

NEWSLETTER

It was lovely to welcome all the children back to school this week after the half term holiday and I hope that everyone had an enjoyable break.

One of the things we promote with the children in school is “lifelong learning” and on Monday this week all the staff had the opportunity to attend training alongside other schools from the Crofty Trust. These events are always a great opportunity to collaborate and work with colleagues from other settings. There were a number of inputs and workshops throughout the day; one of the themes was around the importance of play and movement within all classrooms. At Portreath we are committed to ensuring that learning is as practical as possible and that movement breaks are incorporated within our classroom practice and this workshop gave us some great strategies to enhance this further.

Another key input was around the skill of handwriting and how important games and drawing are in the development of fine motor control. All the staff returned to school with ideas to try out.

I hope you have a super weekend – hopefully with a little bit of sunshine!

Lucie Clarke

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Hamish - For always being ready to learn

Rowan Class: Chloe - For being a phonics superstar!

Sycamore Class: Rowan - For excellent progress in mathematics!

Keep it up!

Birch Class: Vinnie - For being super focused and curious in his learning.

Hazel Class: Jake - For being enthusiastic and focused in his learning everyday.

Cherry Class: Shane - For having a fantastic start in Cherry Class.

SPORTS STAR

Konan



STAR WRITERS



Locryn

Ruby.O

Whole Class

Eadie

Andie

Caleb

PORTREATH LEAVES



Rowan

Lily

Matthew

Mhairi

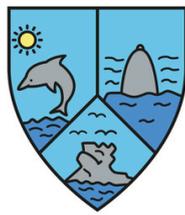
Harry

Arlo

MATHS WIZARD

Elowen





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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

If you have any concerns over safeguarding please talk to any member of staff. Our safeguarding leads are Miss Clarke and Mr McCarthy



House Winner this Week is: Enchanted Wood

PE News

We had a great start to the half term with our first football match of the year, finally the weather was on our side. What a great team effort the game finished 6-2 to Weeth, however I am so happy with this score. What an improvement from our previous games finishing 12-0. It was lovely to see the children so happy and enjoying playing. They worked well as a team and defended against a strong Weeth team.

Great to get outside for our PE sessions this week, starting our football and tag rugby units.

Birch class practiced their control skills with dribbling games avoiding the defenders and passing games. Cherry Class played some group games working on passing skills and getting the pass the defenders and up the pitch.

POTM was Albie for working well in defence and getting the ball up the pitch.

Well done to Maddie. She took part in the Pony Club Mini Champs Showjumping competition last week and she won her class and has qualified for the Mini Champs final in August.

Just a reminder for children in Birch, Hazel and Cherry class this half term for PE we will aim to be on the field for our lessons. Please can your child come into school in PE kit and bring a spare pair of trainers or shoes (mouldies and studs are allowed, however not metal studs) they can wear on the field as they will get them very muddy.





Portreath Primary School Maple Class



Its been a busy four days in Maple. We were completely shocked to discover that we had a tank full of tadpoles on our return to school! We were very curious to look at how they looked and compared them to the black dots we had as frog spawn. We love watching them eat and swim around. We have been talking about how long it might be before we have froglets! We have started our topic on 'Traditional stories' and have started listening to Goldilocks and the three bears. Over the next few weeks we will be learning the story ready to innovate it into our own versions.

Rowan Class



We have dived straight into lots of new learning this half term! We have started to learn about Judaism in RE and we looked at some precious objects a Jewish person may have in their home as part of this. In history, we have started our new topic, "what is a monarch?". We read the Little People, Big Dreams book, all about our current monarch, King Charles before doing some craft activities linked to the monarchy – including designing our own crowns. Staying on the theme of royalty, we've been reading the book "Princess Smartypants" by Babette Cole in English and writing some brilliant character descriptions about her.



Sycamore Class

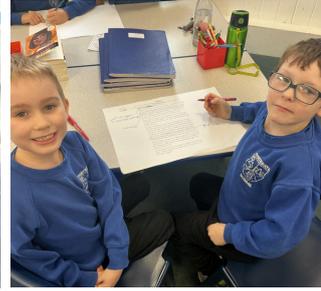


What a busy first week we've had back in Sycamore Class! In English, we have been looking at rhyming poems linked to our science work on materials. In maths, we have been learning the 5 and 10 times-tables and next week we will begin learning about length and height. In computing, we began learning about digital media and music and listened to several pieces of dramatic classical music, each named after the planets, to describe what we liked and disliked about each piece. We've been reading about fossils in our reading sessions and have very nearly finished our class reader, 'The Wishkeeper's Apprentice'. We can't wait to see how the story ends!



