

# NEWSLETTER

Last Friday the whole school took part in 'Power to the Pupil Day', which is organised by 'Surfers Against Sewage'. We were one of the first schools in the country to be awarded 'Plastic Free' status in 2018 by SAS due to our work to reduce single use plastic. Each class got involved in the live assembly which was broadcast across the country and we loved getting a shout out during it.

Thanks to Victoria and Alice from the Early Help Hub who ran a sleep information session for parents this week. Thanks to all those parents and carers who attended, we hope you found it useful. I will ask for a copy of the slides, for those who were keen to attend but unable to this time. Next week we have another parents session. This time it is led by Georgie, who is part of the PINs project. It is linked to helping schools to improve the experiences of neurodivergent children. It will run 2-3pm on 5th December.

Congratulations to our girls' netball team, who after winning the Crofty netball tournament, went to Penryn to the peninsula final. We were delighted that they came 6th out of 9 teams. Mrs Jones was not only impressed with the team's netball skills but also their positive attitude and team spirit. A teacher from another school commented on their kindness and thoughtfulness.

We are excited about all the Christmas activities coming up, do keep an eye on the dates in the newsletter and Dojo. As well as heading to The Hall for Cornwall on 12th December for the pantomime, we have theatre company o-region coming in on Friday 6th December to perform their Cornish Christmas show Nadelik. And most importantly the children themselves will be getting to perform. Please book your tickets for Maple's nativity or Year 1&2's Christmas show. KS2 will be then having their carol service at Illogan church - no need to book for this.

**Cassie Pamplin**

## CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Charlie - For listening and making good choices.

Rowan Class: Lilli - For showing courage and independence with her writing.

Sycamore Class: Madison - For always working hard and doing her best.

Birch Class: Vinnie - For always tackling his learning with a great positive and enthusiasm.

Oak Class: Tommy - For showing fantastic leadership skills.

Cherry Class: Henry - For a growth mindset - always taking advice on board and wanting to improve his learning.

## SPORTS

### STAR

Lowen.W



## STAR WRITERS



Daniel  
Noah  
Bligh  
Joel  
Grover  
Esmae

## PORTREATH LEAVES



Millie.R  
Bessie  
Alfie  
Paige  
Eddie  
Lowen

## MATHS WIZARD

Maddie





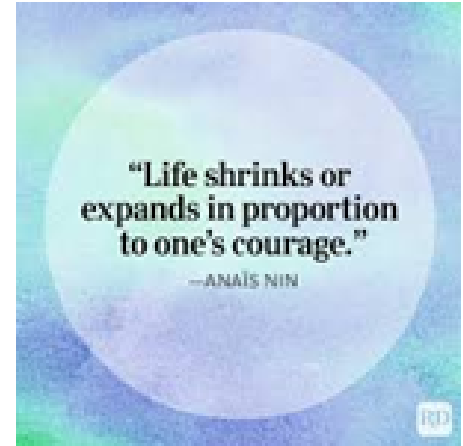
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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

### 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 again. Please take extra care. Please park with care and consideration. The police are keeping an eye on the area.

*Shout 85258 - Shout 85258 is a free, confidential, anonymous text support service. You can text from wherever you are in the UK. If you are struggling to cope and need to talk, trained Shout Volunteers are there for you, day or night.*



## House Winner this Week is: Enchanted Wood

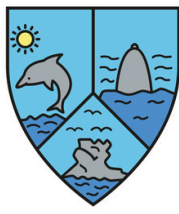
### PE News

After being crowned winners of the local netball tournament last half term, Portreath netball team faced the winners of the other teams in the final round at Penryn College yesterday. The standard was very high and everyone played exceptionally well, with comments from other schools about our "team spirit". We came 6th overall and we are incredibly proud of the whole team for their dedication during practices and the resilience they showed throughout the whole process.

