lucky enough to visit the zoo and stay relatively dry! We saw lots of different animals and were shown how to check how endangered they are. During our talk we were shown the inside of a turtle shell. We found it fascinating that you could see the rib cage, and it explains why Dezzy and Turbo have 'tickly' spots on their shells. The whole class were so well behaved and were an absolute pleasure to take out of school.

Rowan Class



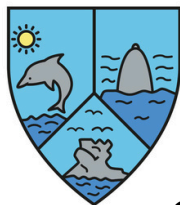
This week in Rowan we read the Cornish story Lutey and the Mermaid. We are now using our senses to create setting descriptions. In history we created timelines and popped on the significant people and events we have learnt about. We thoroughly enjoyed our outdoor learning session and rounded off the week with a yoga session.



Sycamore Class



This week we did a science investigation to answer the question "can people with longer femurs jump further?" We worked in groups to measure the lengths of our femurs and then how far each person could jump, making sure to keep lots of variables the same to make it a fair test. In history we learned all about what life was like for children who worked down mines in the 1800s, including how they weren't allowed a snack break so would sneakily eat a pasty in one hand and work with the other! We created sketches of mining landscapes in art and rounded off the week with a fun outdoor learning session with Miss Rundle.



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Oak Class



We're loving our topic on Japan at the minute! On Monday, we were looking at the human geography of Japan; why their population has grown by almost 100 million in the last 150 years (medicine and healthy lifestyles) and why greater amounts of the population live in the city of Tokyo. We have begun writing our tourist information leaflets, persuading our audience to visit Japan. In art, they have been studying the Japanese artist Hokusai, and will be creating their own prints next week. We went to the opera and the cathedral to round off a wonderful week.



Cherry Class



It's been a big week for the Year 6 this week as they have taken their end of Key Stage 2 SATs, the focus in the rooms was amazing and we could not have been more proud of them! Year 5s have been getting stuck into their individual projects on space. During the afternoons this week we have been immersing ourselves in our Japan topic; we have had a go at writing in kanji, origami and making a collage based on the artwork The Wave Off Kanagawa by Hokusai.

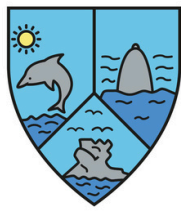
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE PARENT SURVEY - CUT OFF DATE ON SUNDAY. PLEASE SEE DOJO FOR THE LINK.
THANKS**

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 96.5%

Rowan Class - 96.8%

Sycamore Class - 98.7%

Oak Class - 96.1%

Cherry Class - 100%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 94.9%

PE DAYS

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

DATES

20th-24th May - Walk to school week
3rd June - Cherry King Edward Mine trip
6th June - Space Odyssey day
10th June - Sports Day
13th June - back up Sports Day
17-19th June - Yr 5 & 6 Residential Camp
17th-21st June - Scholastic Book Fair
1st July - Yr 5 Surf Day
17th July - Open class 2:50-3:15pm
18th July - Colour run
22nd July - Leavers Assembly (Yr6 parents only)

TERM DATES

Half Term - w/c 27th May
Last Day Summer Term - 23rd July

Community News
**Please see PTA letter on
the next page.**

INSET DAYS

24th July 2024

Hi from the PTA!



Hi I'm Jen (Jehan) and it is a pleasure to introduce myself to you all as the new chair of the Portreath School PTA. My elder daughter Elsa is in Rowan class and my younger daughter will be joining the school in a few years time. I am a former pupil of the school (many years ago) as was my sister. Speaking of which...

I'm Kerensa (Platts), Jen's sister, and although my son Leo doesn't start at Portreath until September I will be taking over from Stacey in the role of treasurer (she happens to be my boss too!) who has offered to support us on this transition.

We're very grateful to Claire, Stacey and the rest of the former PTA team for their ongoing support and advice in the next term.

Dates for the diary

We have some exciting events coming up, please pop the following in your diaries (and bring cash where possible!):

Monday 27th May - Gwel an Mor Fun Day in aid of Portreath School and Portreath Pre- School.
10am - 6pm at Gwel an Mor. For tickets visit <https://bookwhen.com/gwelevents/e/ev-svol-20240527100000>

Monday 10th June - Sports day - (with backup date as Thursday 13th June)

Wednesday 17th July - Colour Run

Monday 22nd July - Leavers assembly

Plus 'good weather' Fridays from 7th June - FROZEN FRIDAYS will be back!

Prize Donations Please!

Do you have any unused or unwanted good quality (not necessarily brand new) toys / games / books etc that you're looking to rehome. We would be very grateful for any donations towards our LUCKY DIP stall at the Gwel an Mor Fun Day. Please drop any prizes into the school office by the end of school on Friday 24th May. Thank you in advance.

What's all this for?

We're keen to have a target for us all to work towards as a community, so you know where any money raised will be going. Alongside the usual project supported by the PTA, this year the school has suggested that a revamp of Sarah's garden (outside Sycamore class) would be fantastic and we agree. The plan is for a calm and welcoming space that classes can use for all types of wellbeing activities. Please watch this space for any updates.

We need your input!

If you have two minutes to spare, please click the link and answer the three questions to help us better understand the direction you want us to head in. <https://forms.gle/3W1hWbG7GeKafZZZA>