

NEWSLETTER

On Tuesday Mrs Kerlake took our 2 Crofty Trust Parliament members, Martha and Reuben, to their first meeting at the Crofty's offices in Tolvaddon. Each of the 16 schools had 2 representatives who came together to discuss ways to making Crofty schools even better. They all came up with lots of ideas and then had to vote on their favourites. Two ideas Reuben and Martha liked were having more sporting events for all the schools and more opportunities for the schools to meet up. They both felt very proud to represent Portreath School.

This week in assembly, I told the children the story 'The Emperor's New Clothes'. Throughout the year I like to include some traditional stories and stories from other cultures in assemblies and in our English curriculum. I think it is important for children to know fairytales because many things use them as reference points. Often, we assume children know these stories but don't. If you don't have a book of traditional stories and fairytales at home, I would urge you to invest in one. I also think it is important to tell stories without pictures for them to look at, so they get good at creating pictures in their mind. I often say to them 'turn the TV on in your head.' I encourage you all to read and tell your children stories so that they develop a wonderful imagination. Stories also help us develop empathy, vocabulary and understanding.

As well as reading to your child, it is important that they read themselves regularly. Ideally, they should read every day at home, but if that is tricky for you, they need to be reading at least 4 times a week. We teach them to read in school, but it is essential that they practise at home too. This does not have to be in the evenings, it can be a great breakfast time routine. It is about finding a time that is best for your child. For the younger children just 5 -10 minutes of reading to an adult every day makes such a difference. Older children can often manage a bit longer and read to themselves. We have noticed that some parents are not logging their child's reading on the app Boomreader. If you have any issues with the app, please pop in to see your child's teacher. Congratulations to Mimi and Ella who both achieved their special certificates for reading all the Y1 recommended reads. Thanks to all parents and carers for all your support with reading.

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Ruby.L - For always trying her best at everything she does.

Rowan Class: Arti - For working hard, in all he does!

Sycamore Class: Eadie - For a fantastic resilient attitude.

Birch Class: Jaygo - For approaching his learning with an amazing and positive attitude.

Oak Class: Sophie - For always being helpful and kind.

Cherry Class: Evelyn - For always putting 100% effort into everything.

SPORTS STAR

Lowen.H



STAR WRITERS



Jacob
Maren
Jessamy
Penny
Izzy
Lowen

PORTREATH LEAVES



Logan
Noah
Hugo
Tilly
Tommy
Reuben

MATHS WIZARD

Bodhi





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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

Please note we have had a number of cases of headlice reported to us. Please make sure checking your child's head for headlice is part of your weekly routine and please ensure all long hair is tied back.

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.

I do believe in the power of story. I believe that stories have an important role to play in the formation of human beings, that they can stimulate, amaze and inspire their listeners.

— Hayao Miyazaki —

House Winner this Week is: Forbidden Forest

PE News

Mrs Seary is extremely proud of the Year 5 and 6 football team for their determination and teamwork in this week's league game against Treloweth.

The game finished 1-1. The team encouraged each other and worked well together. Looking forward to our next league game after half term.

Special mention to Jowan who got POTM for his hard work on the pitch and support for the team.



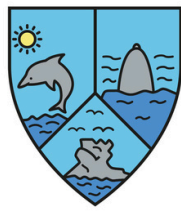
Please let Mrs Seary know of any sporting achievements outside of school. She is keen for people to send in photos of them attending sporting clubs and events outside of school.

New Classroom progress

School council met with Mrs Pamplin this week to have an update on the new classroom and to start to plan the opening..

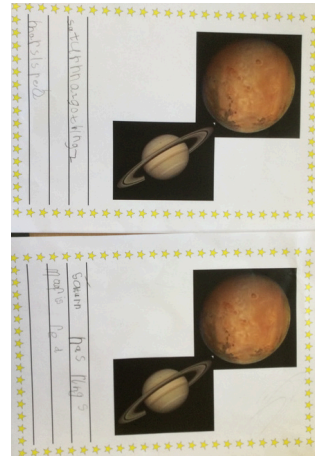
Martha and Reuben went to the Trust office on Tuesday for the first Parliament meeting.





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Maple Class



This week we have been learning a song about the planets. We then used this information to help us with our information writing. We have learnt that Saturn has rings, and Mars is known as the red planet. We have also created our own planets using blotting paper... Watch this space next week to find out what we have named our planets!