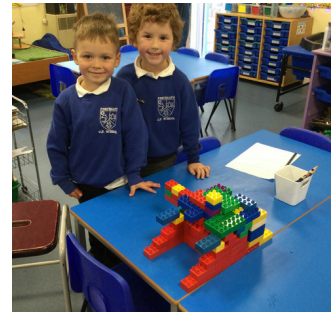


### New Classroom progress



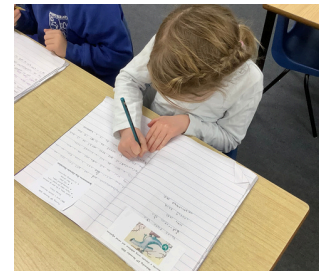
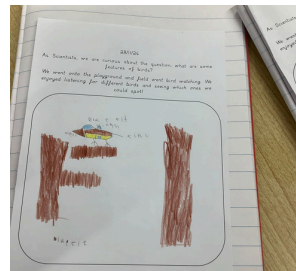
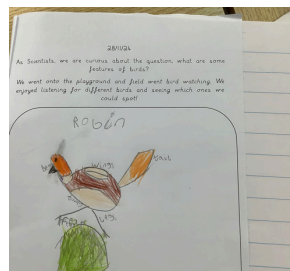
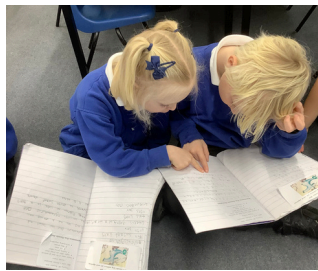
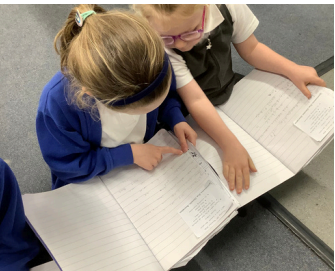


# Portreath Primary School Maple Class



What another jam packed week we have had! We have been learning about how and why people in America celebrate Thanksgiving. We chose our own construction materials to re create the Mayflower ship that left Plymouth and made our own 'funky' turkeys. We used our fingers to print the tail feathers, then chose the different body parts and stuck them all together.

## Rowan Class



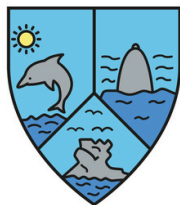
We've had a fab week in Rowan class. We have been thinking creatively in English by using ambitious vocabulary to describe the character Tyrannosaurus Drip. We enjoyed combining our art and computing learning by learning how to create art digitally, inspired by Matisse. In science, we learned all about different species of birds and headed outside to do some bird watching. We didn't spot any on the ground, but we saw (and heard!) lots flying overhead.



## Sycamore Class

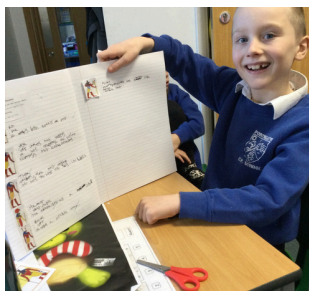
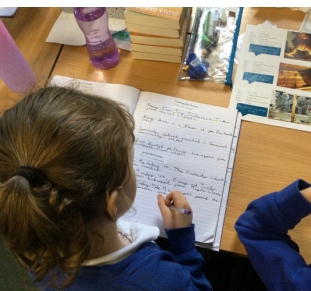


We have had an incredibly busy week in Sycamore. We wrote instructions on how to wash your hands and then used this knowledge in our science lesson to do an investigation testing the conditions needed to grow "germs". In history we have been learning all about Samuel Pepys and look forward to writing diary extracts next week in English.



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## Birch Class



It has been another positive week in Birch Class. We have really enjoyed getting to grips with the features and style of a newspaper report. Next week we will be finishing off our Egyptian based report. We had a fascinating history lesson where we researched the many Egyptian Gods. In art, we have made the main body of our canopic jars. We really enjoyed being curious and courageous, when applying our new coiling skills. We can't wait until next week, when we will make the lid.

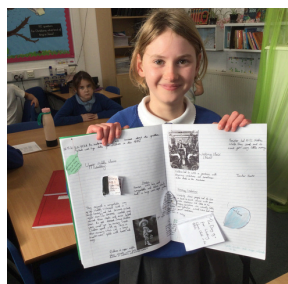
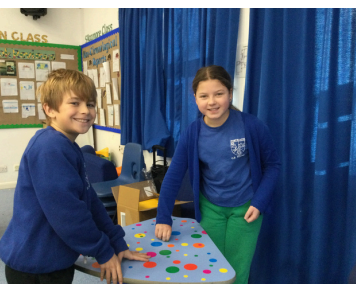


## Oak Class

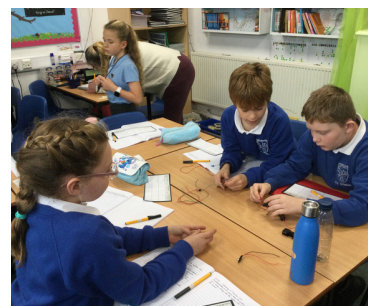


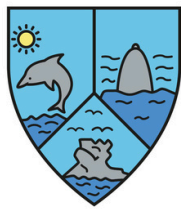
We've had a great week this week! We've taken our learning outside quite a bit, which we always love! In history, we were learning about the true resilience and teamwork of Shackleton and his team. We put this to the test, by trying out some teamwork challenging and recognising which teams were the most successful and why! In DT, we were looking at recipes for soup – we then decided on our ingredients and started to write our own soup recipes. In science, we were measuring how sound is affected over longer distances.

