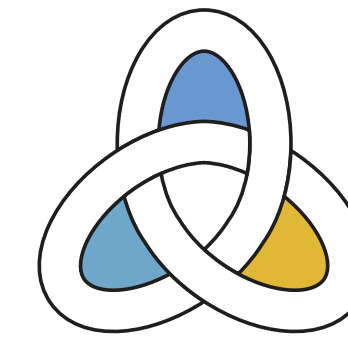


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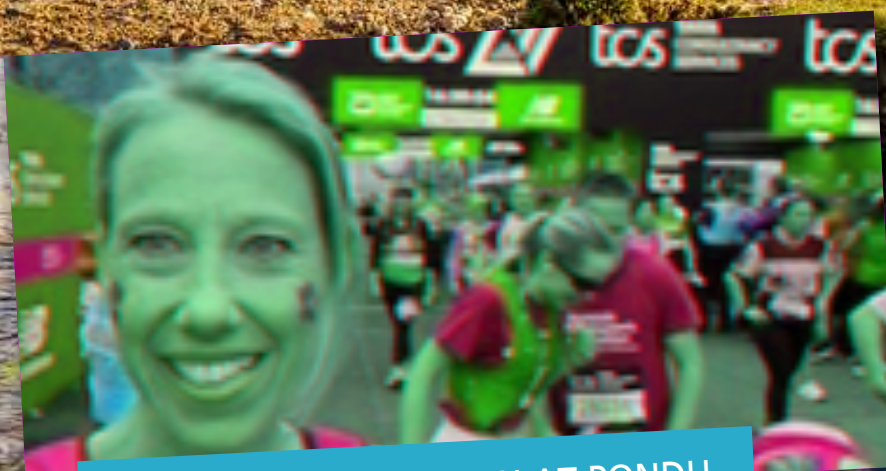
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Snow-capped peaks and adrenaline rushes - Montgenèvre Ski Trip 2024

This year we took a group of XX students to Montgenèvre for our annual ski trip. It was the first time we had visited Montgenèvre and we were not disappointed.

Despite the never ending thirty-hour coach journey, the students and staff quickly hit the slopes, admiring breathtaking views and of course achieving the art of balance.

Mr Helgesen said that "All of the students who went on the trip thoroughly enjoyed their time and feedback was fantastic! Some of the words the students described the trip was: 'hard', 'challenging', 'fun', 'exciting' and 'life changing'. I want to thank all staff who supported me on the trip, all of the students were fantastic; it will be something I hope they all remember".

Mrs Rawson added that "The trip was a huge success and for some (both staff and students) provided a challenge they never thought they would be able to succeed. I have attended the Ski trip for many years and each year I return with smiles and memories which will last a lifetime".

Harvey, Year 8 student added that "I didn't want to leave to be honest, can't

wait for the next ski trip it's going to be so fun! Thank you so much Mr Helgesen, Mrs Rawson and Mr Douglas for organising this whole trip. One word for this, AMAZING!"

A massive thank you goes out to all of the students for being such good ambassadors for the school and to all of the staff who organised and supported the Ski trip.



Exploring the land of fire and ice, Iceland trip 2024

During the Easter holidays the Geography Department took 24 GCSE and A-Level Geography students on an amazing trip to Iceland. The students spent 4 days and 3 nights exploring famous landmarks from Skogafoss and Gullfoss waterfalls, Seljalandsfoss glacier, to Reynisfjara, which is known for its black beach and also Vik a local coastal town. Time was also spent within the secret lagoon which is a naturally heated pool. The trip ended with a visit to Geysir a magnificent geyser, plus a boat trip whale watching where we spotted puffins, minke whales and a bay humpback whale.

Mrs Carter said "The students on this trip were absolutely amazing; they absorbed every ounce of Iceland. They were impeccably behaved and made the trip an absolute pleasure for the staff. It was lovely to see students from Year 10, 11 and 13 working so well together. I look forward to more trips with them "

The trip to Iceland supported so many aspects of the GCSE and A-Level Geography such as plate tectonics and continental drift, sense of place, geothermal energy, coastal landscapes, food production and sustainability. It was an impressive insight into why we study geography and its importance for young people.

Students commented by saying: "Despite some incredibly early starts, the trip was really good fun! Thank you to all the teachers who gave me this opportunity".

"This has to be one of the best trips I have ever been on and the coldest by far. We managed to visit so many places and really explore this amazing

country, I cannot wait to be able to visit Iceland again when I am older. Thank you to all of my teachers who made this trip so much fun!".

Year 13 student - 'It was an amazing experience and opportunity to be part of. Big thank you to all the staff involved, it will be a core memory to be able to see beautiful landscapes. It has brought me closer to my peers and I will forever be grateful".

"First time abroad and it didn't disappoint. Plenty to see and do and had a great time despite the sub-zero temperatures. Would definitely go again".

"It was an amazing trip; I made some great memories and got some beautiful photographs".

From exploring geological marvels to immersing themselves in Icelandic culture, our students returned home with a newfound sense of wonder and a deeper connection to the world around them. We look forward to returning to the land of fire and ice again next year with even more students.



Turning the page on another chapter with smiles and cheers! Year 11 Celebration Day 2024

Our Year 11 students celebrated five years of success with a fun-packed afternoon of photos, glitter and emotional speeches, followed by a silent disco.

Miss White, Mrs Cloke and Miss Gregan led the day with speeches, and it was lovely to see and hear our Year 11s praise and celebrate each other and say thank you to our staff.

Miss White, Head of School commented, "This was a brilliant celebration which gave students the chance to come together to celebrate achievements across the last five years at Bodmin. We are so proud of this year group; they have all shown great resilience and determination".

