

NEWSLETTER

Last Friday the whole school took part in 'Power to the Pupil Day', which is organised by 'Surfers Against Sewage'. We were the 6th school in the country to gain the 'plastic free' award from SAS in 2018, due to all our hard work to reduce single use plastic. I even took a group of Year 6 pupils to parliament to encourage the government to use less single use plastic. As a school we continue to learn about sustainability and try to make environmentally friendly choices. It was wonderful to see every class engaging in the SAS online live assembly and we loved our school getting a shout out!

We had a lovely time at the Christingle service at St Mary's church this week. Reverend Mark, who is new to the church, welcomed us, then Andrew, Fiona and their team from Redruth Baptist church delivered the service. I was so proud of the children. They listened carefully to what the Christingle represents to Christians and to the story about a miner from Lanner. It was beautiful when they all had their candles lit and we turned off the lights. The Year 6 children did an excellent job of looking after their Year R Buddies. Thanks to the volunteers who accompanied us. Today we did not have our assembly as O-region Theatre presented Nadelik, a play based on the book 'A Christmas in Cornwall' by Craig Barrs-Green to YR -Y4. It was a show full of laughter, magic and music. They sang and played a range of instruments, the double bass being my favourite! The children loved throwing the snowballs. We even got to learn some Cornish and new makaton signs. We are hoping that Y5 and 6 will get to see O-region perform their next play 'White Horses' at The Regal in Redruth in the new year.

Thanks to Georgie Watson who ran a parent engagement session yesterday about neurodiversity. Part of her role is to gather parents and carers' ideas and opinions. As well as enjoying cake, we had some great discussions and we hope to make this a regular meeting group. If you wanted to come but could not don't worry, we will let you know when we meet again.

Thanks to Lucy Jose (PIC) for organising our Christmas tree and Mr Cooper and his boys for adding the lights. It looks rather wonderful!

Cassie Pamplin

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE





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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

Reminder to check parental settings on any new devices for Christmas.

<https://www.common sense media.org/> is a great website to look at to check suitability of games for different ages.

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

Today the girls attended a football tournament at Pool Academy. They worked fantastically as a team and showed great determination.

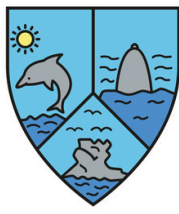
Finishing the tournament in 3rd place.

Well done to all the girls involved.



New Classroom progress





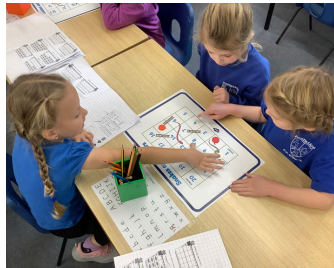
Portreath Primary School Maple Class



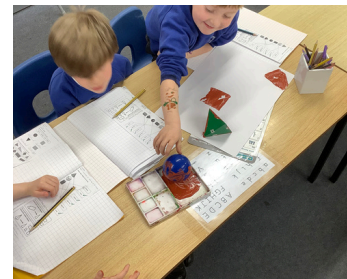
This week we have been working hard putting our nativity together. Hopefully you will really enjoy it.

We also learnt about what each part of a Christingle means. Our Year 6 buddies then came to help us make them before walking with us down to the church. I was very proud of how well the children behaved and that they were able to answer questions about the Christingle.

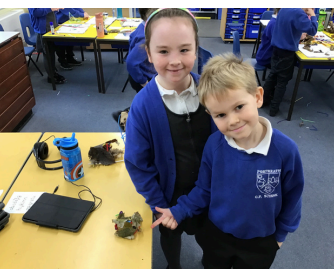
Rowan Class



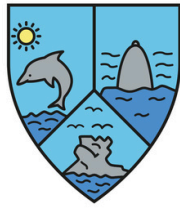
We have been super creative this week in Rowan Class! On Monday, we continued our art learning by making some fantastic fossil-themed relief prints. The children worked incredibly hard to make sure they carefully carved out their designs into their polystyrene tiles – it was very fiddly! We also enjoyed consolidating our learning on shape in maths by using paint to explore the different faces of 3D shapes and have started learning about numbers to 20 by playing a game of snakes and ladders. In English we've been busy learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood before having a go at writing it next week.



Sycamore Class



This week saw us beginning to embrace Christmas. We enjoyed putting up our decorations and absolutely loved creating our own Christingles! In RE we made our own Sukkahs, we enjoyed using the criteria to be creative. In art we continued exploring the theme of The Great Fire of London. In maths we learnt to add and subtract across 10 using base 10 to help us calculate. We finished reading our class novel, Pippi Longstocking, we are looking forward to watching the film next week and will look for similarities and differences between the book and the film.



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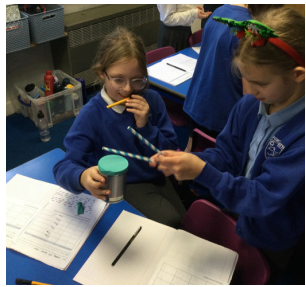
Birch Class



The week has been jammed packed and we have LOVED it! We really enjoyed learning about the different parts of a pyramid and why the Ancient Egyptians built them. In music, we have a fabulous time learning a song about pyramids. We concentrated on singing posture and projecting our voice. Outdoor learning with Miss Cafe, was amazing and we thoroughly enjoyed being outside and applying our skills. What will next week bring?

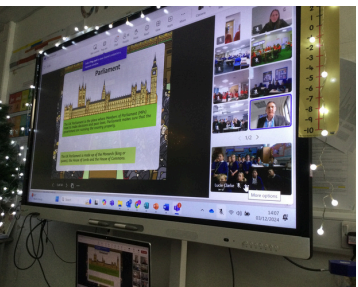


Oak Class



This week Oak Class have been writing science fiction stories based on an alien scene. In science, we have been making our own instruments to test how different vibrations cause the sound to be high or low pitched. In our topic lessons we have been learning more about Shackleton and the qualities he had to have to lead four expeditions.

Cherry Class



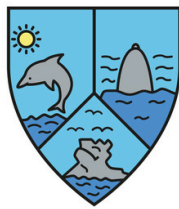
On Tuesday this week, we joined with other Year 6 children from throughout Crofty Trust for a meeting with Mr Hague the C.E.O to find out about a new initiative to involve our students in some of the decision making in our schools. There will now be an election where candidates will be able to put forward why they would be a great member of the trust's parliament and all Year 6s will then have an anonymous vote. The new parliament members will be announced before the end of term....watch out Prime Minister! Meanwhile, our classroom is beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



Nadelik Show



o-region



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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 - 99.6%
Rowan Class - 97.4%
Sycamore Class - 93.3%
Birch Class - 98.5%
Oak Class - 98.4%
Cherry Class - 98.1%

Whole school attendance
for the year is currently is : 96.3%

DATES CHANGED

PE DAYS

Maple - Thursday
Rowan - Tuesday
Sycamore - Monday
Birch - Tues & Thurs
Oak - Thursday
Cherry - Monday

DATES

11th Dec - Maple Nativity 9:30am & 2pm
12th Dec - Hall for Cornwall 'Jack & the Beanstalk'
13th Dec - Christmas Lunch & non-uniform Jumper Day
16th Dec - Rowan & Sycamore Xmas show 2pm & 6pm
17th Dec - Christmas carol service 6pm Y3-Y6
31st Jan - Pyjamarama 'children with cancer'
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