

3 MAY 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to events taking place at the latter end of the week, I find myself writing this week's Bulletin on Wednesday afternoon. One might think that there would be little to report upon after just 2 ½ days but evidence suggests otherwise.

As ever, the primary focus has been on work in the classroom and our busy co-curricular programme. In addition, the week started with a nail-biting penalty shootout victory for the U11 boys' football team in the county cup semi-final. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them luck for next week's final. Just 48 hours after this fixture, we witnessed the first cricket matches of the summer as the U11s took on their U12 counterparts in some early season training games at Truro Senior School.

Wednesday morning saw Year 5 depart for their trip to Beam House in North Devon and a programme that will include high ropes, survivor training (building shelters and using flint to light fires), trapeze (a leap of faith from a tree top ledge) and the fabled 'Challenge Course'. Mr Dove informs me that they have already made a positive impression on all at the PGL camp and he envisages them returning on Friday with much to tell and a large bag of muddy washing!

Wednesday also saw us welcome Lady Jenny Hill Norton and her children, Simon, Claudia and Tom to Truro School Prep. Jenny is the great, great-granddaughter of Capt. William Teague, who built Treiske House back in the late 1800s. It was a super opportunity to show them around the school and to share some interesting archive information which I will pass on to the children in due course. It was equally enjoyable to be in their company as rafts of children came up to greet them and introduce themselves. The children's manners, confidence and happiness were remarked upon by each of our visitors.

This week's assembly and message have focused upon the Truro School motto: *Esse Quam Videri* - To be, rather than to seem to be. First, we explored the parable of the good Samaritan before taking a look at our own responses to several different situations.

We were then able to briefly revisit the values that we have covered over the past few terms. We talked about respect, a major component of our Behaviour Policy (along with making good choices) before moving on to service, reminding ourselves of the importance of doing things for others. We covered making the most of our talents as well as the importance of endeavour.

To finish, we looked carefully at the value of courage - it is of course the Truro School 'Year of Courage', but we focused predominantly on integrity; identifying the importance of staying true to our beliefs, standing up for what we believe in and doing the right thing - even when no one is watching. *Esse Quam Videri* - To be, rather than to seem to be ... is all about integrity.

This week's Quote of The Week sums this up perfectly:

I hope that you all enjoy a lovely bank holiday weekend with your wonderful children and I look forward to seeing you once again next week.

With my thanks as always and best wishes to you all,

Mr Rob Morse
Headmaster

"No matter how cool, talented, educated or rich you think you are, how you treat people tells all. Integrity is everything."

Monday 6 May - Friday 10 May 2024

Details may change; please check the online calendar for updates.

Monday 6 May

Early May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7 May

Tech Cornwall workshop (selected pupils)

Truro Prep 10.40am-11.50am

Wednesday 8 May

5LJ MFL cookery workshop

Truro School cookery department 10.40am-1pm

Year 6 girls' hardball cricket v Truro School
U12s (H)

Truro Prep 2.30pm start

Thursday 9 May

Chat with the Chaplain (6DG)

Conservatory/picnic area 10.20-10.40

LAMDA exams

Assembly hall 1.30pm-4.30pm

5LJ Sailing

Stithians reservoir 1.15pm-4.30pm

Friday 10 May

LAMDA exams

Assembly hall 8.30am-5pm

Reception trip

Glendurgan Gardens, Falmouth 9.30am-2.30pm

Monday 13 May - Friday 17 May 2024

Details may change; please check the online calendar for updates.

Monday 13 May

Year 6 Normandy trip parents information
meeting

Assembly hall 3.30pm

U11 football Rosewarne cup finals (A)

Archbishop Benson 4pm-5.30pm (ko 4.30pm)

Tuesday 14 May

Year 4 dress rehearsal

Wednesday 15 May

Tempest Photography Class Photographs

Thursday 16 May

Chat with the Chaplain (6JL)

Conservatory/picnic area 10.20-10.40

5LJ Sailing

Stithians reservoir 1.15pm-4.30pm

Year 4 play performance one

Assembly hall 6.30pm-7pm

Refreshments for Year 4 parents

Dining hall 7pm-7.15pm

Year 4 play performance two

Assembly hall 7.15pm-7.45pm

NOTICES

1) Road Safety Awareness

You may have noticed some of our staff members at the entrance to Truro School Prep this week. They were there to conduct awareness into cars turning right into Prep from the A390 rather than proceeding to the Treliske Roundabout, doubling back and then turning left into school from here.

As you may be aware, turning right into Prep is a traffic offence; not only can it lead to three points on your driving license, it also poses a hazard to those using the road. We have had two accidents and several near misses in the last two years.