Sarah, Year 11 student added, "Thank you to each teacher who has taught me across the last five years at Bodmin College. You have all be amazing, the extra time and support I have received has been super helpful, I feel confident going into my GCSE exams".

Tom, Year 11 student, added "I would like to thank all of my teachers! Your continued support has been great".

Mrs Cloke and Miss Gregan said, "On Friday 3rd

May the sun finally came out for Year 11 students at Bodmin College to enjoy their Celebration Day. The students came together with their tutor team and other staff members for speeches and pasties, before getting on the face glitter and entering a Silent Disco in the Studio Theatre. Our Arts technician donned his sunglasses under the guise of 'DJ Arthur' and soon the Studio was full of students and teachers with flashing headphones singing classics like Mr Brightside and Don't Stop Me Now at the top of their lungs, or dancing to drum and bass or TikTok playlists. A great afternoon was had by all".

We would like to wish all our Year 11 students the best of luck for the up in coming weeks of exams!



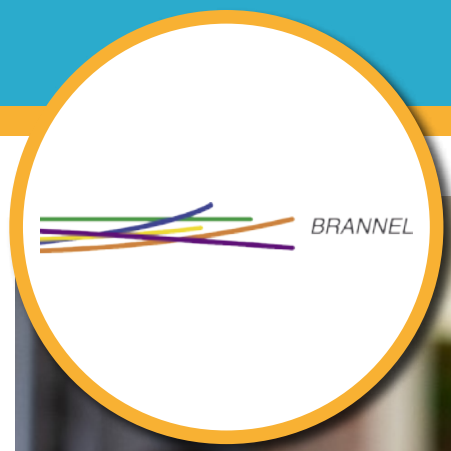
Sweat, dirt, and a whole lot of fun! Woodys Bike Park Trip

During this summer term there have been several different reward trips, one of those being an afternoon hitting the trails at Woodys Bike Park, in Fowey. This was a rewards trip for those students who were consistently engaged in all their lessons and have an interest in outdoor activities.

Under the tuition of the Cornwall Bicycle Project coach Steve, Erin and Grace, students made huge progress, facing their fears and mindsets. All students were an absolute credit to the college and have signed up to help support the Wild Ride Mountain bike day which Mr Baldwin and Mr Weaver are running for all local primary school on the 12th of June. Mr Weaver commented by saying "a fantastic opportunity to actively engage students using a top-class local provision. All were fantastic in their efforts and attitudes. Looking forward to the next one".

Mr Baldwin added, "It was such a pleasure to take this group of students out, everyone had fun and was safe and respectful of everyone's ability and skill. Some of the more competent riders were helping each other and being supportive, we have been working with the Cornwall Bike project and plan to take more students to Woodys in the near future".

Grace, Year 9 student said, "On that last run I thought I was flying, this was so much fun, thank you to everyone for this afternoon". Thank you to everyone who made this reward trip such a tremendous success! Mr Baldwin and Mr Weaver, thank you for your continued support and thank you also to all the staff at Woody's for an amazing afternoon, we look forward to working with you again soon.



Combined Cadet Force (Army) Unit approved, and staff's hard work recognised by MoD and DfE

On Friday 3 May we received approval from the DfE and MoD to proceed with setting up a Combined Cadet Force (Army) unit at Brannel School under the Cadet Expansion Programme (CEP). The MoD-sponsored Cadet Forces are widely recognised as one of the most successful uniformed youth organisations in the UK. By providing a safe place for young people to develop through undertaking challenging activities, underpinned by the values and standards of the Armed Forces, the Cadet Forces continue to make a significant contribution by changing many young people's lives for the better. Formal feedback from both the DfE and MoD on our application was extremely positive: "Schools wishing to establish a cadet unit are required to meet specified criteria, and a key factor in the decision process is the standard of the application. It is clear from the high quality of your submission that a lot of time and effort has gone into providing us with the information needed to assess your suitability to host a cadet unit."



Staff and student achievements in animal care and great initiatives in environmental conservation.

A massive well done to our Animal Care staff and students! The exam board, Pearson, is featuring much of our students' work as exemplars on their website. A huge well done to Miss Jones and Miss Round and to all their students who have worked so hard.

Pollenize is a social enterprise project that has helped us plant wildflower meadows to encourage bees, moths, butterflies, and all pollinators that play a crucial role in maintaining a healthy planet. Through academic partnerships, innovation, and AI technology, Pollenize is developing new ways to track and improve biodiversity so insect numbers, which are massively declining, can recover, and our environment can flourish.

Down on the farm, students are taught how to care for all the animals, from Giant Land Snails and Bearded Dragons to Chickens and Ducks and our latest additions, Pygmy Goats.



Staff and students share their love for fitness with early morning CrossFit Club.

Brannel School CrossFit has been up and running since September. This facility has been a huge benefit to the school sports facilities and has had a big impact on getting students active outside of curriculum time.

Students and staff who have been attending sessions at 7 am every week since September were rewarded with the very first "CrossFit Brannel" T-shirt for their consistent commitment to the Friday morning CrossFit class. The logo was designed by Alfie W (Year 7), as part of a competition run earlier in the year and it's looking fantastic on the T-shirts!



The audience was stunned, moved, laughed, and cried as Year 11 students showcased their amazing performances from their Drama exams. Not only were the performers celebrated, but also those who designed costumes and created the lighting for the shows. It was fantastic.

There was a special thank you to all those who made the wonderful evening possible and helped with staging, front of house, and tech and especially to the amazing staff that helped put it all together.





We love our teachers

We asked the children what they loved about the adults at Carclaze. Here are just a few of the answers they gave...

They look after us, especially during SATs week. They have come in really early to feed us a hearty breakfast and have made sure that we're all happy before our tests start. Elwen



"They are amazing at reading stories and do really good voices"



"They make learning really fun and are really good at showing us what to do. My teachers are AMAZING at art!"