Rowan Class



This week we have been using our sense of touch to help us describe the properties of materials. We used these words to help us identify mystery objects in a "feely bag". We are also loving our new "feely wall" as part of our science display. In geography we had fun exploring maps and globes of the world. We have also made Miss Tonkin incredibly proud by being very independent when writing our own stories this week in English. We had a FABULOUS outdoor learning session with Miss Cafe involving toasting marshmallows around the fire – delicious!

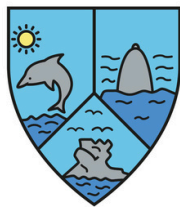


Sycamore Class



This week we have been super busy! We are absolutely loving our new fiction book – The Magic Paintbrush. The children have been terribly kind in thinking of helpful items to draw and bring to life, to help their parents at home 😊 They are now experts in predicting where the end point for their Beebots carefully considered instructions will take them. The children have been enjoying spending some "money" in Sycamore's shop, which has really been helping to consolidate their recognition of coins.





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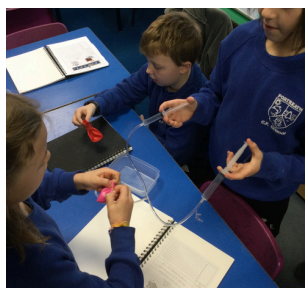
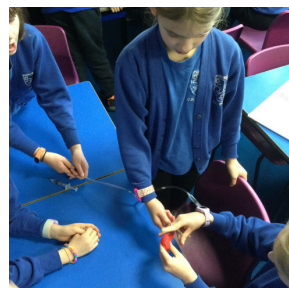
Birch Class



It has been a pleasure to be a part of Birch this week. The children have impressed me with their positive attitude towards their learning. In science, we have been finding out about the different names of teeth and their roles. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, peering into each other's mouths and spotting the different teeth. In maths, we have been learning to divide larger numbers by partitioning and applying our multiplication facts. Art was messy but lots of fun. We experimented with different painting techniques and evaluated the outcome. Finally, we have been extending our learning in Spanish to animals and pets.

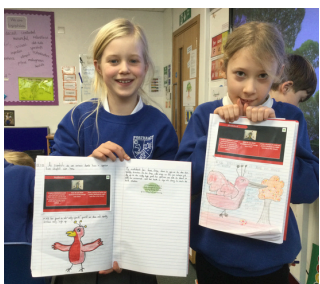


Oak Class



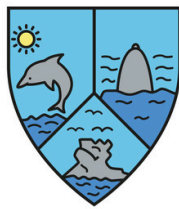
It's been a hands-on practical week in Oak! In science, we have been conducting an investigation to see which shape (a cube, a thin cylinder or a flat disc) would generate the most amount of water resistance. In DT, we have been exploring pneumatic movement, in order to design a moving Cornish giant, to accompany our writing unit linked to Cornish legends. We have been progressing in our ukulele lessons! This week we have been learning chord F and C7!

Cherry Class



This week we have continued to explore our science topic about evolution by looking at "survival of the fittest". We found out that living things, over generations, adapt to their environment. We also used raisins and sweets to understand how availability of a food source can lead to competition.





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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.

Outdoor Rangers is now twice a week (children can only attend 1), football clubs on Mon and Tues.

Monday	Mindfulness with Miss Cafe Library/homework with Mrs Barnes Yr 1, 2 & 3 Football with Mrs Seary Computer coding / homework club with Mrs Kerslake
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
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	Wraparound with Mrs Barnes & Miss Noble

REMINDERS

PLEASE REMEMBER BE CAREFUL AT THE CROSSING, DRIVERS AREN'T ALWAYS STOPPING

MATHS WHIZZ FREE CLUB AVAILABLE WEDS LUNCHTIMES

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 98.3%

Rowan Class - 92.6%

Sycamore Class - 97.8%

Birch Class - 98.2%

Oak Class - 92%

Cherry Class - 97.1%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 96.1%

DATES CHANGED

PE DAYS

Maple - Thursday

Rowan - Tuesday

Sycamore - Monday

Birch - Tues & Thurs

Oak - Thursday

Cherry - Monday

DATES

30th Jan - PINS session 2

31st Jan - Pyjamarama day - children with cancer awareness

5th Feb - PINS conference (see dojo for more details)

11th Feb - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm

6th Mar - World Book Day

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

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

24th February 2025

4th April 2025

23rd July 2025