

NEWSLETTER

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new sports coach, Mrs Ashley Seary. She will be starting on Wednesday 27th November. She will be working closely with Mrs Whitford and Miss Cafe to ensure that sport and physical activity remains a strength of the school. She came in for assembly today to meet the children. We can't wait for her to start!

This week is National Parliament Week so in assembly we watched a video all about the The Houses of Parliament and the role of the House of Lords and the House of Commons. We spoke about how democracy links to British values.

This week Mr McCarthy and myself met with Georgie, who is going to be working with us on our PINS project. This project provides training linked to supporting neurodiverse people. She is going to introduce some parent engagement sessions. She is hoping to run the first session on 5th December before Open Class - details to follow. Don't forget we are running a sleep workshop for parents whose children are struggling with sleep. This will be run by Alice and Victoria from the Early Help Hub on 28th November.

Tonight the Christmas Fair run by the PTA is taking place. The choir members who are Year 6 opened the fair with some wonderful singing. I enjoyed having a look around and bought a Christmas decoration made by the school craft club as well as some lovely homemade soap. The children also got to make lanterns with Miss Cafe. A huge thanks to the PTA for arranging this.

Today I got to look around the new build. I cannot believe how quickly it is all coming together. Dan and his team are doing a fantastic job. Take a look at some of the photos later in the letter.

Cassie Pamplin

Mrs Seary



CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Ophelia - For amazing phonics learning,
Rowan Class: Leo - For always approaching his learning with creativity and determination.

Sycamore Class: Maddie - For having an enthusiastic and positive approach towards her learning.

Birch Class: Maximus - For having a great I can attitude! Well done!

Oak Class: Beth - For always being a positive member of Oak and putting a smile on everyone's face!

Cherry Class: Sam - For always being totally lovely and in particular for supporting a younger child this week.

SPORTS

STAR

Elsie-Belle



MATHS

WIZARD

Paige.P



STAR WRITERS



Arthur.M
Mimi
Paige
Seb
Reina
Ellis

PORTREATH LEAVES



Lily
Rowan
Bligh
Arlia
Isla.H
Evelyn



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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

Thank-you for your patience with the parking situation whilst the building work is going on. Next week staff cars will be in the pirate ship area fenced off. Please take extra care. Please park with care and consideration. The police are keeping an eye on the area.

Please note the main gate will be locked promptly at 8.50am. If you arrive after this time you will need to use the buzzer.

“Somewhere
inside of all of us is
the power to
change
the world.”

ROALD DAHL

House Winner this Week is: Farthing Wood

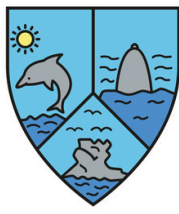
PE News

On Fri 15th Nov, a group of year 5 and 6 boys took part in our annual KS2 Crofty Football tournament. We faced 2 tough group games against Pennoweth and Weeth, losing both, before coming up against Pencoyls knowing that the winner would take 3rd place in our group and progress to the Plate Final. The boys battled so hard to maintain possession, and this determination saw us snatch a goal from close range and go on to win 1-0. The boys went into the Plate Final against Lanner with the same work ethic and after a battle on the wing from Freddie, he released the ball to Harry, who gave his all to chase it down and get a cross in to Sam who saw his shot fire home! The boys then defended the final 6 minutes as a unit and with Elliot making a last ditch block, this saw us win the game 1-0, and be crowned Plate winners, collecting a Bronze Medal! Well done boys, we are so proud of your resilience and team work. A special shout out to Jowan as team coach with Mrs Jose and Miss Thomas.



New Classroom progress





Portreath Primary School Maple Class



This week we have continued on with our Diwali learning. We designed our own mehndi designs which were then copied onto our hands. We made barfi sweets using condensed milk, icing sugar and desiccated coconut- too sweet for me, but not the children! We finally decorated our diya lamps which are looking very sparkly on display in our classroom.

