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NEWSLETTER

Portreath

Primary School

A massive well done to our Year 6 children who completed their SATs this week. I was pleased to see how proud they were of themselves. They all seemed very positive about how well the tests had gone. They were delighted to then head down to the beach after the last test. I would like to say thank you to Mr and Mrs Hoon for organising post-SATs ice creams and a thank you to North Coast Dairy for donating the ice cream. The children LOVED them! It was a very well-deserved treat!

This week in assembly I read the children a Buddhist story about a kind hare. In the story, due to his kindness, a picture of him was drawn on the moon. Don't be surprised if your child asks you if they can look at the full moon to see if they can spot a hare shape! In assemblies we like to share stories from different religions and cultures. Stories are a wonderful way to reflect and think about things. Even if someone is not religious, there are still things we can learn from the stories. We also linked this to how some stories are used to explain things in nature but in a creative way.

Today in assembly I showed the children a photo of a 'new pupil', Lyra, who will be joining us in a few weeks. You should receive a letter about her today on Dojo. She is going to be our school dog (as well as my family pet). It will be a few more weeks before she is big enough to join us, but I wanted to give everyone advance notice. The children seem very excited about it! Research shows that dogs can reduce stress, teach empathy and help individuals develop social skills. We obviously want to make this a positive experience for the children, and Lyra, so have thought carefully about this. Whilst she is still little, she will spend most of her time in my office, but I will bring her around to meet each class. Overtime we are then hoping for her to have more interaction with the children, but will also ensure she has her own space to rest. We will have all the relevant checks, insurance and risk assessments in place. We will keep you updated in the coming weeks. If you do have any questions please come to speak to me. At the weekend Miss Baseley and I attended the grand opening of the new building at 'Community Roots', in Porthtowan. It was lovely to see some of our Portreath families there too. The work that they are doing there is amazing. Their mission is: 'To grow food and community in planet positive ways.' Last year Miss Baseley took her class there and we are hoping to take another class this year. Do take a look at the wonderful things that they do there on their website. <u>HOME | Community Roots</u> and perhaps donate to their crowd fund. **Cassie Pamplin**

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

Maple Class: Mason - For always being ready to learn.



Rowan Class: Teddy - Trying hard in English. Sycamore Class: Bodhi - For an enthusiastic attitude towards all of his learning.

Birch Class: Tyga - For an amzing few weeks, working hard and showing great listening skills.

Hazel Class: Reina - For always working so hard and making great contributions in class.

Cherry Class: Whole Class - For being absolute superstars and working so hard this week.

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Safeguarding and Health and Safety

This week there have been 3 near misses with our crossing patroller, Hayley. She has been nearly hit 3 times by unsafe drivers. She has details of the vehicles and these have been passed on to the police. Hayley helps to keep our children safe and as a community we need to ensure her safety too. Please take care when driving. THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



House Winner this Week is: Farthing Wood

PE News

WOW what a fantastic afternoon at Redruth School for the Croftv Swimming Gala for year 5 and 6. Well done to all the children that attended. We came away with eight 1st place gold medals, five 2nd place silver medals and a 3rd place bronze medal. We were the winning school overall. We have all enjoyed our PE lessons in the sunshine this week. This half term we have been working on small ball skills and control in Rowan and Sycamore. In Birch, Hazel and Cherry we worked in pairs to develop our serves in tennis, working on control and then we enjoyed some rallies. Next Thursday after school we have our Semi Final Football League match against Pencoys at Cornwall College astro, 3:30pm kick off. Supporters are welcome.



Year 6 Beach Treat







Maurice has taken up fishing and in his first month he has been fresh water and sea fishing. Maurice caught roach and carp with his grandad and went fishing this Saturday in Falmouth with Tightlines CIC off the Prince of Wales pier. He caught two gobies. The smallest catches of the day. He had a great time and cannot wait to go again.





Maple Class









This week we have been learning about plants. We have looked at the life cycle, named the parts of a plant and even planted some plants! Now we just have to wait and see if they grow-fingers crossed!

Rowan Class











This week we have been busy learning and writing the story of David and Goliath and today we innovated the story to create our own versions which we will write next week. We have been learning about sharing and equal groups in Maths and enjoyed acting them out practically. In geography, we learned all about how and why animals migrate as part of the seasons. We rounded off the week with a fantastic walk in Illogan woods looking for signs of spring – made even better by the sun shining!







Sycamore Class





This week in Sycamore we have enjoyed planting sunflower seeds and flowers! We loved our walk to Illogan church which tied in with our topic on special places. In geography we have learnt about animals we would find in Kenya and have enjoyed painting our 3D sculptures. In English we have written our own African fable about how the elephant got its trunk. We have of course enjoyed getting out in the sunshine and used this lovely weather as an excuse to have our computing lesson outside taking portrait and landscape photos!



Birch Class











You blink and the week flies by! We have enjoyed exploring the different features of a non-chronological report. We have learnt how and when to use formal and informal English. We explored different positive strategies that we can use when our emotions get too big. We had a fabulous PE lesson and enjoyed getting ready for Sports Day.









This week, we have been enjoying our class text, 'Dragon Mountain' as well as building up some creative writing skills to begin writing our own mountain quest stories! In science, we investigated which tooth 'type' broke down food the best for digestion! In DT, we have been exploring 'TinkerCAD' ahead of creating CAD design of mountain rucksacks.

Cherry Class



This week we have mostly been completing our Key Stage Two SATs ! However, we also found time to eat breakfast together, chill out, play Isambard Kingdom Brunel Top Trumps, make "blood" in science and celebrate at the beach with an ice-cream - what a week!





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).

REMINDERS

BE SUPER PREPARED AND

ORGANISE YOUR CHILD'S HOUSE COLOUR T-SHIRT

READY FOR SPORTS DAY

REMEMBER SUNHATS PLEASE!

Monday	Cooking Club with Mrs Barnes and Miss Cafe KSI Multi sports with Mrs Seary
Tuesday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe Drama club with Mrs Barnes KS2 Multi sports with Mrs Seary
Wednesday	Craft club with Mrs Barnes & Miss Cafe
Thursday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe & Mrs Barnes Lego club with Mrs Chiplin Netball yr5/6 - (high 5 version) with Mrs Jones & Mrs Whitford
Friday	Film club with Mrs Barnes & Miss Noble

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows: Maple Class - 95.7% Rowan Class - 94.2% Sycamore Class - 100% Birch Class - 94.7%

Hazel Class - 97.3% Cherry Class - 98.1% Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 95.6% PE DAYS Maple - Thursday Rowan - Monday Sycamore - Monday Birch - Tuesday Hazel - Thursday Cherry - Monday Sycamore will also do outdoor

learning on a Monday

DATES

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 7th Jul - Open Class 8:30-9:10am

TERM DATES

Half Term - w/c 26th May Last Day Summer Term - 22nd July

INSET DAYS

23rd July 2025



Growing food and community in planet positive ways

https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p /keep-on-growing

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.