

24 MAY 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a relatively brief missive this week and probably for the best given the number of communications that I have sent your way over the past two weeks.

First and foremost, congratulations to the Year 6 maths team who have made it through to the national finals of the Quiz Club National Mathematics Competition. Having worked their way through the regional rounds, they will head to Oxford University for the finals at the end of June. I am sure you will wish to join me in sending the team hearty congratulations and the very best of luck for their trip.

Maintaining an academic focus, assessments have continued with the minimum of fuss and the Book Fair has been in full swing (please remember to submit all wish lists by the end of half term).

Looking to the future, Wednesday's news from Downing Street gives us the perfect opportunity to explore democracy and we look forward to a Truro School Prep 'election' toward the end of term.

Back to this week, a step outside of the classroom has confirmed that summer has certainly arrived and break times have seen a hive of activity across the field and side woods (not to mention at the table tennis tables). Hard and softball cricket, athletics and tennis have featured on the games front and Mrs Renshaw's 'Outdoor Concert' provided plenty of musical expertise, much entertainment and more than a dash of hilarity.

Looking at the bigger picture, it has been a pleasure to pass on so much positive feedback about the children's kindness and confidence throughout the year but I am acutely aware that there are daily occasions when we fall short of the mark. This remains an area for improvement (it is likely to be a marathon rather than a sprint) and we will continue to work with the children on remembering the importance of respect, tolerance and consideration for others at all times.

On this note, this week's assembly for the Prep School children featured a line from one of my favourite prayers: *'Guide us so that we may do nothing today that we will regret in the future'*.

Using this as a starting point, we looked at several scenarios throughout school and home life where we would be well served to remember this advice. Furthermore, we looked at it from a positive perspective, turning the phrase around to read: *'Guide us so that the things we do today will make us proud in the future'*.

We then discussed the importance of thinking before leaping into action (to ensure that our actions will make us proud) and of helping our friends and classmates make good choices around how we interact with each other. As I mentioned earlier, this will be a marathon rather than a sprint; there is still some way to travel but we are at least in the race and heading in the right direction.

I wish you all a wonderful half-term break with your lovely children and look forward to seeing you again in June.

With every good wish,
Rob

Monday 3 June - Friday 7 June '24 **Monday 10 June - Friday 14 June '24**

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Monday 3 June

Year 6 Residential trip to Normandy

All week

Year 2 Beach trip

Castle Beach 9.15am-2.30pm

Tuesday 4 June

SW Independent Schools Judo League

Mount Kelly School 8.50am-5.30pm

Year 3 & 4 athletics v Polwhele (H)

Truro Prep 2.30pm start

Wednesday 5 June

3ME workshop Prehistoric Cornwall

Kresen Kernow 9.30am-12.25pm

3SM workshop Prehistoric Cornwall

Kresen Kernow 12.50pm-3.40pm

Year 5 athletics v Polwhele (H)

Truro Prep 2.30pm start

Thursday 6 June

Royal Cornwall Show

5CD sailing

Stithians reservoir 1.15pm-4.30pm

Friday 7 June

Royal Cornwall Show

Year 4 Quadkids athletics (A)

Carn Brea track 8.50am-12.30pm

Year 6 return from Normandy

10.30pm

Saturday 8 June

Royal Cornwall Show

Monday 10 June

Year 6 Taster Day at the Senior School (half of the year group)

Move up morning Nursery to Year 5

Tuesday 11 June

Year 6 Taster Day at the Senior School (half of the year group)

Year 5 Art Workshop with Tony Minnion

All day

Year 3 & 4 mixed softball cricket (A)

Polwhele School 2pm-3.40pm (2.30pm start)

Year 6 parent meetings with form tutors

Dining hall 4pm-7pm

Wednesday 12 June

Year 4 humanities trip (beach formations)

Perranporth beach 10am-2pm

Year 5 & 6 mixed softball cricket v Polwhele (H)

Truro Prep 2.30pm start

Learning Support Coffee meeting

Library 3pm-4pm

Thursday 13 June

Year 5 Science Day

Truro School

Chat with the Chaplain – 6DG

Conservatory/picnic area 10.20am-10.40am

5CD sailing

Stithians reservoir 1.15pm-4.30pm

Friday 14 June

Year 6 Quadkids athletics (A)

Carn Brea track 8.50am-12.30pm (event 9.45-11.45am)

Year 4 Overnight Camp

Truro Prep 2pm start

Saturday 15 June

Year 4 Overnight Camp ends

Truro Prep 10am

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Shakespearean Successes for Year 4 Plays

There was a double helping of Shakespeare on the menu for the Year 4 play as two titanic tragedies were taken on by our incredible pupils.

