

NEWSLETTER

This week is 'Children's Mental Health Week'. The focus this year is 'know yourself, grow yourself', which links beautifully to our motto: be curious, creative and courageous to grow and make a difference. In assembly this week we spoke about the positive impact being in nature can have on mental health and the positive impact of music. We spoke about how music can affect our mood and lights up our limbic system (part of the brain that links to emotions). Today's assembly we thought about our emotions and linked it to the Inside Out Films.

We were lucky enough to listen to Jenny Crow (our ukulele teacher) play her variety of recorders in assembly. She spoke about the 7 different types and then played 4 of them to us. One of the songs she played was 'The Frog Chorus' by Paul McCartney. She works for Cornwall Music Trust and can offer recorder lessons. Please let us know if you are interested. It is always wonderful listening to live music. If any parents or grandparents play an instrument, we would love to have you in to play. I was lucky enough to hear Oak play a song as a ukulele ensemble this week and the choir sing at lunchtime. They all sounded wonderful. I could see the children really enjoyed it and it definitely brought a smile to my face!

This week we had our governors' meeting on Monday. We started with a tour of the new classrooms - they are nearly complete and are hoping to receive the keys on Monday! The plan is to move ready for after half term and the official opening will be 3rd March.

This week the school council met with the PTA. This was to discuss the opening of the classrooms and also ideas for what we could raise money for. Miss Cafe said they were brilliant in the meeting. Thanks to the PTA for attending.

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Rudy - For excellent work in phonics.
& Gideon - For settling into Maple class so well.

Rowan Class: Bessie - For being an all around superstar!

Sycamore Class: Bligh - For an outstanding and positive attitude towards all of his learning.

Birch Class: Arlia - For a super positive attitude.

Oak Class: Frankie - For ALWAYS being kind, caring and working so hard.

Cherry Class: Ellis - For always being curious about our topics and bringing in information from home.

SPORTS STAR

Bill



STAR WRITERS



Lily
Olivia
Lenny
Jake
Soren
Nerissa

PORTREATH LEAVES



Arthur.F
Orla
Molly
Lochie
Volodya
Olivia
Elsie-Belle

MATHS WIZARD

Alfie





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THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

This week is children's mental health week. Here is a link to a short film designed for older primary school children that you might find useful watching with your child.

[BAFTA self-awareness video series | Children's Mental Health Week](#)

Here are some useful sites for parents: [Parents Mental Health Support](#) | [Advice for Your Child](#) | [YoungMinds](#)
[Children's mental health - Every Mind Matters - NHS](#)
[Resources: wellbeing support for young people and children - BBC Children in Need](#)

Music has real health benefits. It boosts dopamine, lowers cortisol and it makes us feel great. Your brain is better on music.

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Every day in a hundred small ways our children ask, 'Do you see me? Do you hear me? Do I matter?' Their behaviour often reflects our response.

L.R. Knost

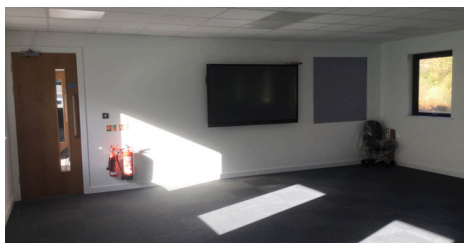
House Winner this Week is: Enchanted Wood

School Council and PTA meeting

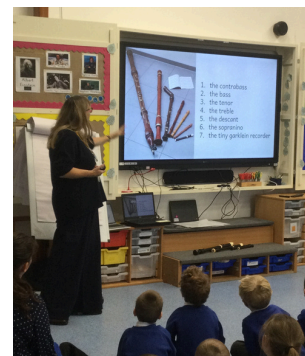


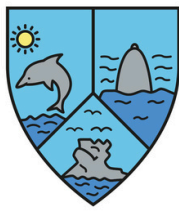
Please let Mrs Seary know of any sporting achievements outside of school. She is keen for people to send in photos of them attending sporting clubs and events outside of school.

New Classroom progress - official opening 3rd March



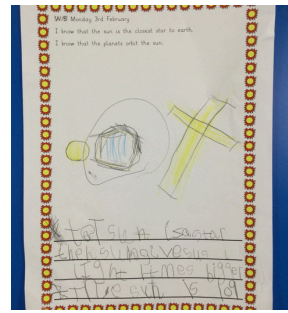
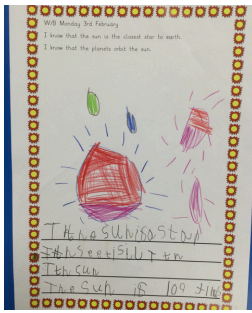
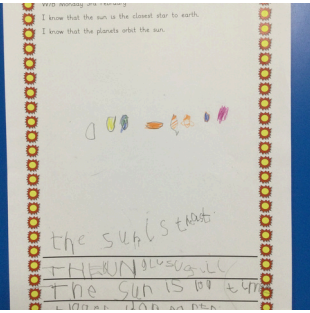
Jenny Crow - Playing a variety of recorders