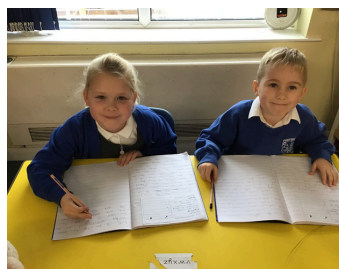
Rowan Class



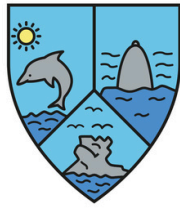
We started this week with a fantastic art lesson, where we created impressed prints of fossils using string, card and paint. We have been busy writing biographies all about Mary Anning in English and in history we have been learning all about using artefacts and evidence to find out more about the past.



Sycamore Class



Sycamore Class have enjoyed learning all about microbes in science this week. We have even designed and created our own ones focusing on whether they would be beneficial or harmful to our health. In science we have looked at how long The Great Fire of London raged for and looked at how house design contributed to the spread of the fire. In music we look how pitch changes depending on the emotion. In PSHE we looked at community helpers.



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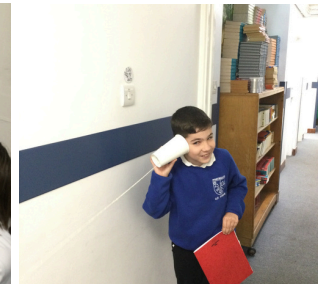
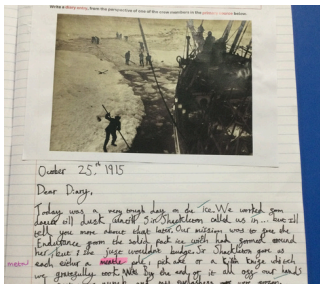
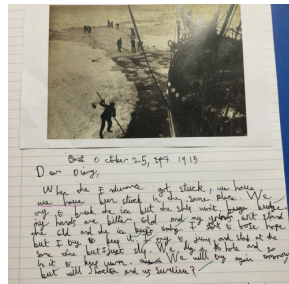
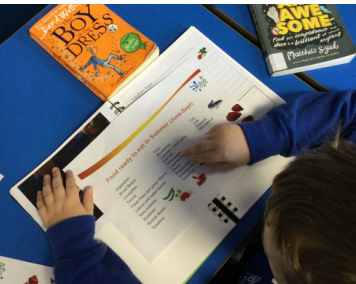
Birch Class



Birch Class have been very busy editing and improving our explanations of mummification. Who knew they removed the brain with hook! Disgusting! We have been exploring the features of a newspaper report. It was great fun to use the ipads to identify the features. We had a very interesting science lesson, planning a science investigation. We investigated the effects of the length of string on volume on a string telephone. We really enjoyed using the decibel meter to accurately record the sound level. Finally, we designed our canopic jar in rt. They look brilliant!

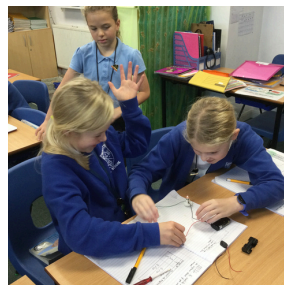
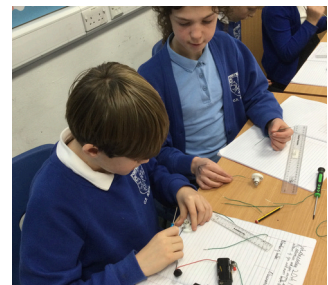


Oak Class



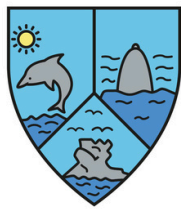
This week in Oak Class, we have been learning about primary sources in history. We have been learning about Frank Hurley, who was the expedition photographer for the Endurance trip. We then wrote our own diaries, as if we were one of the crew members. In DT, we have been researching seasonal vegetables to make a soup for Ernest Shackleton. We've been finding out what vegetables are available in the winter season, and whether they grow locally. In science, we have been conducting an experiment on what makes the best cup and string telephone.

