

NEWSLETTER

Another busy week at Portreath School! Such a shame Birch's trip had to be cancelled due to the icy conditions, but as always we have to put the children and staff's safety first. The children are enjoying learning their songs for their Christmas shows and the school is full of song! I was so proud to hear how well our footballers conducted themselves at the recent match. I love how they are showing resilience and positivity. Mrs Seary told me that they have all made excellent progress with their football skills. As well as the children learning, the staff are always learning too. This week the teachers had a 'twilight session', this is when teachers have a longer training session after school. This week we focused on the teaching of reading and how we can fine tune our lessons to make them even more effective. In Year 2+ the children have reading sessions based on class texts that they all read together (each with a copy). The children adore these books and have wonderful discussions about them in class. Our website shows these books, if you are interested to see our book spine choices. Mr Riches also led some training that looked at strategies that can engage the whole class to learn things such as key facts and definitions. I look forward to seeing the teachers using these strategies in class.

Cassie Pamplin

Good Afternoon,

Once again, it has been fantastic to spend part of my week here at Portreath. I have once again been popping into classes and meeting new children from across the school.

On my travels, I have been able to join Rowan class while they completed a minibeast hunt. The excitement was palpable before the children made their way outside. It took little time for the children to make their first discoveries which included worms, centipedes and even a few slugs. What was wonderful to witness was the teamwork that went into the discoveries but also the care around ensuring each of the creatures were either handled incredibly carefully and returned to their spaces. Well done Rowan class.

In addition to joining Rowan class, it was also amazing to see Computing taking place within Hazel Class. The children had a very special visitor in Katie Huthnance (Sophie's Mum) who provided the children with an excellent microbit workshop. It was fantastic to see the children applying their programming skills to complete a number of challenges whilst also developing a core skill that will benefit them moving forward.

Once again, I would like to thank all the children and staff for making me feel welcome at Portreath and I look forward to spending more time here in the future.

Daryl Riches

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Elaina - For being a more confident learner.

Rowan Class: Kylian - For showing curiosity and enthusiasm towards our history topic.

Sycamore Class: Freddie - For excellent progress in reading.

Birch Class: Charlie.St - For working really hard in maths this week!

Hazel Class: Reina - For an outstanding attitude in History.

Cherry Class: Volodya - For being a total superstar and always working hard.

SPORTS STAR

Jonathan



STAR WRITERS



Leilani
Jack
Arti
Hugo
Elsie
Isla.E

PORTREATH LEAVES



Oliver
Arthur.F
Orla
Alfie.Cl
Billy
Isla.C

MATHS WIZARD

Jonathan





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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

As we continue to experience unusual and changeable weather conditions, we want to ensure that all pupils remain safe, comfortable, and ready to learn throughout the school day. Your support in helping children come to school prepared makes a big difference, and we appreciate your cooperation.

Recently, we have seen a mix of cold mornings, sudden rain showers, and occasional windy conditions. To help pupils stay warm and protected, please ensure your child comes to school wearing a suitable waterproof coat, ideally with a hood, as well as warm layers that can be adjusted as temperatures change. Hats and gloves are also recommended for colder mornings.

Please also ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name so they can be easily returned if misplaced. We encourage pupils to bring a spare pair of socks in their bags, especially if they walk to school or enjoy outdoor play, as wet feet can quickly become uncomfortable and cold.

During break and lunchtime, pupils will still have outdoor time when safe to do so, as fresh air is important for both wellbeing and learning. Staff will monitor conditions closely and adjust plans if weather becomes too severe.

If your child is unwell or showing signs of weather-related illness such as a persistent cough or fever, please keep them at home and inform the school office.

Thank you for working with us to keep our school community healthy and safe.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

CURIOSITY
is the seed of
DISCOVERY



House Winner this Week is: 100 Acre Wood

PE News

This week we had a home football match against Illogan. Unfortunately, we lost but I could not be prouder to be part of Portreath team!
We have not been lucky with our results but what an amazing bunch of children.

They never give up; they are so polite and praising of other teams and each other and this week was the best I have seen them play together.
The improvements in every player compared to our first game is amazing.

In PE this week, in Rowan class we have been working on our superhero dance. The children have been putting together a routine, transforming into superheroes. This week we added in our villain moves.

In Birch we explored our mindfulness unit, we moved to different types of music and spoke about how different types of music impact our mood and the way we move. We then drew to music and brought our drawings to life in dance. We finished our session off with some deep breathing and yoga.