"They are really fun and have a good laugh with us. I love it when they dress up for the panto at Christmas"



"My teacher has an amazing singing voice and always sings fun songs with us"



"My teachers are so caring and they have really boosted my confidence"



"I love our teachers so much because they make learning really fun and join in all the activities with us. It was so much fun on camp when they came kayaking and rock climbing with us"



All of the adults regularly receive letters, pictures and notes from the children, telling them how wonderful they are!



Ember and Fossie taking a stroll through the gardens.

Year One

Year 1 have continued to enjoy planting seeds, being responsible for plants and watching them grow. Together with Mrs Teague, they have thought about how to support the stems when the plants have grown taller and considered why some plants have not grown well.

Reception have learnt about how to take care of the natural environment and what creatures live in different habitats. They have used rubbish to make a huge blue whale! The children had fun with Mrs Chanin making a group collage!

Teachers, parents and children all enjoyed the plant hunt at Caerhays Castle Gardens, looking for plants grown from seed that George Forrest brought back from China.



We read and followed signs.



Tilda looking carefully at plants.



Bodie found a massive leaf!



Drawing observations of leaves and flowers.



Watty was proud of his findings!



We love our teachers

Lantic Class have learnt a lot about Plant Hunter George Forrest since he jumped out of a time machine!

Year Two

In Year 2, every day is busy and full of learning. Every day at school is also full of fun! Much of the time, we enjoy the simple things we do every day the most. For example, it is always special being able to hear a child read. There are few things more enjoyable than sharing a book together! In Year 2, we also enjoy signing a song with our teacher playing the guitar!



Year Five

Year 5 have had the most incredible half term and have spent most of their time on the water! We have been involved in an exciting project with an organisation called ProBleu. This has given us the opportunity to explore and learn about the Fowey estuary from the land and from a kayak! We have experienced all weathers from torrential downpours to glorious sunshine. All of this was made possible by our teacher Mrs. Warnham who worked hard on our application to secure the funding. We have absolutely loved our time on the water and are true guardians of the estuary!



We love to spend time outside together as a class, whether that's reading or taking our lessons outside. You can often find us sitting outside reciting our times tables at the beginning of the afternoons and enjoying the sunshine. The children love to learn in this way, as do the teachers here at Fowey!





At Newquay Primary Academy we are so lucky to have such amazing teachers and learning support staff. We could rave about them all day, but the pupils have told us about their reasons for why their teachers are the best...



In EYFS we have the inspiring Ms Wilson, who has been with the academy since day one, and is joined by the fantastic Mrs Kearn. Joshua Class have lots of reasons why they love their teaching staff. In their own words our EYFS staff are 'lovely', 'give good hugs', 'kind', 'they are the best', 'funny', 'they do cool stuff' and they 'smile lots' - most of the children however loved Ms Wilson because she has Dave the Dog, our part time school dog!

Miss Bailey, our year two teacher, joined the academy this year and has made a real impact on the children, her extra-curricular art club is also very popular! Her class, Severn, were very enthusiastic about why they love Miss Bailey. They were all in agreement that Miss Bailey is fun, caring and very kind. The class also love Miss Bailey's passion for art, and how creative their classroom is (she has created the most beautiful tree out of a supporting pillar, which changes with the seasons). It was mentioned a few times by the pupils that if they have a problem, they know that Miss Bailey is the one to help them solve it.



Sporty Mrs Parish-Meens also joined the academy this year and is our year one teacher for Tamar class. She is supported by the Queen of the choir, Miss Sutherland. One pupil said about Mrs Parish-Meens, 'Her teaching is really, really great and she's the best teacher in the world. She's kind and funny and makes me laugh'. Mrs Parish-Meens likes to get her class outside and playing sport, which has also made her popular among Tamar class. Other feedback states that she gives good hugs and is very kind. Miss Sutherland is very good at making the children laugh and is fantastic at silly voices. She's also very kind and makes breaktimes fun, always on hand to offer a hug.



Miss Rai, our PE teacher (pictured with Mrs Longwoth), is also loved by our pupils. She makes P.E fun and is always a ball of sunshine when she walks into our academy. Mrs Longwoth is our superstar HLTA who supports all our teachers. The children all think she's fabulous, and her energetic personality keeps them going through afterschool club.

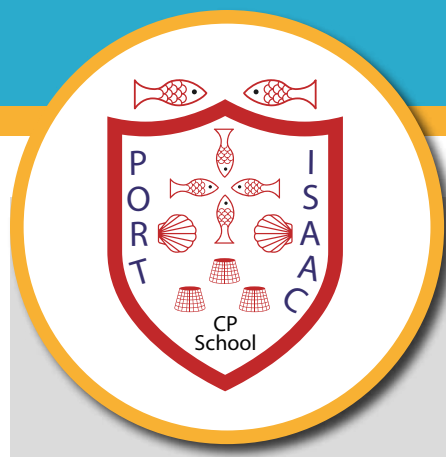


Our Senior Teacher, Mrs Hall, keeps our academy in check and is the friendly face the children love to see on their way into class in the morning and leading assemblies. Our School Council (pictured with her) think she's a great listener.



It's fair to say that at Newquay Primary Academy, we love our teachers!





Our School motto at port Isaac is Kara Dyski- Love Learning, here are some of the fantastic things that have been happening, we are very grateful to all of the adults who work with us to give us these opportunities and motivate us to love learning.



Time Table Rockstars

Our Key Stage 2 classes, Puffins and Dolphins, have been set a number of multiplication tables challenges- if they prove they can consistently achieve above 20 on the TTRS soundcheck they earn a badge! If they achieve a totally green heatmap, meaning that a student has consistently answered all facts in 4 seconds or less, at least 10 times, they receive a 'Gone Green' certificate to demonstrate they are consistently fluent in every times table. Hard work and dedication pays off!