With adaptations of the classic plays created for schools by Geoff Bamber, Macbeth was the first to take to the stage, as three witches gather to tell the Scottish general Macbeth that he will one day become King of Scotland. Encouraged by his wife, Macbeth kills the king, with endless repercussions and tragic events unfolding.

In this brilliant version, we see one of our witches struggling with her satellite navigation system, a mad Scottish doctor and much murder and mayhem.



Following this epic performance was Shakespeare's classic love story, Romeo and Juliet. Two households, both alike in dignity, in fair Verona, where we lay our scene... Our Year 4 pupils managed to unravel this tragic tale of family feuds, love and untimely death in a brilliantly told adaptation, with plenty of laughs along the way.

With original music from Harry Morse, these two productions showed some outstanding acting, stage fighting and epic deaths. All of the children worked incredibly hard, with some challenging and complex scenes to deliver.

Thanks to Mrs Morse and to all of the staff and parents who made the shows such a huge success and well done to our talented and courageous Year 4 thespians.

You can view a full gallery of photos online [here](#).



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A Bustling Book Fair

The Library at Prep was a hive of literary activity at break time as pupils flocked to the Prep Book Fair.

Organised by Mrs Morse in association with Scholastic Books, the fair offers pupils the chance to view a wide selection of books, create a 'wish list' and purchase a few of their favourites. Any books purchased help fund new Truro School Prep Library books.

It was fantastic to see the library so busy at break and lunchtime. Every form has another chance to visit the fair during their class library times during the week.

We look forward to updating you with the new books purchased next half term and would like to thank Mrs Morse for her hard work in making the fair such a success.

Throwing Themselves into Athletics at Prep

Our Year 1 pupils were getting to grips with the basics of throwing in their athletics lesson. They first looked carefully at the balls and discovered a helpful seam to help their grip. Having felt how hard the balls were, the pupils agreed that it was important to follow rules when throwing them.

The children learnt the basics of an overarm throw and then were able to put their knowledge into practice, measuring their throws to see how far it could travel.

It was lovely to see the children listening and following instructions so beautifully and to see them improving their techniques as the session progressed. This training will be put to the test at Sports Day next half term.



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Bringing Careers to Life at Prep

Years 5 and 6 were treated to an informative and inspiring careers talk on Friday, courtesy of Mr Denning-Renshaw. The pupils were shown how a childhood passion could evolve into a rewarding profession as they journeyed through Mr Denning-Renshaw's background from a childhood spent in his father's Manchester motorbike parts factory to designing software for Formula 1 motorcars.

The presentation ended with a thrilling demonstration of a Caterham kit car, constructed by Mr Denning-Renshaw and his son, Charlie.

The talk showed our pupils the joy of working hard but enjoying what you do. They could also see a clear example of a career path from childhood to university and on into the wider world. We are sure this inspiring session has ignited a passion for engineering in several of our Prep pupils.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Mr Denning-Renshaw for sharing his time, expertise and knowledge with our older pupils. Thanks also to Mr Dove for coordinating this inspiring session.

Maths and Mark Making in Pre-Prep

As a part of their transport topic, our Nursery children have been looking at maps, including those of the Prep School and the City of Truro. They were then encouraged to start making marks on the maps, sketching out routes they wished to explore or noting places of interest.

Mark-making is an important part of the Early Years curriculum. While the children experiment with making marks, they are developing both fine and gross motor skills. As they improve their control and perfect different grips, they also begin to understand that their mark-making can be purposeful and creative. This empowers them to begin to experiment with letter formation and early writing.

Our Reception classes have been grappling with number bonds; an important part of understanding how numbers join together and break down into smaller parts.

Our children were using metal washers to see how 5 and 10 can be split into ones or groups of two or more. While the children had lots of fun, this understanding of number bonds will help our pupils grasp the concept of numbers, allowing them to move on to simple addition and subtraction in Year 1.



