

NEWSLETTER

This week we received our Ofsted report from their visit at the start of term and the staff are really pleased with it. We feel it reflects our school well. I love the opening sentences:

"Pupils at this school are vibrant, confident, self-assured individuals. They are highly motivated and enthused by what they learn, both academically and in their wider development. This inspires them to want to know more and meet the high expectations that staff have for them to achieve the best possible outcomes. Pupils fully embody the school's vision for them to be courageous, creative and curious."

Another of my favourite sentences is: *"Pupils are at the heart of the school's decision-making."*

I will pop a copy of the report on our website and from next week you will also be able to find it on the Ofsted website.

This week in assemblies we learnt about Chinese New Year, which was on Wednesday. The children found out about how it is celebrated and watched some live celebrations in Hong Kong. This year is the year of the snake. They also listened to the story that explains the order of the animal years.

Today has been a busy day! We enjoyed wearing our PJs to school! Thanks to everyone for all your donations to 'Children with Cancer', a special charity that supports children and their families. We have raised over £160 so far. If you have not managed to donate yet, you can do so on ParentPay. Our girls' Y3/4 football team have been off at a tournament. Freddy and Evelyn, who are Portreath's Eco Council representatives, went to Paradise Park today, with the rest of the Crofty Eco Council. They had a wonderful trip with a focus on habitats and protecting animals. Birch had a special visitor today-Dr Hobson. She showed the children a variety of skulls linked to their science work about teeth. They even got to hold an elephant's tooth!

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Ruby.O - For being a kind, considerate and hard working member of Maple Class.

Rowan Class: Bella - For being a creative, enthusiastic and independent learner.

Sycamore Class: Is - For being a curious learner and always giving 100%

Birch Class: Clara - For always trying 100% in everything she does and being a really kind friend.

Oak Class: Bea - For always working incredibly hard in all subjects!

Cherry Class: Jowan - For always contributing to class discussions excellently.

SPORTS

STAR

Ellis



STAR WRITERS



Leo.E
Arthur
Archie
Andie
Freddy
Kenzie

PORTREATH LEAVES



Phe Phe
Teddy
Elsa
Harvey
Eva
Esmae

MATHS WIZARD

Seb





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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.



House Winner this Week is: Forbidden Forest

PE News

Recently Arlia completed the Tehidy Woods 5K Twilight Trail run. She needed a head torch as part of her kit because the majority of the run was in the dark. She was one of the youngest runners that took part.



This afternoon, Year 4 and 5 girls played a football tournament at Pool Academy. The girls played well as a team and finished 4th place.

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



Portreath Eco Trust Representatives





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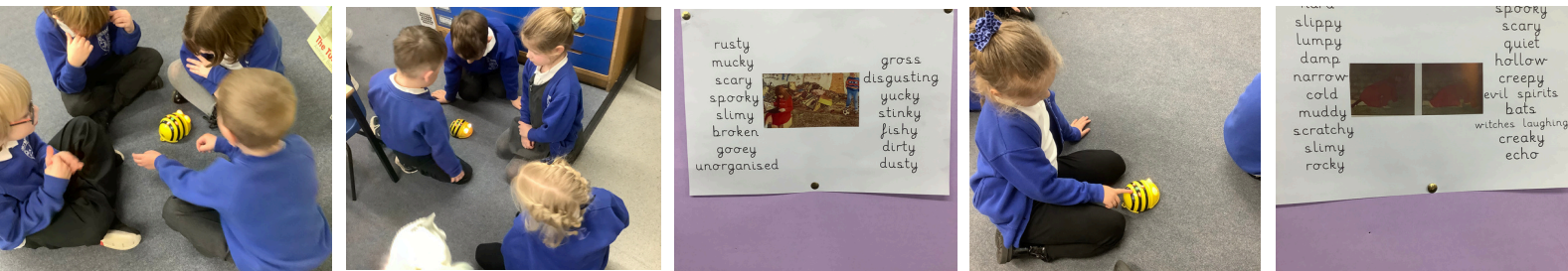
Maple Class



Last Friday Dawn gave us some frog spawn that she rescued from a puddle. We have placed the frog spawn and have been watching it every day. We have researched what is going to happen by reading different books and looking at clips on youtube. On Monday the frogspawn still looked like full stops. Tuesday, they had developed into commas. Thursday, many had hatched and were wriggling and eating their eggs. We are now waiting for their gills to form and then hopefully they will start swimming around.