## Cherry Class



We have made some fantastic two page spreads detailing the lives of children from different sectors of Victorian society this week and have concluded that we really would rather be a child now than during the Victorian era! In science we are continuing to enjoy learning about electrical circuits and the classroom was certainly "buzzing" as we experimented with how to increase the volume of a door bell this week. In other news, we all helped to make our own piece of polka dot artwork inspired by our artist of the half term Yayoi Kusama.





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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 Yr 1, 2 & 3 Football with Mrs Seary
Tuesday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe Sewing club with Mrs Barnes Yr 4, 5 & 6 Football with Mrs Seary
Wednesday	Craft club with Mrs Barnes & Miss Cafe Computer coding / homework club 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 with Miss Noble Wraparound with Mrs Barnes

## REMINDERS

NO CHILDCARE ON OUR  
LAST DAY - WEDNESDAY  
18TH DECEMBER

MATHS WHIZZ FREE CLUB  
AVAILABLE WEDS  
LUNCHTIMES

## Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 99.3%

Rowan Class - 93.7%

Sycamore Class - 96.1%

Birch Class - 97.3%

Oak Class - 94.1%

Cherry Class - 90.6%

Whole school attendance

for the year is currently is : 96.2%

## DATES CHANGED

### PE DAYS

**Maple - Thursday**

**Rowan - Tuesday**

**Sycamore - Monday**

**Birch - Tues & Thurs**

**Oak - Thursday**

**Cherry - Monday**

## DATES

5th Dec - Neurodiversity parental engagement session with Georgie  
Open Class 2:50-3:20pm (YR, Y3-6) Rowan and Sycamore new date to be confirmed due to a clash with training

11th Dec - Maple Nativity 9:30am & 2pm

12th Dec - Hall for Cornwall 'Jack & the Beanstalk'

13th Dec - Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

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

18-20 Jun - Yr 6 Residential trip

30 Jun - Yr 5 Surf Day

2-4 Jul - Yr 4-5 Residential trip

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

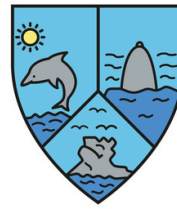
19th December 2024

20th December 2024

24th February 2025

4th April 2025

23rd July 2025



## Community News

### The Crofty Trust Council

The Trust Councils consist of representatives from each of our schools who work together to bring about change in important areas of our everyday school lives.

For 2024-25 we have 3 trust councils aimed to engage children in a variety of topics. Our representatives for this year are:

1. Crofty Eco Council – Evelyn and Freddie
2. Crofty Coastal Crew – Grover and Martha
3. The Trust Parliament – more information on this to follow

The trust council are continuing to focus on our 8 pledges that we made last year:

**Water Wizard:** We pledge to use reusable water bottles to drink from in school

**Fashion Fixer:** We pledge to set up a uniform swap shop, donating back our old uniform for smaller children to take for free.

**Veggie Vindicator:** We pledge to work with our school caterers to ensure our menu helps to reduce the impact on the climate

**Fume Fighter:** We pledge to do a whole school challenge to walk, scoot or bike to school, reducing the use of cars

**Truth Talker:** We pledge to have a monthly update in assemblies and on the school's newsletter with the school's climate achievements

**Energy Expert:** We pledge to reduce our energy consumption for the school using our smart technology to monitor

**Green Guide:** We pledge to work with our school cooking team to raise awareness of wonky fruit and vegetables

**Recycle Ranger:** We pledge to make sure that the school has recycling bins and that we are reducing our general waste to landfill



### PINS Project - Parent Carer Engagement Event

Join us for cake and conversation.

**When:** 2.00-3.00pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Where:** Portreath Community Primary School

**What:** We want to hear from you about what you think and feel is working, or not working, when looking at the support currently in place for your child(ren) at school.

**Who:** All Parents and carers in your school. The session will be hosted by me who is working with your school on the **PINS Project (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools)**.

This will be an opportunity to:

- Come together as a community and get to know one another.
- Share your opinions, thoughts and experiences.
- Explore what could be put in place to create positive change for your children.
- Plan together what you would like from future sessions.

If you have any accessibility or dietary needs please contact: [georgiepcc@outlook.com](mailto:georgiepcc@outlook.com)

I look forward to meeting you on the 5th December- Georgie

**Your Parent Carers Cornwall 'PINS Project Support Officer'**

If you are interested in finding out more about the PINS project, and to see the other schools taking part, please visit the Parent Carers Cornwall PINS project page.

[www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/pins/](http://www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/pins/)