In Maple this week we explored movements linked to stories and nursery rhymes. The children pretended to be the big bad wolf, the three little pigs, spiders and little miss muffet.

Big well done to Jonathan in Sycamore class for completing his parkour competition and getting 2nd place.





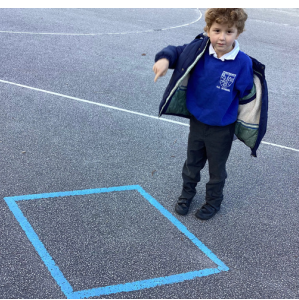
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Maple Class



Once again this week our focus has been Diwali. We painted and added decorations to our Diyas and then learnt about Mendhi. We designed our own on paper and then I transferred the children's designs onto their hands using pen rather than Henna. The children were so excited. We have also been rather busy learning our songs ready for our performance of Wiggly Nativity.

Rowan Class



We have had a week filled with curiosity this week! On Monday, we linked our Science and Maths learning by going on a nature walk around the school grounds – we were spotting different 2D and 3D shapes in nature, as well as considering how we can use our senses. We absolutely LOVED our history lesson this week where we answered the big question, “how do we know about people from the past?”. We explored evidence and artefacts linked to Mary Anning – including a real life fossil and extracts and drawings from Mary's own sketchbook. We have also been writing biographies about Mary's life in English. We have also developed our computing skills by experimenting with the art-based app Paintz, where we created some wonderful digital self portraits.



Sycamore Class

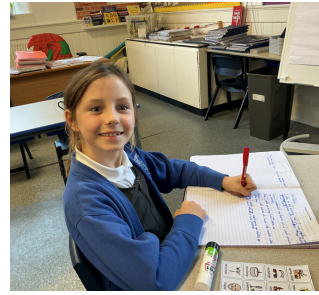
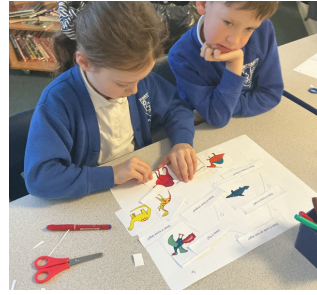
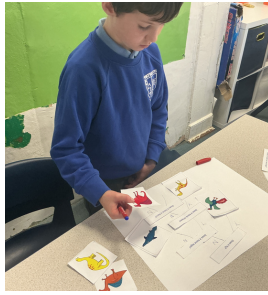


In English we have been writing our very own diary entries focusing on the Great Fire of London, we're now moving on to writing newspaper articles. We are really enjoying our History learning on the Great Fire of London. In Mathematics, we've been looking at 2-D shapes. We've been learning to draw different shapes accurately with a ruler, as well as how to identify vertices and lines of symmetry. In Computing, we've been imagining a world without technology and in Science we did a wonderful experiment with washing our hands! In PE, we've been working on being amazing gymnasts!



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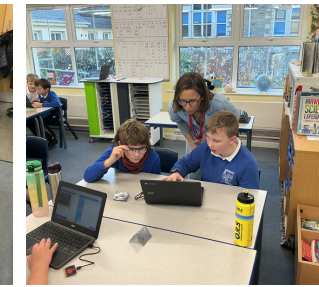
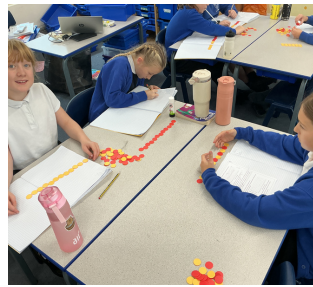
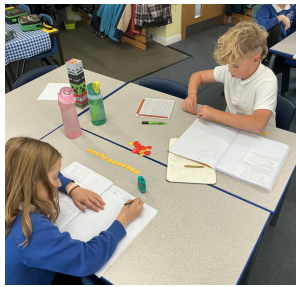
Birch Class



We have really enjoyed reading our class reader, Stig of the Dump. We have been answering lots of questions and developing our skills. In English we have loved writing an explanation text while applying all the skills we have honed in the previous lessons. In science we have been finding out what materials are conductors and insulators are and applying this to everyday items. Sadly our trip was postponed but we are looking forward to it when it is rearranged.