Cornwall Cricket

We are excited to be working with Charlie from Cornwall Cricket who has coached every class this term. We have learning throwing and catching techniques, batting and bowling- anyone for Cricket?



Shanty Festival

It was our honour to open the Port Isaac Shanty Festival on Friday night, these shanty singing Port Isaac Pirates did us proud! Our School Song 'Ship of Dreams' captures all of our school values. Thank you to Cos & Seesh for creating our fabulous school anthem and Mrs Townsend for helping us develop our musical talent.



Y3/4 Okehampton Residential

Thank you to all of the staff from Port Isaac and Mevagissey School who made our trip possible both on camp and behind the scenes. The children from both Port Isaac CP School and Mevagissey School we excellent ambassadors for Cornwall Education Learning Trust and we were delighted to see St Mewan School arrive as we prepared to depart!



Wadebridge Sports Centre Arts Project

Our entire school has come together to create a stunning collage showcasing our passion for swimming which will be displayed at Wadebridge Sports Centre, thank you to Caroline Cleave for her artistic input!



My Brilliant Place to be me

Our KS2 pupils are so lucky to have all been gifted MY BRILLIANT PLACE TO BE ME - a well-being resource for children aged 8 to 11 created by Headstart Kernow, this book is full of activities and information designed to support and help children learn to look after their well-being and to feel good. It is also a useful tool for parents and care-givers to better understand and support children and their emotional well-being. <https://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/brilliant-me>



RNLI

Thank you to our RNLI for our beach safety talk which is so important at our coastal school. We learnt about the different flags and how to stay safe in the water at the beach. #RNLI #beachsafety



Wheelie Good Fun

There's been an exciting development at playtimes and we are practicing our speed and stunt skills with our fabulous new delivery of scooters and bikes.





Year 9 Boys Claim County Football Title

There were scenes of celebration on Tuesday 7th May as Penrice Academy's Year 9 Boys produced a memorable second-half turnaround to clinch the Football County Cup. Hosted at Sticker Football Club, the boys faced a showdown against a talented Redruth School team.

The ability of the Redruth team was clear to see in the first half where they were arguably the better team, going into the break with a deserved 1-0 advantage.

However, an inspired second-half performance saw Penrice turn the tie on its head, hitting the woodwork twice and scoring an equaliser just 15 minutes before full time. With the game evenly poised in the closing stages, it was team captain Callum who took a great chance to put Penrice in the lead with 5 minutes left to play, sending the supporting Penrice community into euphoria on the sidelines.

After a nervous final 5 minutes, the referee blew the final whistle to jubilant scenes from those in black and gold, the match finishing 2-1.

Mr Jenkin, Head of PE at Penrice, said: "I'm really proud of the students' achievement. The level of commitment they have shown to training and representing Penrice is outstanding. They've done the school proud and they deserve this recognition.

The atmosphere created by the Penrice Community was one I'll never forget. I must thank the parents, grandparents, carers, students and teachers, all of whom attended in their numbers at the match. It gave our players a huge boost; we are so grateful for the support. Throughout the year we have had parents offering to run the line, arranging kit, and offering to help in so many other ways. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this success."



Ten Tors Students Excel on Dartmoor

Huge congratulations to our Ten Tors challengers, all of whom successfully completed their expeditions on Dartmoor this weekend!



Author Clare Owen visits Penrice Academy

Local author Clare Owen visited Penrice on Monday 13th May to speak to Year 8 students and lead a creative writing workshop.

Clare is a former student of Oxford University where she studied an English degree before spending much of her career in the Creative Arts. Her name came to the fore in 2021 when her novel 'Zed and the Cormorants' was published, breaking through into major online retailers, available as a paperback, e-book and audiobook.

The day started with the entirety of Year 8 spending a lesson in the Assembly Hall as Clare discussed how she turned her initial idea into a popular published story.

After the assembly, Clare led a workshop with selected students to work on creative writing and character development. The workshop focussed on positive associations, with students asked to write about a food they love, using as many descriptive words as possible whilst also considering their memories associated with foods (e.g. treats from grandparents, beach days etc).

Students were then required to swap their foods and memories with other students in the class, mixing up ideas and applying them to their own fictional characters.



Year 11 Leavers' Day





An Incredible Week on the Slopes

What an unforgettable adventure "Poltair Ski 2024" was for the students who embarked on this trip of a lifetime. Students had an absolute blast, as they spent a week on the slopes of Montgenevre. It was fantastic to see their skills develop as the week progressed. There were a few slips and trips along the way, but they got back up, brushed themselves off and were straight back to it, determined to master their skills on the slopes. This truly was the trip of a lifetime, but it would not be possible without our incredible staff who made it happen - from the meticulous planning to their enthusiastic participation, they ensured our students had an amazing trip. Let's not forget Colin and Malcom, our fantastic coach drivers, for ensuring a safe journey both ways.



So Proud to be "GOOD"

We are delighted to announce that we have received a 'Good' judgement, following our recent Ofsted inspection. In addition to this, we have earned specific recognition for:

- Outstanding Behaviour & Attitudes
- Outstanding Leadership & Management
- Outstanding Personal Development

Our Headteacher, Mark Everett, couldn't be prouder of this acknowledgment from Ofsted. He expressed, "We are thrilled that they have acknowledged the hard work and dedication we have invested into transforming Poltair - a school that has never, until now, been recognised as 'good' following an Ofsted inspection.

Ofsted recognised our commitment to inclusive education, stating, "The school ensures that all pupils, including those who are disadvantaged and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), are able to succeed academically."