As a School, we are ever mindful of looking outwards to our local community and we ask that you please refrain from making this manoeuvre. We understand that the school journey can be beset with delays. Should you find yourself running late, we would rather you arrive safely a few minutes late and avoid taking unnecessary risks.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

2) Scholastic Book Fair

During the week of the 20th May Truro Prep School library will be hosting the annual Scholastic Book Fair. The books will be on display during the week in the library and all the pupils in both, Pre-Prep and Prep, can view and choose a book to purchase.

Further details of how to buy a book will be emailed to you nearer the date.

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Captain Teague's Descendants Visit to Prep

On 6 May 1936, the first term began at Treliske, the new boarding house for junior boys at Truro School. At that time there were 20 boarders and 7 day pupils.

Research into the origins of Treliske has shown that it was originally built by William Teague, 'King of the Cornish mines' who had risen from being an underground miner to one of the largest landowners in Cornwall.

Teague bought the land, the Liskes, from Mr Trestrail and the Baynard family for about £4000. The house was finished in 1876 and included a fernery, palm house, library and billiard room. Unfortunately, Captain Teague did not enjoy his new home for long; he died unexpectedly in March 1886. Later in the year, George Smith purchased the house, whose family sold it to Truro School in 1934.

This week, we were delighted to meet Lady Jenny Hill Norton, Teague's great, great-granddaughter and her three children. They spent time chatting with Mr Morse and our Archivist and Alumni Team about the family's history, shedding light that perhaps the Victorian gentleman in the plasterwork above the door in the Prep School's reception is actually that of William Teague, the builder of Treliske.

Although this mystery remains unsolved, what was clear was how impressed the family were with our amazing children, many of whom took the time to ask questions, make introductions and enquire about their days.



Junior Maths Challenge; Accepted!

A group of Year 6 mathematicians recently took part in the UK Maths Trust Junior Mathematical Challenge, a competition aimed at the best young mathematical minds in the UK. Targeted at a Year 8 higher level, it involves a 60-minute test of 25 multiple-choice questions that encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and encourages deeper-level thinking.

Our Year 6 team did incredibly well, showing outstanding levels of courage and critical thinking. They used their metacognitive skills to break down some of the more advanced problems, some of which were extremely difficult.

Thanks to our pupils' hard work in preparing for the competition, we achieved a high number of bronze, silver and gold awards. Well done to all of the pupils who took part, Ayden, Jensen, Oliver, George, Mia, Atti, Rosie, Jenny, Edie, Isaac, Charlie, Maya, Jack, Sylvie, Sophie, Ben, Otilie and Rex.

A special mention must be made to Ayden, Jensen, Oliver, George and Mia who all received gold awards and who all qualified for the next round – the Junior Maths Kangaroo challenge.

Congratulations again to everyone who took part and thanks to Mr Goddard for his support.



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Fun in the Sun at Prep

As the sun peeped out over our splendid school grounds, there were smiles of delight from staff and pupils alike.

The pupils showed great creativity through play, with some interesting games such as being guinea pigs in a run and practising as members of an all-girls choir. For others, it was a joy just to be resting in the sun and catching up with friends.



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Cricket, Computing and Curriculum at Prep

Prep offers pupils a broad range of educational experiences and an inspiring curriculum. Alongside the core academic subjects, our pupils are encouraged to delve into the humanities, arts, technology, sports, and our extensive programme of co-curricular activities.

In a typical afternoon, Prep pupils will cover reading, spelling and grammar (SPAG) and form time and enjoy inspiring lessons including today's offering of animation in computing for Year 4 and cricket for Year 6 on our school field; an activity so engaging, even a passing Mr Morse couldn't help but join in!



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Cross Country Success for Prep Pupils

Congratulations to everyone who competed in the brilliant cross-country event hosted by Polwhele House School. Despite its postponement due to stormy weather in February, this event was well-attended by our local schools.

It was a great opportunity for our strong team of forty runners to race against children from other schools, over a challenging woodland course.

Amongst some excellent performances from individuals and teams, we were particularly proud of the exceptional service to others shown by Fitzwilliam and Cora in Year 5 during the cross-country event. Both children reassured and encouraged injured runners to complete the course, even though this affected their own results at the event.

At the presentations, we were delighted to win the shield for Best School (children aged 11 and under), awarded to the school with the lowest totals for their top four finishers in various age groups.