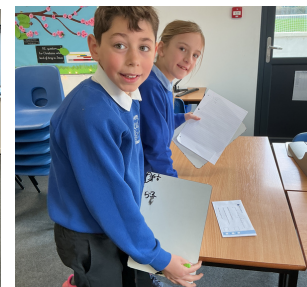


Hazel Class

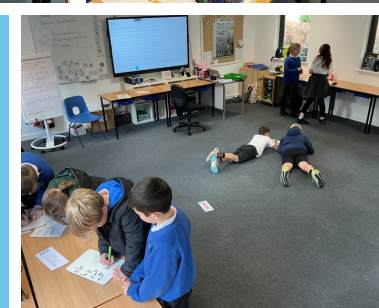


This week in English we have been learning about key features to include in our writing. We look forward to using them in our stories next week. In history we began our lesson with a Blooket Quiz to reactivate our learning. The children absolutely LOVED this activity 😊 We then took on the persona of a Caribbean family and had to decide whether to stay in the Caribbean or make the move to Britain. There were primary and secondary sources dotted around the classroom, where the children could learn about life in the Caribbean in the 1940s and base their decisions on what they discovered. In Computing we were lucky enough to have Sophie's mum, Katie, in to teach us! We enjoyed creating beating heart on our microbits and really learnt a lot from all of Katie's expertise.

Cherry Class



We have had another lovely busy week in Cherry Class. In English we finished publishing our own newspaper reports on current issues – they are looking very professional! Whilst in science we learnt how electrical symbols are used instead of words so that electrical circuit diagrams are understood anywhere in the world; we then used these symbols to draw our own circuits. We ended our maths week with some active learning and team work solving different fraction puzzles.





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PLEASE NOTE ALL CLUBS INCLUDING BREAKFAST CLUB MUST 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 until 4:15pm or 5pm.

Monday	Show & Shine with Mrs Barnes and Miss Cafe
Tuesday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe Drama club with Mrs Barnes KS2 (Y3+) Football with Mrs Seary
Wednesday	Craft club with Mrs Barnes & Miss Cafe
Thursday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe & Mrs Barnes Library club with Mrs Chiplin KS2 (Y3+) Netball with Mrs Seary
Friday	Film / games club with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Chevill

REMINDERS

PLEASE COULD EVERYONE BE CONSIDERATE WHEN PARKING & CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY WITH THE CROSSING PATROL LADYS HELP

PLEASE COULD YOU SEND A COAT INTO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD AS THE WEATHER IS NOT PREDICABLE CURRENTLY

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 97.9%

Rowan Class - 94.7%

Sycamore Class - 94.8%

Birch Class - 95.5%

Hazel Class - 97.2%

Cherry Class - 94.3%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 96.4%

PE DAYS

Maple - Thursday

Rowan - Tuesday

Sycamore - Thursday

Birch - Tuesday

Hazel - Monday

Cherry - Wednesday

Outdoor learning on Tuesday for Rowan & Birch

DATES

28th Nov - Open Class 2:45 - 3:15pm

8th Dec - Maple Xmas Show 9:30am & 2:00pm

9th Dec - Whole School to HfC 'Aladdin'

10th Dec - Xmas Day Lunch

10th Dec - KS1 Xmas Show 6pm

11th Dec - KS1 Xmas Show 2pm

11th Dec - KS2 Concert in Church

16th Dec - Xmas Party Day

23rd Jan - Maple Class Assembly 2:45pm

30th Jan - Rowan Class Assembly 2:45pm

06th Feb - Sycamore Class Assembly 2:45pm

week 2nd Feb - Scholastic Book Fair

2nd Feb - Open Class 8:40 - 9:10am

25th Feb - Yr 5 Life Skills workshop

6th Mar - Birch Class Assembly 2:45pm

13th Mar - Hazel Class Assembly 2:45pm

TERM DATES

Last Day Autumn Term - 17th December

First Day Spring Term - 5th January

Half Term - w/c 16th February

Last Day of Spring Term - 2nd April

Bank Holiday - 3rd April

First Day Summer Term - 20th April

Bank Holiday - 4th May

Half Term - w/c 25th May

Last Day Summer Term - 22nd July

INSET DAYS

18th Dec 2025

19th Dec 2025

23rd Feb 2026

1st Jun 2026

23rd Jul 2026

Thank you

The children from their squirrels and beavers club hand delivered the parents donations of food to the local food bank



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.