Inspectors also praised the exemplary behaviour of our students, fostering an environment where learning flourishes and students feel supported in their academic and personal development.

This Good rating is a testament to the collective effort of our local community, staff, and students, without whom this achievement wouldn't have been possible.

Since joining CELT in 2019, Poltair School has undergone a remarkable transformation, culminating in record-breaking GCSE results and securing a position among the top 5 secondary schools in Cornwall.

The full Ofsted report can be viewed on our website: www.poltairschool.co.uk/ofsted



SPARX Success

Poltair students have collectively answered TWO MILLION Sparx questions this year! Since kicking off Sparx Maths in September, our students have shown incredible determination and ambition, leading to this amazing achievement. On average, each student has tackled 2,500 questions through homework, XP boost, Target and independent learning. This hard work has helped us maintain our world ranking within the top 4%. This accomplishment is the result of over 20,000 hours of dedicated effort, to ensure our students have a strong foundation of knowledge.



The Jon Egging Trust Project

The Jon Egging Trust (JET) Project is a fantastic project, designed to help young people, who face barriers to learning, build their confidence, resilience and self-belief to succeed. Last month, our "JET" students hit the waves at Fistral Beach, Newquay, for an unforgettable surf lesson. With the sun shining, students had great fun attempting to catch a few waves. Earlier this month, they paid a visit to Spaceport Cornwall, where they embarked on an out-of-this-world adventure. From discovering the inner workings of the Spaceport, to crafting their very own rockets, our students delved deep into the wonders of space science. They were immersed in hands-on activities and gained invaluable insights into the groundbreaking work being done there. A huge thank you to the Jon Egging Trust for providing students with these incredible opportunities.



Baroness Barran Visits Poltair

It was a privilege to welcome Baroness Barran, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the School System and Lords Minister for the Department for Education, to Poltair earlier this month.

The day was filled with insightful discussions, as the Baroness and The Southwest Regions Group spent time with CEOs from 7 secondary school Cornish trusts, delving into the remarkable journey of CELT's school improvement efforts.

Baroness Barran had the chance to explore our school firsthand, speaking to staff and students, alongside our Headteacher, Mr. Everett.

It was an honour to showcase the strides we've made in transforming our school into the exemplary learning environment it is today.

Year 7 Boys Football

What a journey it's been for our Year 7 Boys' Football Team! They've conquered East Cornwall as champions and played in the County Final against Penair. Despite the tough battle, our team showcased incredible spirit and sportsmanship throughout. Although Penair took the lead early on, our team never lost heart. Despite a final score of 2-5, our boys fought till the last minute, displaying true determination and skill. Congratulations to Penair on their victory, and a huge shoutout to our Year 7 team for their outstanding performance and sportsmanship. We are proud to call them East Cornwall champions and the 2nd best team in all of Cornwall.





As the theme this half term is 'We Love Our Teachers' we are taking a look at how our fantastic teachers always go 'above and beyond' to make sure our pupils have the very best experiences at school.



Looking closer at life!

Mrs. Webber was able to secure a loan of some amazing microscopes from the Royal Microscopical Society this half term. Each class had the chance to use them in their lessons, and pupils were enthralled with the detail they saw using the different lenses. Even our reception pupils were using scientific vocabulary, viewing lots of 'specimens' and they all now want their own microscope!



Nothing's Stopping Nell!

Despite breaking an elbow the week before camp, we made sure that Nell, one of our Year 5 children took part in every single activity! She was kayaked around St Austell Bay by Mrs. Badger and supported on the traversing wall by her class teacher, Mrs. Povey. Everything else was down to Nell! She reached the top of the climbing wall one handed, completed the leap of faith on the high ropes and made it all the way through the caving system just using her legs and one arm. Not only were her classmates and the staff team in awe of her but all the instructors at Porthpean were as well. What a superstar!



Springing into Life!

This half term we have had some visitors to our school when we have been looking at life cycles. Our youngest pupils patiently observed the incubator in their classroom for days and were super excited when the chicks began to hatch. We were also treated to a visit from some lambs as one of our pupils, Fox, has a lot of animals on his parents' smallholding.

Eco-Committee News

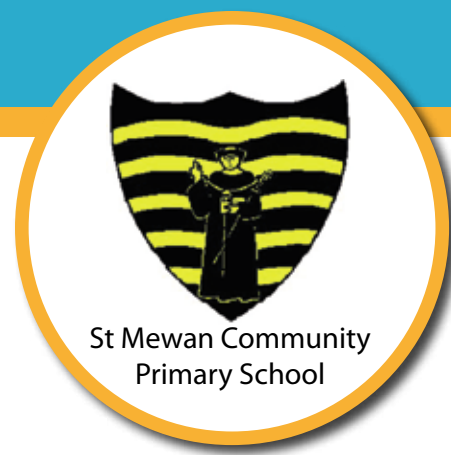
Our Eco-Committee meets with our headteacher every week and encourages every single person in our school to take pride in looking after our planet. They have been incredibly pro-active this year and this half term has been a very busy one. Firstly, they organised the school's Earth Day activities on 22nd April. Many of our pupils walked to school instead of coming by car and everyone made a great effort to use reusable packaging in their lunch boxes. As well as this, every class switched off all lights for the afternoon session to reduce the school's carbon footprint and, since last term, the Eco-Committee patrol the school each lunchtime to make sure that lights are off when classrooms are empty. This is making such a difference to our energy consumption! As well as this, Apple Class have also invited their families into school to make amazing models out of rubbish, just to show what we can do with the items that we waste, and nursery have been making bird feeders and spotting the different varieties of birds around the school.



