21st March 2025





NEWSLETTER

Portreath

Primary School

A musical week this week! Well done to Birch and Hazel Class for their brilliant ukulele performance to parents. A huge thank-you to Jenny Crow who led the lessons and to Miss Baseley and Mr McCarthy who supported these. Thanks to all the parents for getting involved and engaging in the performance. Last night 10 lucky children represented the school and sang at Truro Cathedral as part of Songfest. A huge thanks to Miss Clarke and Miss Baseley who took them. They both said that the children were amazing and did the school proud. In assembly this week we explored more of John Williams's music. His film scores are incredible and we spoke about whether people in a few hundred years will still be listening to his music, like we still listen to greats such as Mozart and Beethoven. Ellis, in Year 6, rightly pointed out that perhaps in a few hundred years people will be listening to music created by someone who has attended Portreath School. I certainly hope so! Music is important to us here at Portreath and I really hope we inspire the children to find joy in music and encourage their own musical creativity.

Maple sounded like they had a wonderful time at the woods yesterday. They had perfect weather for a walk. Mrs Forsdick was so impressed with the children's behaviour and it made her so happy to see the children's joyfulness at being in nature. Thanks to the volunteers who helped on the trip.

On Monday Karen, Peter and Nick, who are trustees of Crofty Education Trust, visited our school. As well as looking at the new classrooms, they had a tour of the whole school. They thought the school had a lovely feel. Karen then sent me an email thanking the school and she said, "It was a privilege to spend time with you and see the school in action, there is so much going on! The two new classrooms are amazing and the extra space that has been created must make all the building work endured over the last few months worthwhile. You should be very proud of the enriched curriculum you provide and the links made with the local community. Keep up the good work!"

To finish the week we have had a fabulous time with Oli Adams, the professional surfer! The children were inspired by his story and the difficulties he has overcome. They all did a brilliant job completing the circuit and thanks so much for all the sponsorship. Thanks to Mrs Seary for organising this great opportunity.

Congratulations to Dawn and Natasha who once again achieved 5 out of 5 stars for the kitchen cleanliness when inspected this week by Cornwall Council.

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

Maple Class: Bill - For excellent work in phonics.



Rowan Class: James - For trying his best in all of his learning. Sycamore Class: Tora - For a positive attitude towards her learning.

Birch Class: Ella - For a great attitude in all her lessons this week.

Hazel Class: Konan - For always working hard and being a lovely member of Hazel.

Cherry Class: Harry - For great enthusiasm in all lessons.

PORTREATH LEAVES

STAR WRITERS



lsaac Florence Madison Frank.L Bethan Reuben



Cameron Arthur Bodhi Billy Kade Nerissa

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Callum



Safeguarding and Health and Safety

Please remember that children should not be climbing and jumping on the stones in Sarah's Garden nor running around.

Please note that the children must not use the bark area when you collect them after school as there is no staff supervision and our insurance would not cover any injuries.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE, AND YOU HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF DIFFERENCE YOU WANT TO MAKE.

- JANE GOODALL

House Winner this Week is: Farthing Wood

PE News

Wow, what an amazing afternoon we had with our special visitor Oli Adams. Extremely impressed with all the children. We completed circuits of spotty dogs, squat jumps, plank shoulder taps and star jumps. Ask the children to show you at home. You have until next Friday to get those sponsors in.

Well done to Reina for taking part in scuba diving classes. What a lovely and enjoyable hobby! Don't forget next week, to walk, scoot or cycle to school for

sustrans big walk and wheel weeks.







Maple Class







This week we took our learning up to the woods. We went on a traditional story hunt! The children worked with a partner to find pictures linked to different traditional stories. We took advantage of the good weather and took our snack with us to eat on the picnic bench overlooking the sea. Whilst walking we thought we may as well pop along and see the real goats at Gwel an mor. The reindeer even popped out to see us.

Rowan Class



We started this week by creating shelters for Incy Wincy Spider in science to keep him dry from the rain. In art, we were inspired by Da Vinci where we looked closely at our own faces and drew some features in detail in preparation to create our own self portraits next week. In English, we created story maps and have started writing our own innovated versions of Cinderella. We've also been enjoying practically exploring length and height in Maths.







Sycamore Class





This week we have loved learning more about materials in science!! We made the most of the fabulous weather and went outside in our beautiful learning environment to explore if materials could be changed through twisting, pulling, pushing, stretching, bending and squeezing. In history we learnt about the HMS Anson and how when this was shipwrecked it inspired the invention of the Rocket Apparatus.



Birch Class











What a super busy, busy week we have had. The children have been their amazing normal selves. We had a super outdoor learning session with Miss Cafe - we are LOVING the warmer weather. In maths, we have been deepening our understanding of capacity and finding equivalent measurements through a practical lesson. In DT, we explored nets of packages by taking them apart before making 3d shapes with nets. Finally, this week couldn't go by without mentioning the amazing ukulele performance. It was lovely to see all the children smiling and having lots of fun. They sounded brilliant!









This week has been a busy and varied week in Hazel! The Year 5s have been attending a mini-programme with the Police covering topics such as the role of the Police, a community action project and anti-social behaviour. As a whole class, we thoroughly enjoyed performing our ukulele skills to you all on Wednesday – and a huge thank you for all joining in too! In DT, we have been looking at the textile artist Helen Moran, who celebrates traditional Maya textiles. We have been using this for inspiration for our own designs.

Cherry Class



We have continued to enjoy our class novel "Goodnight Mister Tom" this week, it really adds to our knowledge of what life was like during World War Two; in our history we picked this learning up by acting out some of the positive and negative experiences of evacuees.





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.

REMINDERS

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THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL

CLUBS ON LAST DAY 3RD APRIL

BEFORE EASTER HALF TERM

BREAK

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
Thursday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe & Mrs Barnes Library/Lego with Mrs Chiplin Netball yr5/6 - (high 5 version) with Mrs Jones & Mrs Whitford
Friday	Wraparound with Mrs Barnes & Miss Noble

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows: Maple Class - 92.3% Rowan Class - 93.5% Sycamore Class - 96.1%

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Birch Class - 96.3% Hazel Class - 96%

Cherry Class - 97 6%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 95.6% **PE DAYS**

Maple - Thursday Rowan - Thursday Sycamore - Monday Birch - Tuesday Hazel - Tuesday Cherry - Monday Birch and Hazel will also do

outdoor learning on a Tuesday

DATES

26th Mar - Cherry trip to Kresen Kernow 26th Mar - Birch trip to Screech Owl Sanctuary 31st Mar - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm 7th May - Class photographs 12th May - SATS week 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 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

4th April 2025 23rd July 2025

Portreath Primary School, throughout the year, distributes fliers and magazines offering family services or posts details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not endorse these services.