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Birch Class



It may have been a short week, but we have crammed a lot into it. We have really enjoyed diving into our new class reader *Empire's End* by Leila Rasheed. It details the adventure of young Roman girl on her adventure in Roman Britain- we can't wait to see where it will take us next. In English, we have been exploring character descriptions of Roman giants. We are looking forward to creating our own character description to use in an adventure story. We thoroughly enjoyed our PE session with Mrs Seary where we were focusing on ball skills. We are not only being active in PE this week, but also more regularly in the classroom, after Mr M's picked up more hints and tips during the INSET.



Hazel Class

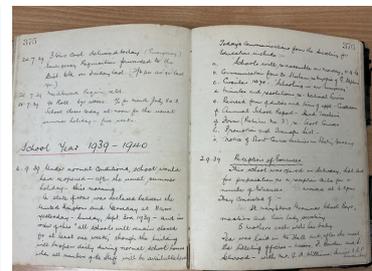


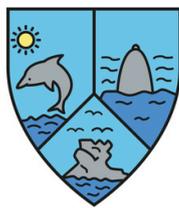
This week Hazel has been packed with exciting learning across the curriculum! In art, we carefully sketched ancient Greek statues, focusing on shape, proportion and detail. In RE, we explored how Hindus worship at home and learnt about the importance of a shrine and daily prayer. Our science lessons were hands-on and great fun as we investigated the three states of matter — solids, liquids and gases — even handling ice and water balloons to help us identify their properties! In English, we let our imaginations run wild by creating and writing our own stories set in a location of our choice. To top it all off, Year 5 visited Tolvaddon Fire Station, where we learnt valuable life skills and discovered more about the important work firefighters do in our community. What a fantastic week of learning!

Cherry Class



We have had a very busy first week back. Our history question for this half term is "How did the evacuation of children from cities affect Portreath during World War Two?". To start our investigations off we were amazed to read in our school log book that what is now Birch Class (the old school hall) was used as a billeting and refreshment area for a group of evacuees on 2nd September 1939. We are excited to investigate further! Also following our World War Two theme, we started reading our class novel "Goodnight Mister Tom," which is set during this time period.





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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	Games with Mrs Barnes and Miss Cafe
Tuesday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe Sewing club with Mrs Barnes KS2 (Y3+) Football with Mrs Seary
Wednesday	Craft club with Mrs Barnes & Miss Cafe KS2 (Y3+) Netball with Mrs Seary
Thursday	Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe & Mrs Barnes Lego club with Mrs Chiplin
Friday	Wraparound with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Chevill

REMINDERS

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

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 - 94.8%
Rowan Class - 92.1%
Sycamore Class - 91%
Birch Class - 96.8%
Hazel Class - 95.9%
Cherry Class - 92.4%

Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 95%

PE DAYS

Maple - Thursday

Rowan - Monday

Sycamore - Friday

Birch - Tuesday

Hazel - Monday

Cherry - Wednesday

DATES

6th Mar - Birch Class Assembly 2:45pm
13th Mar - Hazel Class Assembly 2:45pm
20th Mar - Cherry Class Assembly 2:45pm
1st Apr - Yr 5/6 Science Fair
7th May - School Class photographs
12th May - Open Class 2:45 - 3:15pm
5th Jun - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day 1:30 - 3:00pm
8th Jun - KS2 Sports Day 1:30-3:00pm
10th Jul - Open Class 8:40 - 9:10am
15th Jul - Whole School Show 6pm
16th Jul - Whole School Show 2pm
21st Jul - Leavers Assembly 2pm

TERM DATES

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

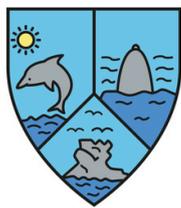
1st Jun 2026
23rd Jul 2026

KEEP THE Date

19th March at 2:30pm

Parent SEND/ Information Session

A member of the Family Help Team will be holding an information session. This is an informal session with lots of information about the newly formed team along with information on a range of subjects areas e.g. parenting workshops and health topics.



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Eadie in Birch has had the CHOP! But don't panic! It was all for a good and worthwhile cause. After her haircut, Eadie donated her long locks (30cm!) to the Princess Trust. Well done Eadie we are super proud of you for being so kind and thinking of others. We all think your new hair style looks fabulous!



Thank you Sandie

The whole school would like to thank you for all the amazing work you do in our school, from gardening to creating a great sensory area in Rowan Class.