The 'Twinning' Team

Our MFL coordinator, Mrs Kriskovic, visited Lostwithiel's twin town Pleyber-Christ in Brittany, France. This was part of the twinning weekend organised by the Lostwithiel Twinning Committee. Some of our families went too and Arlo and Elowen helped to deliver postcards to Ecole St Pierre. Arlo's class had written their messages in French and decorated the postcards. The school was very pleased to receive them and promised they would write back! It was a great weekend, full of cultural events and lots of talking in French. Twinning is a fabulous way to practice a language and gives a real purpose to learning a foreign language. We hope many more of our families join the association!





At St Mewan we LOVE our teachers and we know just how much they go above and beyond to do everything to give our children the best possible starts in life whether this be through high-quality, engaging lessons, extra-curricular activities, residential or giving up evenings and weekends for theatre or sports trips. We know they give our pupils everything they've got and this week particularly they've pulled together and shown what Team

St Mewan are truly capable of. Thank you to our teachers and all our amazing staff, who do just as much to go above and beyond for our pupils.

Miss Lynch is the MFL co-ordinator at St Mewan School. She has been teaching for 16 years and teaching French for 14 of those Early Years - **Mrs Rogers** is the EYFS lead and has been teaching in the Reception Classes at St Mewan for the last six years after decided on a change of career while helping out at her son's nursery and falling in love with working with young children. **Mrs Tyers** is kept busy by her 4 boys at home so she's constantly surrounded by children! **Miss Vercoe** has been a member of the St Mewan family for a long time and we value her wisdom and experience. She's such a supportive colleague to us all.

Year 1 - Mrs Bark has worked in education for 13 years. She got into teaching because of her love of Early Years and loves the magic of storytelling and outdoor learning! **Miss Martin** has just taken on the SENDco role. She wanted to become a teacher as she wanted to be part of a child's educational journey and watch them meet their full potential and flourish.

Year 2 - Mrs Best and Miss Stephens are our lovely Year 2 teachers and a fantastic team. They love teaching at St Mewan... especially outside on sunny sunglasses days!

Year 3 - Miss Palmer loves filming videos for the children on her travels to inspire them and enrich the curriculum. **Mrs Yeo** knew from a very young age she knew she wanted to be a teacher and enjoys helping children by breaking their learning down which enables them to be successful in each lesson.

Year 4 - Mr Mitchell has led all kinds of subjects in his 17 years at St Mewan. We love listening to him play on Remembrance Day every year. **Mrs Greenwood** became a teacher because of a wonderful music

teacher that she had at secondary school. She wanted to inspire and encourage children in the way that he did.

Miss Downing has just come back from maternity leave and is one of KS2 teachers. She started her teaching journey at 16. She knew she wanted to teach for as long as she can remember but her wonderful Year 5 and Year 6 teachers inspired her to go into Primary teaching.

Year 5 - My Boynton is mad about PE and about providing as many opportunities for our pupils as possible. The number of clubs he provides are endless.

Year 6 - Mr George has been teaching for 25 years - his teaching journey started in Dorset. He first stepped through the door of St Mewan to teach back in 2015. Out of all the residential he's attended over the years, our year six Scillies residential last summer was the best to date - five days of making great memories. **Mrs Spargo** started her teaching career 16 years ago and is currently teaching her 14th class at St Mewan! Ever since she was a child herself, learning from many incredible teachers, she had her route into teaching mapped out. **Mr Donnelly** has been teaching for 7 years. He started teaching because he loves the fact the job never has an identical day and children constantly find wonder in the world.

Mrs Barrett is one of our lovely apprentice teachers who joined us this year from St Mewan. We've loved getting to know her and welcoming her to our school. **Mrs Hawkins** is our second lovely apprentice teacher but she's worked at St Mewan (and other schools in CELT) for a long time as a HLTA. We've loved watching her journey to becoming a teacher and can't wait to see what she does next!





ASH CLASS

Ash Class loved their egg-cellent 10 day duckling experience as part of their growing topic. We had an amazing time looking after 5 beautiful ducklings – Dixie, Dippy, Duggie, Dorothy and Daisy. The children were able to have lots of cuddles and had great fun watching them swim in the paddling pool. The children really enjoyed their interactions with the ducklings and with regular updates we were able to get the whole school community involved. All of our pupils were able to visit Ash at some point and the ducklings acted as superb therapy animals.



BEECH CLASS

Beech Class had a wonderful day visiting Newquay Zoo despite the inevitable rainy weather. The children spent time looking at the animals and finding out which ones were on the endangered list. They also took part in a brilliant penguin workshop where they discovered where they are found in the world, how they look after and feed their young and what makes them super swimmers but terrible at flying. The highlight? When Miss Young got stuck in the tube slide! We love it when our staff get 'stuck in'... literally!



OAK CLASS

Here in Oak Class we have been trying to learn how to ease the potential anxiety of SATs stress by using and learning some Mental health strategies with our friends working with the NHS Mental Health services. Additionally, we have been attempting to get outside as much as possible, despite our poor current weather. We have been exploring ways to support our mental health as well as preparing ourselves for performing our best within our SATs. We have also been utilizing our ICT to take on our SATs, which Oak Class have loved. As pictured below we are trying to take a fun and mental health supported approach to our SATs and any other challenge this half term throws at us such as the beginnings of transition on the next steps of our educational journey.