Rowan Class



This week we read "The Tunnel" by Anthony Browne and wrote some brilliantly detailed setting descriptions using a wonderful word bank of vocabulary which we created together as a class. In geography, we have been learning about what the equator is and what it's like near it. We also had fun in computing where we started learning how to give commands to BeeBots.

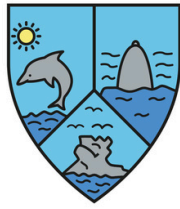


Sycamore Class



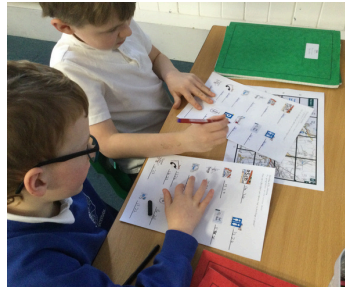
This week Sycamore have excelled in their music lessons! They have listened to music and focused on the beat and pulse and then recreated the beat and pulse themselves, playing various instruments. We have written fabulous character descriptions in English, coming up with creative ways to describe the Emperor. Our maths lessons about money concluded this week and we look forward to beginning our topic on multiplication next week. As geographers, we learnt about the characteristics of Wales and now know that Snowdon is the highest mountain in Wales and that the source of the River Severn is also found in Wales. Next week we will look at the physical and human features of Scotland.





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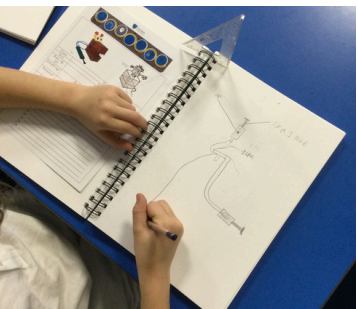
Birch Class



The work being produced by Birch Class this week has been brilliant. We are really enjoying our class novel 'The Land of Roar' and we have used it as inspiration to write our own setting in a magical land. We really enjoyed our outdoor learning session with Miss Cafe, no storm is going to stop us learning (and lots of fun). In geography, we have loved using a four-figure grid to locate places and features in Portreath before solving map puzzles from our special book. In RE, we deepened our knowledge of how Jewish people prepare for Passover. We cleared the classroom of bread and tidied up before listening to stories and eating some matzo.



Oak Class



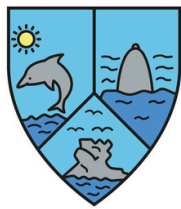
We've had a fab week, this week! In DT we have been exploring pneumatics, drawing labelled diagrams on how they work and then beginning to draw and design our moving giants – ready to bring our stories alive! In science, we were set the task of finding out the best shoe for a trip up a mountain. We conducted comparative tests to explore which shoe soles created the most friction. Thank you SO much for lending us different pairs of shoes! They created much more interesting results!

Cherry Class



We are absolutely loving our class reader, "Darwin's Dragons" by Lindsay Galvin. It is such an exciting adventure story but it also ties in perfectly with our science work on Charles Darwin and evolution and our geography work too. The story is partially set on The Galapagos Islands and this week, in English, we have completed writing an information text about the islands – unfortunately it is a bit far to go for a school trip!





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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 - 94.7%

Rowan Class - 94.4%

Sycamore Class - 95.6%

Birch Class - 83.6%

Oak Class - 92.3%

Cherry Class - 90%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 95.8%

DATES CHANGED

PE DAYS

Maple - Thursday

Rowan - Tuesday

Sycamore - Monday

Birch - Tues & Thurs

Oak - Thursday

Cherry - Monday

DATES

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

5th Mar - Great Athletes Para-olmpyan visitor

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