



# NEWSLETTER

On Wednesday Cherry Class invited me in to watch their debate about space travel. I was blown away by the children. They had written excellent arguments that they delivered with fluency and confidence. I loved the passion that they showed! Mrs Cotseil and myself were asked to judge who we thought had the best argument. This seemed impossible because children on both sides were fantastic. In the end we decided that the team for banning space travel slightly had the edge as their arguments were so persuasive. Before listening to the debate I was 100% in favour of space travel, but they made me consider things I had not before and had me doubting myself!

This week Marten Holmes led an assembly for the children about all being unique. Mrs Jones led a science assembly about Tim Peake and the science he had to learn in order to be an astronaut. This is in preparation for our very exciting mobile planetarium visit in June, which has been kindly paid for by Aequeorea.



This week we had a governors meeting and welcomed our two new governors Chris Shaw and Marcus Way. One of the focuses of the meeting was discussing and evaluating how we support children in receipt of pupil premium. The school receives additional funding for the number of pupil premium children it has, which we use in a variety of ways including things such as TA support, staff training and enrichment activities. If your child qualifies for pupil premium, as well as free school meals throughout the school, they can attend a club for free, have discount on things such as camp and receive other benefits. If you would like to see if your child qualifies, please click on the link:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/#Apply>

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

**Cassie Pamplin**

## CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Toby - For working so hard on his maths and phonics.

Rowan Class: Eva - For having an enthusiastic attitude towards her learning.

Sycamore Class: Andie - For always coming to school with a smile and having a great attitude.

Oak Class: Frankie - For always being a positive person and working really hard.

Cherry Class: Ellie - For having a totally amazing growth mindset, working her socks off and achieving so well.

## SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Star is: Seb

## STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Rowan

Rowan Class: Jessamy

Sycamore Class: Esme

Oak Class: Harry.M

Cherry Class: Hugo & Mylo

## VALUE CHAMPIONS



Maple Class: Bella

Rowan Class: Elsa

Sycamore Class: Maximus

Oak Class: Grover

Cherry Class: Evie



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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

### Safeguarding/Health and Safety

**Please remember we are a nut-free school, this includes things such as peanut butter sandwiches.**

If your child needs any medicine please can the adult bring it to the office and not hand it to the teacher, as we need you to complete a form.

If your child is absent always telephone and, if needed, leave a voice message. You may also send a Dojo message with details, but this needs to be in addition to the phonecall. Thanks



## House Winner this Week is: Enchanted Wood

### PE News

Incredible performance from the boy's football team last week, who played in 5 Crofty league games over 2 days. The hard work that they put into training every week and the excellent relationship they have with each other kept their spirits up after a tough few games and they showed tremendous resilience.

A huge congratulations to all the boys for the fantastic efforts through the games and for their performances all season! Big thank you to Derek Jose for coaching them each week and helping them develop as a team.



### 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

### Congratulations Bea

She represented Cornwall at the LTA under 8s County Cup this weekend. There were some challenging matches but the team of 4 girls showed great determination and sportsmanship and really enjoyed the event.



### International Junior Maths Challenge

Last week eight of our year 6 children took part in this challenge. The questions were incredibly hard; the children performed excellently and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge! All received a certificate of commendation and Mylo and Hugo achieved the Bronze recognition of attainment.

A huge well done to Josh, Heidi, Hugo, Mylo, Indya, Harriet, Jess and Elle.







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## Maple Class



This week we have been checking our plant experiment and designing and making some grass heads. So far we think seeds like to be in the dark to start with and need water to start growing. On Thursday we each received a postcard from the children at King's College School in Cambridge. The reception children there have each asked a question about our school or local area. Maple Class are looking forward to writing their replies.

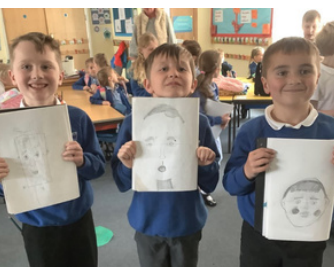
## Rowan Class



This week we enjoyed innovating our own fables in writing. We used adjectives and metaphors to describe the characters and settings. In computing we are learning about collecting and presenting data and in history we learnt more about the steam locomotive. We LOVED our outdoor learning session alongside Sycamore.

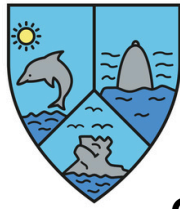


## Sycamore Class



This week we continued our learning on Cornwall, mining and Humphry Davy. We enjoyed learning all about Humphry Davy's life and his achievements when he was alive. We were also fascinated to take a look at a real-life Davy lamp brought in by Harvey! We have also been learning about the three types of skeletons in science and some examples of animals with endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons. In art we explored the idea of proportion by creating some self-portraits.

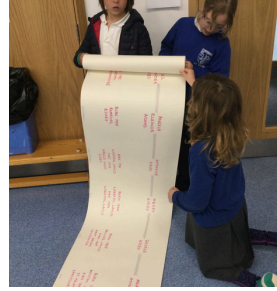
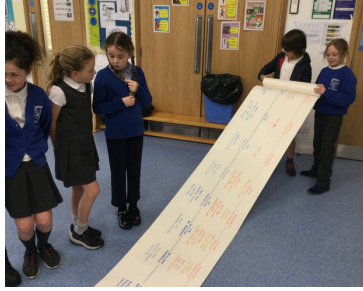




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### Oak Class



We had a fantastic start to the week – we were kindly lent Isla Eldred’s family tree, that her family have been working on. It spanned back 57 generations and showed lineage from the Saxons and Vikings! Thank you so much to the Eldred family for letting us take a look at this! We have been really getting creative with setting descriptions, based on our book ‘Why the Whales Came’. Many of the descriptions really captured the eerie atmosphere of the island of Bryher. In Science, we compared the size of the planets to different foods; Mercury would be the size of a peppercorn and Saturn a watermelon! We then measured the distance of each planet to the sun – we had to do this down the corridor, as it was a rainy day outside! Finally, in geography, we have been learning about longitude and latitude lines.



### Cherry Class



This week in English we had an amazing whole class debate about whether space exploration should continue or be banned. The children were arguing in role and our two invited visitors both remarked on the quality of the debate. In science we were investigating the phases of the moon.

**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 DO NOT ALLOW  
CHILDREN TO BRING TOYS /  
SWEETS / CHEWING GUM /  
WHITE TAC & OTHER  
SIMILAR ITEMS INTO  
SCHOOL  
THANKS

## 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

## Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 100%  
Rowan Class - 92.9%  
Sycamore Class - 95%  
Oak Class - 95.2%  
Cherry Class - 97.1%  
Whole school attendance  
for the year is currently is : 94.8%

## PE DAYS

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

Outdoor Learning  
Cherry 10th May  
Sycamore 17th May

## INSET DAYS

24th July 2024

## Community News



## Forest School May Half Term Pop Up Holiday Club Weds 29th May



Would you like your children to experience a holiday club within a wonderful natural space? Where they can reconnect with nature? And indulge in a day of child-led play? Drop them off for a day of exploration and adventures with our Forest School Leaders.

Location: Carwynnen Campsite

Timings: 9:30am - 15:30pm

To book email  
[naturesplayground@hotmail.com](mailto:naturesplayground@hotmail.com)

£35 per child (morning and afternoon snack included).