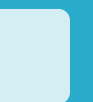


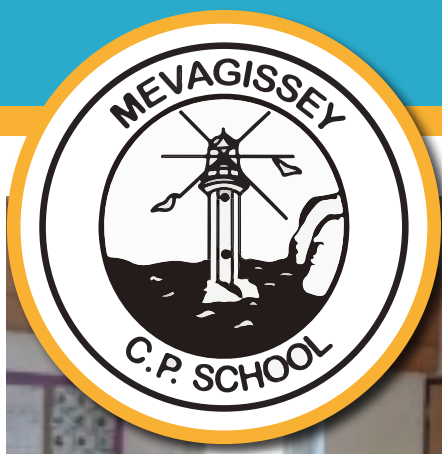
SYCAMORE CLASS



Sycamore class have been enjoying some amazing learning this half term. They have been conducting experiments to identify which liquid is the most viscous as part of our states of matter learning in science. They've also written a recount about two exciting parts of our class novel Matilda (Amanda Thripp being thrown and Bruce eating all that cake). Pupils have also been learning about the Ancient Maya in history as well as practicing their drawing skills in art.

What makes all of this learning even more amazing, is they have accomplished it while having a supply teacher for two weeks. This was due to myself (Mr Hanns-Drake) being on paternity leave, welcoming my first child (Maddison Isla Hanns-Drake). The class did get to meet her briefly and have been very excited for me. The class made me a lovely card with lots of lovely messages, thank you so much Sycamore class.





MP visit

Steve Double, MP for St Austell and Newquay came to visit our school and talk to the children about being an MP. Steve was taken on a tour of the school by the school council, presented our trophies in celebration assembly and did a Q and A session with our student council. A fantastic morning and an honour to have him at Mevagissey.



Creativity and Earth Day

The whole school celebrated creativity and Earth Day by reusing materials to invent their own creations to help save the earth. The children based their designs on sustainability, thinking of innovative ways to help protect the world we live in.



Book Quiz night

Two excited teams of children attended the St Austell literary festival 'Beat the Author' quiz. The children had a great night and were a fantastic representation for the school.



RNLI visit

The children had a visit from the RNLI to brush up on their water and coastal safety ready for the summer.



Amazing year 6!

A huge well done to our amazingly resilient year 6. They have worked incredibly hard on the run up to SATs and are looking forward to a summer term full of fun. A huge thank you to our LGB for helping run our SATs breakfast club.

Adventures for Year 3 and 4.

Jellyfish and Lobster class headed out on the first residential this term. High ropes, water sports and raft building were some of the highlights. The children represented the school brilliantly following 'The Mevagissey Way' and making memories.



"They make the worry things go away, they make it better."

"They don't care if you get something wrong - just that you tried."

"My teacher never hurries me and gives me time to think."

"They play games with us if its wet play."

"Encouraging"

We love our teachers!

What pupils had to say about their teachers at Mevagissey school

"They are there when we need them."

"Push you to do your best, in a good way."

"They always know when we need to go outside."

"They laugh lots."

"They always let me know when I do things well"

"You can trust them"



It's camp season at Mount Charles!!

Year 4 were first to enjoy their residential at the end of April. The children had a fantastic time on residential at Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre.

The children took part in kayaking, mega SUP, an amazing caving experience and also enjoyed a silent disco on Thursday evening! For some of our children, this was the first time they had ever tried these activities and we were so proud of their enthusiasm and perseverance.



On 2nd May, Year 3 had great fun at BF adventure. They enjoyed a variety of adventurous activities including canoeing, climbing, archery and team building. Back in school they enjoyed lots of fun games and made their own pizzas for tea before settling down to sleep in the classrooms. They had a great night and finished their adventure with bacon rolls for breakfast. What an amazing first residential for Year 3!



Next up it was year 5's turn for their residential last week and they had an amazing time at Porthpean Outdoor Adventure! They spent their first afternoon on the water having lots of fun in the kayaks and on the mega paddle board. They then got to enjoy fun games back in camp and had an awesome outdoor laser tag battle! The evening was spent enjoying a silent disco, team building games and tent fun. On their second day they experienced caving and the high ropes challenge. They were so lucky to have such beautiful weather.



Year 6 will be enjoying their residential after half term and we look forward to sharing their updates!

School camps truly do become treasured memories for life. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to our teachers and support staff. It is thanks to their time and commitment that our children get to enjoy these residential experiences. We love our teachers and staff.





At Newquay Junior, our teachers are amazing! They help us to develop a passion for all subjects and inspire us to give 100% to everything we do! They know that every word they say has the possibility to realign a destiny and impact our future lives. They focus on, not just the academic, but all aspects of the curriculum, ensuring that we, whatever our starting point, can leave NJA for the next stage of their education as well-rounded citizens, who have a strong sense of place in Cornwall, but also a good understanding of the many different facets of the wider world!



Our community and location are important to us, and we love that our teachers incorporate where we live in lots of our learning!



Our teachers cultivate future geographers, historians, scientists, artists, and musicians using our fantastic location where possible (Year 3 beach trips, Choir etc.)



Staff run a wide range of clubs during lunchtimes and after school; these cover all interests and are inclusive of all abilities.



In Creative Club, led by Mr. Ellis-Davies, we encourage life skills such Float to Live!



British Values weave through our whole curriculum and Mr. Murphy works closely with our Academy Council: they are elected and work on behalf of all of us to make decisions. They run cake stalls and Quiz Nights to support charities, have organised Handball tournaments and have sampled the new menu from our school dinner providers and offered feedback.

Health and Fitness matter to us and our teachers, led by Miss Rai, work hard to ensure we can swim and participate in a wide variety of sports, which include representing NJA and competing in a wide range of sporting competitions and activities.



Our teachers encourage and support future World Champions



Last year, Anya won GOLD for Team GB at the European Kickboxing Championships and has been selected to fight for Team GB in the World Championships!

Bella from Year 6 travelled to Oxford to represent Cornwall in the under 11 girls football squad, we have no doubt that we have a future Lioness in the making!

We can attend camps and we are grateful that our teachers & support staff give up their own time to make sure that we have the best possible time whether that is on an activity adventure or visiting London. (Camp/London pictures)





Returning to Grass Roots

England's Lioness, Katie Robinson, returned to her NT roots to meet the staff that inspired her and for her to inspire NT students to believe in themselves by proving if you work hard, you will achieve your ultimate GOAL! She was joined by professional rugby player, Josh Matavesi, who echoed the sentiments of Katie as did a representative from the NSN.

NT Team Sport won't let the grass grow under anyone's feet, the summer term, in particular, is packed with many events and fixtures during the school day and after school which is very popular by many students. Students and staff are hoping for great weather on the 4th of July for our annual Sports Day.

Year 10 Boys football – County Champions

Year 10 are County Champions for the second year running! Of course this wouldn't happen without the wonderful Mr Templeton! Tretherras 3-0 Camborne. What a performance it was from the boys who dominated the first half.



Smiles all Round!

Ms Harries, Head of School, will always recognise students who put in exceptional effort, and progress, in their subjects by presenting them with the Headteacher Commendation award. Students, and their families, are delighted their efforts and hard work are acknowledged in this way.

Ms Harries' door is always open to students who know that they can come and talk to her during their break and lunch times, and they welcome this. It is as important for the students as it is for Ms Harries to hear what they have to say.



U12 Girls football – County Champions

Our under 12 Girls won 3-1 against Richard Lander in their county cup final match at Wadebridge FC. As you can see Coach 'Burnelli' is very proud of the girls as they are of him!



Science Week

Science teachers continued to inspire students, during science week, to engage with the wonders of the natural world and fostering a lifelong appreciation for the marvels of science. From hovercraft adventures to pig dissections and liquid nitrogen ice cream, the week was filled with unforgettable experiences that ignited curiosity and fuelled a passion for scientific exploration. Team Science were certainly the stars of the week in the eyes of students!



Keep It Steel kick start the summer!

Our fantastic steel band, 'Keep It Steel', kick started the summer with their first gig - a wedding at Scorrier House!

The sun shone brightly, the birds sang loudly (even louder than their pans at times!) and the location was exquisite.

Mrs Wade was so proud of everyone involved: "all the guests were full of compliments for the band. They were very surprised that it was made up of school students given that they were so professional, well polished and acted so mature throughout the day. Well done Keep It Steel."





Mr. Keast – P.E. HLTA

Here at Pondhu we appreciate Mr. Keast, our dedicated supporter of sports, team games, playtime activities, and PE lessons! With his steady guidance and consistent encouragement, he helps our students navigate the world of PE and sport with confidence, whether it's on the field, during playtime, or in PE lessons.

From organising team practices to facilitating playtime games, Mr. Keast ensures that every child has the opportunity to participate and enjoy the benefits of sportsmanship and teamwork. Whether it's a friendly game of football during playtimes or a challenging PE lesson, Mr. Keast's commitment to our students and their sporting endeavours is truly commendable.

Through his efforts, he fosters a sense of community and cooperation among our children, teaching them valuable lessons that extend beyond sport and Physical Education. We recognise and thank Mr. Keast for his ongoing support and dedication to promoting a love for sports, team games, playtime activities, and physical education among our children.



Mrs. Roper - ELSA

Mrs Roper is a fantastic Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. She is a warm, kind and caring member of staff who helps to support the children and young people at Pondhu to feel happy in school and to reach their potential socially, emotionally and academically. Mrs. Roper supports the children's emotional development and helps them to cope with life's challenges by running 1:1 sessions on a weekly basis and providing regular check-ins and support during the school day.

Miss. Gray – Marathon Inspiration

On Sunday the 21st April our teacher Miss. Gray took part in the London Marathon. She managed the run in 5 hours and 15 minutes and raised £790 for Alzheimer's Society. She showed us her running vest where she had printed the picture of her grandparents on for who she was running in memory of. She spoke in assembly to bring the community together to support her where we gave her an inspirational clap to get her through the 20 mile mark. She told us her running number and it was put on the newsletter how to track her running. Many of us downloaded it and watched her complete the course. Some of us watched it on T.V. and a few of us even spotted her running across the finish line. In our English lessons, we were writing instructions on 'How to grow a positive mind' and we wrote these in mind of Miss. Gray running the marathon and knowing that she would need lots of resilience and determination to get through to the final line. The community came together to support her by sponsoring her, sending messages of good wishes and congratulations after. We were all inspired by Miss. Gray for doing this challenge – children, colleagues and the community. We know that many people have looked to enter the ballot for next year and cannot wait to see who will inspire us next!



Mrs. Newnes - Rainbows

At Pondhu, Mrs. Newnes has recently set up a Rainbows unit. Rainbows is part of Girlguiding UK and is for girls aged 4-7. We currently have 11 Rainbows from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. So far we have earned our Camp and Feel Good badges and we are now working on our Live Smart badge. We have done lots of interesting activities such as making dens, toasting marshmallows and going on a money treasure hunt. Thank you Mrs. Newnes for giving us such wonderful opportunities outside of our normal school day.



Mrs. Guest – Wild Tribe

This term Mrs. Guest has given many of us opportunities to take part in Wild Tribe. We have taken part in weekly sessions to develop our confidence and self-esteem. We've been encouraged to take risks by climbing trees and more recently have learnt how to safely light a fire and keep it burning long enough to toast marshmallows. We end every session with a game of hide and seek and then roll down the hill, trying to beat our partner to the bottom. Thank you Mrs. Guest for all you do for us and giving us all these chances to have so much fun!



Mr. Dawes – After School DT Club

At Pondhu we are very lucky to be offered a variety of after school clubs at the end of each school day. One of these is DT club with Mr. Dawes.

We have made lots of interesting things this year including bug hotels, bat and bird boxes and picture frames. The club gives us extra opportunities to take part in a 'non sporting' club. This is amazing as we all love to design and make useful things. Thanks Mr. Dawes!