For our Under 9 runners (Years 3 and 4), the course was 1.25km in distance, comprising a half lap of the field, a woodland loop and a steady climb to the finish. Well done to Sienna (1st place) and Mabel (3rd place) in the Under 9 girls. A special mention to Christopher (4th place), Ollie S (5th place) and Jack L (6th place) in the U9 boys.

Our runners for Year 3 were Daisy, Seren, Mabel, Jack, Freddy, Christopher, Oliver H, Joseph, James and Poppy. Year 4 was represented by Sienna, Ollie S, Arthur, Tom, Will, Samuel, Harry B, Arthur W, and Hennie. The course for Year 5 and 6 children (Under 11) was 1.75km in distance, consisting of a lap of the field, the woodland loop and a loop of the lawn.

Well done to Rosie (1st place) and Lissie (2nd place) in the Under 11 girls. Congratulations to Archie (1st place), Rowan (2nd place) and Jacob (4th place) in the Under 11 boys. Well done to all of our Year 5 team, consisting of Annie, Phoebe, Cora, Lissie, Reggie, Scott, Henry, Charlie, Fitzwilliam, Ollie, William and Digby.

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Year 6 Play Hardball

Two teams of Year 6 pupils travelled to the Senior School this week for a friendly cricket match against our 1st Years. Played on the Astro, the game was a fun learning opportunity for our younger pupils as they transitioned from softball to hardball. The game allowed them to test and hone their cricketing skills and get to grips with wearing the full kit.

It was also a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 pupils to catch up with their older peers, share school stories and explore the Senior School site again before they move up in September.

Thanks to all of the staff, parents and grandparents from both years who came along to support the pupils and enjoy our beautiful facilities in the Spring sunshine.



Footballers Head to the County Cup Finals

On a wet and windy Monday evening, our football A team travelled to St Agnes for the football County Cup semi-final. Our team were up against a strong St Agnes team and the conditions were brutal, and after two halves of tight football, the teams were locked at 0-0.

The nailbiting game went to extra time, and both teams had chances, but our outstanding defence and goalkeeper ensured that we didn't concede.

The game then moved to penalties to decide the overall winners. After four penalties, our Truro School Prep Team were 2-1 up, with the next penalty the decider. Happily, the team managed to score to secure a 3-1 victory.



Thanks to some brilliant goalkeeping and courage galore, the team has now progressed to the West Cornwall Cup final, which we will play in the coming weeks. Thanks to St Agnes for hosting and thank you to all the parents for continued support.

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An Invitation for Years 3-6...

A reminder that we will be hosting a 'Grandparents' Cream Tea Afternoon on Friday 24 May 2024 from 1.30pm to 3.00pm here at Truro School Prep.

The event will be open to grandparents of pupils in Years 3-6 and is a chance for our pupils to share their school and learning with their wider family members.

If you haven't yet, please share the invitation with your child's grandparents and reply via by Monday 13 May using this link > <https://forms.office.com/e/AdVghR737V>

We understand that not every child will have a grandparent in attendance and we will ensure that this is treated with sensitivity. We will arrange a separate programme and 'treat' for all children who are not directly involved in the afternoon.



News & Information for Parents

Family Focus

Cornwall Council along with Child Services are offering this:

Positive Parenting Bitesize sessions are free workshops run by Together for Families' team of Parenting Workers, trained in evidence-based interventions. They are an introduction to some top tips and strategies and incorporate golden threads from other parenting programmes. Each session is 2 hours long and sessions are available weekly on different topics.

Sessions are currently running fortnightly on Tuesday evenings from 18:00-20:00. Please see the dates/topics below:

07.05.24 - Bullying

21.05.24 - Remaining Calm

11.06.24 - Praise and Rewards

25.06.24 - Special Time with Your Child

09.07.24 - Routines and Boundaries

23.07.24 - Technology and Safety

More information can be accessed through:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/childrens-services/parenting/4-to-11-years/parenting-programmes-to-support-children-aged-4-to-11-years/

Do you always feel like you are looking in lost property for your child's belongings?

Here are some tips to help your child to become more responsible for their belongings!

1. Establish a Routine

Encourage your child to establish a routine for keeping track of their belongings. Before leaving home in the morning and before leaving school at the end of the day, remind them to check that they have everything they need. Consistency is key, so reinforce this routine until it becomes a habit.

2. Use a Dedicated Spot

Designate a specific spot at home where your child can keep their school belongings when they're not in use. This could be a shelf or basket near the door where they can easily drop off their backpack, jacket, and other items when they come home from school. Having a designated spot reduces the chances of items getting misplaced around the house.

3. Minimise Clutter

Encourage your child to keep their backpack/ sports bag tidy by regularly cleaning out unnecessary items and organizing their belongings. Teach them to prioritize essentials and to remove any items that they no longer need or use. A clutter-free environment makes it easier to find and keep track of important items.

4. Develop Check Lists

Create checklists for your child to use to ensure they have everything they need for school each day. Include items such as homework assignments, textbooks, notebooks and any special materials required for that day's activities. Review the checklist together each morning to help your child develop the habit of checking for their belongings.

5. Teach Responsibility

Encourage your child to take responsibility for their belongings by being mindful of where they place their items throughout the day. Remind them to be careful when borrowing items from classmates or using shared school supplies, and to return borrowed items promptly.

6. And of course.....LABEL EVERYTHING!

Pre-Prep

Achievements



Our Learning This Week:

It has been another enjoyable week in the Pre-Prep with a great deal of learning taking place for our children and staff.

In Nursery, the children have continued to learn about numbers up to 12 and about telling the time. They have made clocks and wristwatches to support this learning. Some children are also beginning to use their phonics to blend and read simple words.

Reception children have written descriptive sentences for a 'mystery object', remembering to use a capital letter, full stop and an adjective. During maths lessons, the children have worked on doubling numbers.

Year 1 have become scientists this week; swabbing a variety of surfaces in the classroom and transferring their harvest to petri dishes to grow bacteria. They are waiting with anticipation to see the results. Year 1 has also studied the life of Ann Glanville, the famous Cornish Victorian rower.

In Year 2, the children have written poems about birds, using powerful imagery, whilst in their maths lessons, they continue to learn about fractions in both written and practical form.

Class Dojo Winners KS1

Reception: Primrose and Rupert

Year 1: Otis and Edith

Year 2: Bertie and Ottele



Prep

Achievements



House Point Form Champions

3ME: Wilf
3SM: Seren & James
4LL: Louis
4SC: Connie
5CD: Fitzwilliam
5LJ: Phoebe
5SL: Oliver
6AG: Delilah
6DG: Finlay
6JL: Raif

Reading Awards

Morpugo Club (50 books)
6AG: Edie, Hetty
6JL: Charlotte

Rowling Club (100 books)
3SM: Seren
5LJ: Isaac

Head's Commendations

Fitzwilliam 5CD: for exceptional service to the school community. Showing compassion for another person at a sporting event, encouraging and reassuring them, and helping them to the finish line, even though this affected their own result. We are very proud of you.

Cora 5CD: for exceptional service to the school community. Showing compassion for another person from a different school at a sporting event, encouraging them and reassuring them, even though this affected their own result at the event. We are very proud of you.

Handwriting

Pen Licences have been awarded to the following pupils:

3SM: Athena



Prep

Achievements



Horseriding

Sophie 6DG has passed The Pony Club 'D' standard at The Cury Hunt Club.

Delilah 6AG has won rosettes with her pony Magnus at Pendarves and Colraine Equestrian Centres on 27th and 28th April:

1st place: 70cm showjumping

1st place: 80cm showjumping

1st place: BS club 70cm showjumping

1st place: BS club 80cm showjumping

Ballet

Sophia 5CD has passed IDTA ballet with merit.

Tai Kwon-Do

Greta 3ME has passed her yellow belt grading at tai kwon-do.

Times Tables Challenge

3ME: Poppy

3SM: Henry MC, Percy, Harry, Joseph, Edward, Seren, Hugo, James, Theo

5CD: Henry, William V

5SL: Matilda, Dylan

Times Tables Rockstars

Times Table Rock Star of the Week

Rafe Year 4

Top Rock Performers

Year 3: Christopher

Year 4: Fjola

Year 5: William S

Year 6: Sophie

Music

Gabriel 4SC has passed Grade 1 clarinet practical with merit.

Ben 6JL has passed Grade 1 piano practical with distinction.





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Week
Beginning
20th May!

Scholastic Book Fair 2024

 SCHOLASTIC

Our Truro School Prep Library will be hosting the annual Scholastic Book Fair from the 20th of May 2024. Books will be on display in the library and pupils in Prep and Pre-Prep can view and choose a book to purchase. Every book purchased helps to fund free books for our School!

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Truro School



UNIFORM
Sale

Coffee Morning

Please join us for an informal meet-up on
the last Friday of every month; old and
new faces are always welcome.

Friday 24th May: Prep Dining Hall

from 8.45 am



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Pre Prep

Wraparound

Each Monday morning the registration sign up will be cleared and then reopened for the following week's Wraparound care.

Please use this QR code or the Forms link to register for wraparound.

<https://forms.office.com/e/VZUiYbg1Ff>