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Maple Class



This week we have been learning about the sun. We have found some interesting facts and talked about them as a group. As we have been focusing on our handwriting, we have then written these facts either independently or by copying them - which is a skill in itself. We were excited to learn about the planet alignment and I know some of you went outside to spot them. Finally, we have been on tadpole watch! We now have many tadpoles and we can see very clearly the gills they use to breathe. We have also spent some time learning about the Darwin frog as it was in the news this week which has nearly become extinct, but the work that London Zoo has done has hopefully prevented this. Did you know... The male Darwin frog carries the tadpoles in its mouth until they are froglets!

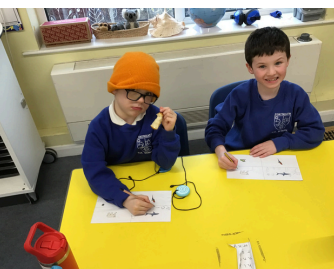
Rowan Class



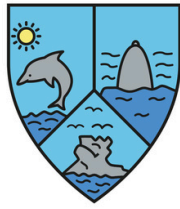
We have been very curious in Rowan class this week! We learned about what it's like in the North and South poles in Geography, ahead of our super exciting trip to the Eden Project today. We had the most amazing time and got to experience some real-life ice as well as exploring the warmer biomes. In science, we investigated what the most absorbent material would be to create a nappy for an astronaut – yes, astronauts wear nappies for their 8 hour space walks!



Sycamore Class

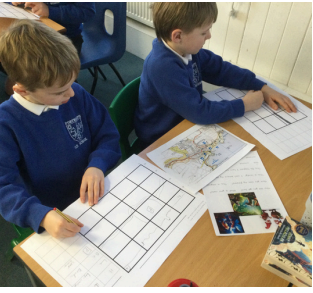


This week in Sycamore we have been busy innovating our own version of The Magic Paintbrush. The children did some wonderful independent writing, really focusing on their use of language and presentation. In science we continued learning about habitats and recorded our information in tables and pictograms.



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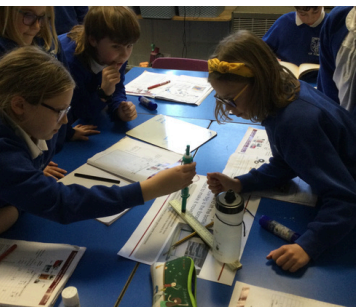
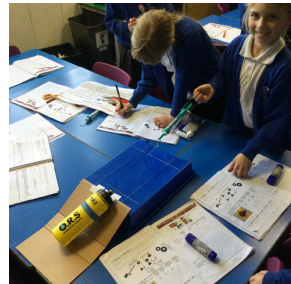
Birch Class



This week has been really enjoyable. Our class reader is really capturing our imagination and we can't wait to read more! Thankfully, Arthur has some support from his sister and a DRAGON!
In art, we have started planning our own wordless book using the 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker. We were intrigued by the way a book can draw us in without any words.



Oak Class



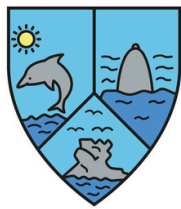
In science this week, we've had a fantastic afternoon testing out simple machine; levers, pulleys, gears and ramps – to see which would work best in transporting a rocket to its launch pad. We tested to see which needed the least amount of force for the greatest effect. We've just started our final writing unit, writing an explanation text linked to our science, which explains the 4 forces we've been exploring; gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance!

Cherry Class



We have been loving our DT project this half term; we are designing and making an alarm system for someone who lives in an earthquake zone – this has linked really well with our geography work too. This week we had a fascinating visit from Dr. Hobson, Genevieve's mum, who brought in a variety of skulls which we studied to enhance our learning about evolution and adaptation.





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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

PARENT CONSULTATIONS
NEXT WEEK

INSET DAY - 24TH
FEBRUARY

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 93%
Rowan Class - 83.3%
Sycamore Class - 92.2%
Birch Class - 96.4%
Oak Class - 97.7%

Cherry Class - 92.4%
Whole school attendance
for the year is currently is : 95.7%

DATES CHANGED

PE DAYS

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

DATES

5th Mar - Great Athletes Para-Olympian visitor
5th Mar World Book Day Snuggledown 5.45-7pm
6th Mar - World Book Day (please note we are not dressing up this year)
31st Mar - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm
7th May - Class photographs
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