Cherry Class



Cherry Class was turned into a newsroom this week in our English lessons as we raced to finish the front page news story of The Portreath Post with updates on the build of the new classrooms, it is "hot off the press"! Meanwhile in science we continued with our experimenting to do with efficiency of electrical circuits. In art we have been enjoying getting hands on planning our "3 Cs" (curiosity, courage and creativity) sculptures.





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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 Clubs by 12pm on the day. After School Clubs are now until 4:15pm or 5pm. **From 2nd Dec there will be Outdoor Rangers twice a week (children can only attend 1), football clubs on Mon and Tues. Details will follow on Dojo.**

Monday	Mindfulness with Miss Cafe Library/homework with Mrs Barnes
Tuesday	KS1 Multi Sport with Miss Cafe KS2 Multi Sport with Mrs Barnes
Wednesday	Craft Club with Mrs Barnes & Miss Cafe Maths Whizz (free until 4:15pm) with Mrs Kerlake
Thursday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe & Mrs Barnes Library/card games with Mrs Chiplin Netball yr5/6 - (high 5 version) with Mrs Jones & Mrs Whitford
Friday	Disco Club Mrs Barnes and Miss Noble

REMINDERS.

NO CHILDCARE ON OUR LAST DAY - WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

PE DAYS CHANGING AFTER 2ND DECEMBER

SLEEP WORKSHOP 28TH NOV 2.30PM

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 97.9%
Rowan Class - 96.3%
Sycamore Class - 95.6%
Birch Class - 98.8%
Oak Class - 94.6%
Cherry Class - 94.3%
Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 96.3%

PE DAYS

Maple - Thursday
Rowan - Wednesday
Sycamore - Tuesday
Birch - Thursday
Oak - Thursday
Cherry - Monday

DATES

28th Nov - Sleep workshop 2:30pm
11th Dec - Maple Nativity 9:30am & 2pm
12th Dec - Hall for Cornwall 'Jack & the beanstalk'
13th Dec - Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
5th Dec - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm
16th Dec - Rowan & Sycamore Xmas show 2pm & 6pm
17th Dec - Christmas carol service 6pm
11th Feb - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm
31st Mar - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm
21 May - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm
9th Jun - Sports Day morning & lunch
17th Jul - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm

TERM DATES

Last Day Autumn Term - 18th December
First Day Spring Term - 6th January 2025
Half Term - w/c 17th February
Last Day of Spring Term - 3rd April
Bank Holiday - 21st April
First Day Summer Term - 22nd April
Bank Holiday - 5th May
Half Term - w/c 26th May
Last Day Summer Term - 22nd July

INSET DAYS

19th December 2024
20th December 2024
24th February 2025
4th April 2025
23rd July 2025



Community News

PTA news

They would like to thank Tesco Extra for kindly donating 5 boxes of mince pies for the PTA to sell at the Christmas Fair.



Sleep workshop

Some parents have reported that their child has problems with sleeping and some children have reported waking up in the night or trouble going off to sleep. Therefore, I have asked Alice and Victoria who work with families to come and hold an informal workshop for parents on 28th November at 2.30pm at school.

A message from them:

Come and join members of the Early Help team to learn all about sleep. Topics covered will include:

Why we need sleep

How to support children with their sleep

Importance of routine

Screen time and sleep

There will be plenty of time for questions too!

Thanks

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST
NHS Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Worry Workshop

Monday 13th January - 9:30am & 2pm
Tuesday 14th January - 11am & 4pm
Wednesday 15th January - 09:30am & 1:30pm
Thursday 16th January - 11am & 4pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on "What is worry?" and "Why does my child worry?" Also includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF)  or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall