

10 MAY 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents and Carers,

I had planned for this message to focus upon a 'normal week' at Truro School Prep given that there was relatively little in the diary but closer inspection rendered this intention impossible.

The week started with a visit from Richard Raistrick, our Safeguarding Governor, who spent the morning in School as part of his regular programme of liaison. This coincided with a Tech Cornwall workshop organised by Mrs Sparkes and a slightly late return for some of our Cathedral Choristers after their superb performance at Salisbury Cathedral on Bank Holiday Monday.

Next on the agenda was the next tranche of Year 5s heading to the Senior School for a Modern Foreign Language cookery workshop and the Year 6 girls taking on their Senior School counterparts on the cricket pitch.

Prospective parent visits and pupil taster days overlapped with more Cathedral chorister experiences (this time for Ascension Day service on Thursday), LAMDA exams and a group of lucky children who spent Thursday afternoon sailing on Stithians reservoir as part of the activities programme (what perfect weather!).

Yet more prospective parent visits and new pupil taster days took place alongside the Reception Class visit to Glendurgan Gardens and a 'Stage Fighting' workshop for the Year 4 dramatists (in advance of next week's productions).

Furthermore, the arrival of the long-awaited table tennis tables to the Grassby Area added further excitement into the mix and break times have been particularly entertaining during the past few days.

All this has taken place in addition to the 'day job' of academic and co-curricular lessons, and a busy clubs and activities programme. It would seem that there is never a 'quiet week' here at Treliske House.

Of course, the sunshine and dry weather have certainly helped and I take this opportunity to thank those who have already provided their children with clearly named hats and sunscreen (as outlined in previous Bulletins). If you haven't yet managed to achieve this, please would you make it a priority in the days ahead?

Most importantly, the children have entered into all aspects of School life with commendable enthusiasm and good spirits. They are learning to be busy people who can 'work smart' and navigate a sensible balance between hard work and having plenty of fun; from my perspective, one of the most important life skills.

With my thanks for your support and very best wishes,

Mr Rob Morse
Headmaster

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 final (A)

Archbishop Benson 3.40pm-5.30pm (ko 4.30pm)

Tuesday 14 May

Year 4 dress rehearsal

Year 3 & 4 mixed tennis v Truro High (H)

Truro Prep 2.30pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 15 May

Tempest Photography class photographs

Y5 & 6 mixed tennis (A)

Truro High School 2pm-4pm (2.30pm start)

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 plays: Macbeth and Romeo & Juliet

Assembly hall 6.30pm -7.45pm

Monday 20 May - Friday 24 May 2024

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

Tuesday 21 May

U11 hardball cricket tournament v Connor Downs & Devoran schools (A)

Hayle Cricket Club 11.15am-5.30pm (12pm start)

Wednesday 22 May

Year 6 surf day with Global Boarders

Gwithian Towans 9.15am-3.40pm

Thursday 23 May

Chat with the Chaplain (6AG)

Conservatory/picnic area 10.20-10.40

5CD sailing

Stithians reservoir 1.15pm-4.30pm

Friday 24 May

FTS Coffee

Dining hall 8.45am-9.30am

Year 3 & 4 mini red-ball tennis

Truro LTC (event 9.30-11.30)

Grandparents' tea party

Truro Prep 1.30pm

NOTICES

Essential Information

It has come to our attention that cars are queueing/parking on both sides of the drive at pickup time. This renders the school completely inaccessible to emergency services should there be an incident.

As a matter of highest importance, please ensure that the lefthand side of the drive is kept entirely clear. With sincere thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Message from Mrs Cameron

We have some cases of head lice in school and would very much appreciate your help in trying to eradicate them. Please would you check your child's hair this evening, if possible, using the wet comb method? Head lice are difficult to find in dry hair, but in wet hair they lose their grip, move more slowly and can be combed out. Regular combing will help to prevent re-infection as it damages the lice and breaks their life cycle.

To avoid using chemical applications, which are very bad for the environment, we recommend washing the hair, rinsing and applying a normal conditioner. Comb through the conditioner with an ordinary comb to remove the tangles. Then, using a head lice comb, part the hair into sections. Comb through, starting at the scalp and out to the end of the hair. After each stroke check the comb for lice and rinse or wipe the comb. After combing the entire head, rinse out the conditioner.

To try and limit the spread of head lice we would advise weekly wet-combing as above, maintain long hair in a ponytail or braids, avoid sharing combs/brushes and hair accessories and do not allow head-to-head contact.

Further information and advice is available from the following sites:

- www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/
- www.bupa.co.uk/health-information/childrens-health/head-lice
- www.headlice.org/comb/

Many thanks for your help with this.

Mrs Katrina Cameron
Medical Care Lead

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Introducing Coding at Prep

A group of pupils from Prep got to grips with an introduction to the world of coding. The session, led by Robert Wiltshire, Education Outreach and Digital Skills Developer at Tech Cornwall, provided the class with a valuable insight into Python, a popular programming language. Python is used in AI, machine learning and data analysis and lets users work quickly and integrate systems effectively.

Coding is a vital skill that our pupils will undoubtedly encounter more and more in their futures. Tech Cornwall is at the heart of software development in Cornwall and hopes to create a pool of talent from within the county by investing in education.

For our session, the budding coders used Microbit, a programmable board with two buttons, a microphone, LEDs and various other items to develop projects. Usually a topic for 3rd Years, our Prep group quickly got to grips with how to enter code and then see the results coming to 'life' on the Microbit. They were able to create smiley (and sad) faces, play music and create basic sequences through their coding prowess.

A huge thank you to Robert for this brilliant outreach session. For more information on Tech Cornwall in general, please visit [Tech Cornwall – Empowering Innovation](#). There will be a Cornwall Tech Jam session running on Saturday May 11th; to find more about this event, please click [here](#).



Choristers Shine in Salisbury

Our Choristers spent Bank Holiday Monday in Salisbury where they were fortunate enough to visit the Cathedral and take part in a performance.

During their time there, the Boy Choristers were given a tour of the Cathedral which included looking at the Salisbury Cathedral clock, a large iron-framed tower clock without a dial, and a view of the Magna Carta, one of the best examples of only four surviving Magna Carta documents from 1215.

The Cathedral Choir then rehearsed and sang a service of Choral Evensong, celebrating the music of Charles Villiers Stanford, who died 100 years ago this year.

It was a truly uplifting experience, and we were extremely proud of our choristers who showed great maturity and confidence in their performance.



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Year 5 Beam House Residential

Our intrepid Year 5s had an incredible time at Beam House, in North Devon for their three-day residential.

Beam House is specifically geared to give children the opportunity to explore a range of land (and sky) based activities including the thrilling trapeze, abseiling, archery and the high ropes course. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to come together as a group and develop their teamwork and leadership skills. It was also exciting to see our children excel as individuals as they challenged themselves and overcame physical and mental obstacles.

The Truro School Prep pupils certainly rose to the challenge and threw themselves into every adventure with relish. There was a genuine spirit of camaraderie and our pupils excelled in supporting each other to reach their potential. With campfires (with marshmallows of course!), delicious suppers and dormitory competitions thrown in, it was a truly memorable experience.

Mr Morse said of the trip, "We are extremely proud of the amazing Year 5 children who showed great tenacity, courage and confidence throughout their three days in North Devon. It was a genuine treat to witness their good humour, resilience and superb manners throughout the trip."

Thanks go to the Truro School Prep staff who helped before and during the trip, to the Beam House, to our parents and, of course, to the fantastic pupils who made the trip so enjoyable.

You can view the full gallery online [here](#).

Flora and Frewer

Prep shared a lovely moment on Wednesday as Rev Helen marked Flora Day in Assembly. Rev Helen was lucky enough to have danced in the Flora Day procession as a child, following in her parents' footsteps, who had also taken part in previous years.

During the Assembly, the Rev roped in Mr Frewer as her dance partner, accompanied by Hettie and Albie, whose mum Jen was dancing in the 12 o'clock dance that day.

Mr Frewer made a superb role model for the children and it was a thoroughly memorable moment to mark this special occasion.



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Sunshine and Smiles in Pre Prep

There was some delightful play on display at lunchtime as our Pre Prep pupils enjoyed the sunshine. With sun hats and suncream in place, there was hula hooping, hill rolling and even some children "pretending" to be asleep!



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A Royally Good Beach Day

Ollie (4SC) and Joshua (1H in the Senior School), were fortunate enough to meet HRH William, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cornwall and Cambridge this week as a part of his two-day visit to Cornwall. Prince William was visiting Holywell Bay SLSC and Newquay SLSC at Fistral Beach.

The boys are members of Holywell Bay SLSC, which has been nominated for the prestigious King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS). Equivalent to an MBE, this is the highest award given to local voluntary groups in the UK.

Prince William spent a great deal of time talking to the children and played Joshua and some of his club mates in a game of volleyball. Prince William also asked Oliver (who was given the honour of holding the Holywell club flag) whether he preferred surfing or swimming.

Well done to both boys for being a part of this amazing honour.



Fostering a Love of Maths

There was a celebration of all things Maths at Truro School Prep as pupils and staff shared in successes. Children in Key Stage 2 have been challenged by Mr Goddard to "turn their grids green" in the online numeracy programme Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). This has involved pupils working hard to complete their tables within a time limit; once they have correctly answered questions within a set table, the corresponding line on their TTRS grid turns green.

This super achievement was recognised with a prize draw today. Congratulations to Christopher (Year 3), Harry E (Year 4), Woody (Year 5) and Lilou (Year 6) for their wins. They each go home with a bundle of goodies including a maths set, erasers, a toy shark and rubiks cube puzzle.



Alongside the TTRS winners, four other "mathletes" were recognised for their achievements. Well done to Ayden, Jensen, Oliver M and George B who achieved the highest scores in the National Inter-School Maths Quiz Championships selection quiz. These four will now go on to represent the school in the National Mathematics Championship.

Read the story in full [here.](#)

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Girls' Cricket

On Wednesday, Prep played host to our Senior School's 1st Year girls' cricket team in what was an entertaining and enjoyable experience for all involved. It was a pleasure to see so many girls enjoying the game and showing courage, confidence and an excellent understanding of fair play.



Ping Pong and Play at Prep

The space outside the Grassby Classrooms at Prep was abuzz with excitement after the arrival of three new table tennis tables.

Alongside the swings and netball and tennis courts, this adds another fantastic place for play and socialisation. Our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6s were learning the skills of serving and returning, in a quick-fire 'winner stays on' game to allow the maximum amount of players a turn on the table. Pupils were squealing with delight and much fun was had by all.

Other pupils chose to play football, rugby or have a natter in the sunshine, all while enjoying a healthy snack before heading back to class.



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Moreish Magdalenas in MFL

This week, Spanish treats were on the menu as our Year 6 MFL students headed to the Senior School to Truro School Cookery.

They created some delicious magdalenas (spanish muffins); often eaten for breakfast in Spain, everyone agreed they were muy bien!



An Invitation for Years 3-6

Sign up for our 'Grandparents' Cream Tea Afternoon, which is taking place on Friday 24 May 2024 closes on Monday.

If you haven't yet registered, please reply before Monday 13 May using this link > <https://forms.office.com/e/AdVghR737V>



News & Information for Parents

Family focus: How can I help my child manage BIG emotions?

As children grow and learn about the world around them, they often experience a wide range of emotions. From excitement and joy to frustration and sadness, these feelings can sometimes feel overwhelming, both for children and for the adults who care for them. As parents, it's essential to support our children as they navigate these big emotions and learn healthy ways to express themselves.

What are big emotions?

- Anger
- Sadness
- Fear
- Jealousy
- Frustration
- Embarrassment
- Excitement
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Here are some tips to help you guide your child through their emotional journey:

1. Validate your child's feelings: One of the most important things you can do as parents is to validate our children's emotions. Let them know that it's okay to feel angry, sad, or scared sometimes. By acknowledging their feelings, we help them feel understood and supported.
2. Encourage Communication: Create a safe and open environment where your child feels comfortable expressing their emotions. Encourage them to talk about how they're feeling and why. Listening attentively without judgment shows them that their feelings are important.
3. Teach Coping Strategies: Help your child develop healthy coping strategies to manage their emotions. This could include deep breathing exercises, counting to ten, or taking a break in a quiet space. Encourage them to find activities that help them relax and unwind when they're feeling overwhelmed.
4. Model Positive Behaviour: Children learn a lot from watching the adults around them. Be mindful of how you express your own emotions and try to model healthy ways of dealing with stress and frustration. Show your child that it's okay to ask for help when needed and to take time to care for yourself.
5. Set Limits with Empathy: Sometimes, children's big emotions can lead to challenging behaviours. While it's essential to set limits and boundaries, try to do so with empathy and understanding. Let your child know that you understand why they're upset but that certain behaviours are not acceptable. Offer alternative solutions or compromises when possible.
6. Seek Support: If you're struggling to help your child manage their emotions, don't hesitate to seek support from teachers or health professionals. They can offer guidance and resources to support both you and your child.

Some useful websites are:

<http://www.behaviourmatters.org.uk/>

<http://www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/talking-about-feelings/dealing-with-emotions/>

Pre-Prep

Achievements



Our Learning This Week:

Even though it has been a shorter week, we have squeezed a lot in!

In Reception, the children have learnt about sea life and have started to create sea-inspired paintings, all in preparation for their trip to the beautiful Glendurgan Gardens.

In Year 1 the children learnt about bees and how they see. They have also created their own acrostic poems about monsters, which will be entered into a National poetry competition.

In Year 2 the children have started work on their new topic about Plastic Pollution.

They have started to create their own stories about pollution in the oceans.

In maths, the children had a lot of 'fun in the sun' consolidating their knowledge of measuring in litres and millilitres in a practical challenge.

As we move through this term and (hopefully) continue to enjoy this wonderful weather, please can we ask that all children bring their water bottles, sun screen and sun hats to school? Thank you for your support.

Class Dojo Winners KS1

Bertie B
Clara
Clemmie C
Theo H
Florrie

Golden Table

Red table

Prep

Achievements



House Point Form Champions

3ME: Bobby & Greta
3SM: Christopher
4LL: Arlo, Harvey
4SC: Barney
5CD: Henry
5LJ: Alex, Amaya
5SL: Ellie
6AG: Jacob & George
6DG: Logan & Erys
6JL: Gracie

Times Tables Rockstars

Times Table Rock Star of the Week

Henry MC Year 3

Top Rock Performers

Year 3: James V

Year 4: Audrey

Year 5: Matilda

Year 6: Barnaby

Merit Awards

Bronze Merit Awards

3SM: Henry TC, Henry MC, Daisy, Mabel,
Christopher, Athena, Hugo, James, Theo

4SC: Samuel

6DG: Sienna

Art: Gold Frame

Qaveem 5SL: for your skillfully made drypoint etching.

Emmeline 5SL: for your skillfully made drypoint etching.

Eleanor 5SL: for your skill and determination in making your drypoint etching.

Ellie 5SL: for your detailed and experimental drypoint etching.

Matilda 5SL: for your determination in making your dramatic drypoint etching.

Penny 5SL: for your skillfully made and creative drypoint etching.

Times Tables Challenge

3ME: Ella C, Teddy, Kaleem, Freddy

3SM: Henry TC, Zander, Elodie, Niah,
Daisy, Athena, Joseph, Christopher,
Hugo

4LL: Louis, Freya, Edward

4SC: Ollie

6AG: Edie, Otilie

6DG: Mia, Sylvie, Jenny

Prep

Reading Awards



Morpurgo Club (50 Books)	3SM: Henry TC 6AG: Otilie
Dahl Club (60 Books)	3SM: Henry TC 6AG: Hetty
Walliams Club (70 Books)	3SM: Henry TC
Kinney Club (80 Books)	3SM: Henry TC
Pullman Club (90 Books)	4SC: Ethan
Rowling Club (100 Books)	4SC: Ethan

Rugby

Zander 3SM has been named as Truro Rugby Club's most improved U8 player of the 2023/2024 season.

Triathlon

Isaac 6JL, Arthur 4SC and Edie 1SC all competed in the Wadebridge Triathlon last weekend.

Even though they were amongst the youngest in their respective age categories, Isaac won a silver medal and Arthur came 4th (despite having some issues with his bike!).



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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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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>