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Tennis News

Red/ Orange Ball Tennis Event

Last Tuesday, our team of Year 3 and 4 tennis players enjoyed some great matches with Truro High School. The children played timed games, which encouraged them to play as many points as possible in a set amount of time.

Mini red tennis can be played on short tennis / badminton courts, with either foam or red balls, although some of our players chose to play with a slightly faster orange ball.

Squad: Ashleigh, Endelyn, Freya, Rohan, Harry B, Arthur, Sienna, Hennie, Daisy, Mabel, Jack, James, Theo, Oliver, Samuel.

Orange Ball Tennis Event

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 tennis players, who travelled to Truro High School last Wednesday for some exciting tennis matches.

Orange tennis balls and a reduced court size allowed the children to have a great time. Scoring was tie-break points over a timed period. It was brilliant to see our players having fun and applying the rules fairly, whether they were calling out the score or replaying a point.

Squad: Isabella, George, Lexi, Lowenna, Sophie, Maya, Sylvie, Amelia, Roen, Tilda, Ellie, William V, Rosie, Charlotte, Raif.



News & Information for Parents

Notes from the Wild Woods Spring 2024

Bee boxes

World Bee Day was celebrated on Monday 20th May. We are proud to be involved in some Citizen Science with the University of Sussex and we have joined their Buzz Club projects; The Big Bee Hotel Experiment and Air Bee n' Bee. We have made 6 bee hotels from old timber which now sit on the outdoor classroom so we can investigate the species of solitary and mining bees that make their homes there. We drilled each 'hotel' with different-sized drill bits from 6-10 mm to see what species go where. Within a week the red mason bees have moved into the size 8 holes! You can do this for fun and you could join in the experiment. Top tip - place the hotel under shelter so they are protected from the rain.

Author and Professor Dave Goulson of books such as 'A Sting in the Tale' is the project lead and has a great insight into the fascinating world of Entomology and campaigns for greater pesticide controls and reduced use of Neonicotinoids and neuro-active agents including those that control the fleas in our own pets domestically. There are other Buzz Club projects also such as making Hoverfly lagoons. Have you ever seen a batman hoverfly?

<https://www.thebuzzclub.uk/thebigbeehotelexperiment>

Brilliant free nature Apps

We have these Apps installed at school and they are great for getting outside and identifying what you see and hear! **Obsidentify** identifies the wildlife and plants you photograph and **Merlin Bird Identification** records and identifies the birdsong you can hear. What can you discover in your garden or on your adventures together?

Finally, get ready for 30 days Wild with the Wildlife Trust with free activity packs

[Sign-up for 30 Days Wild | The Wildlife Trusts](#)



Pre-Prep

Achievements



Our Learning This Week:

It has been a week of wonder here in the Pre-Prep and the children have made the most of our outside learning spaces.

Reception has made particularly good use of the enchanted garden where they have enjoyed a great deal of imaginative play in the mud kitchen whilst keeping a keen eye out for all things creepy-crawly. In Year 1, the children have looked at where our food comes from and have planted vegetable scraps to see if they grow again. They also took home a set of instructions should you wish to carry out the same experiment in the days ahead.

In Year 2, the children have continued to work on their telling of time, completed their stories, and have ensured that their learning is fully wrapped up for this half term. Please don't forget that Year 2 has a trip on the first day after the half-term break, so please make sure that they are fully prepped and ready to go when we return in June.

The staff and I take this opportunity to thank all our families for their support this half term and we hope that you have a wonderful half-term holiday - whether it is here in Cornwall or further afield.

Class Dojo Winners KS1

Maximus
Eleanor
Catherine
Otto D

Golden Table

Grey Table

Rotary Club Young Writers Competition 2023-2024

We are proud to announce that, once again, Truro Prep had the highest number of entries in the competition.

Congratulations to the following pupils whose entries were all Highly Commended; a fantastic achievement as it was a difficult theme this year.

They have been awarded with a certificate and £10 book token:

5CD: Emmie

5LJ: Lissie, Petra

5SL: Noah

6DG: Eleanor, Sophie, Mairi

Prep

Achievements



House Point Form Champions

3ME: Harleen, Poppy, Boe

3SM: Niah, Mabel

4LL: Hennie, Ashleigh

4SC: Samuel, Emily, Audrey

5CD: Elliott

5LJ: Daniel

5SL: Jenson

6AG: Otilie

6DG: Shiloh

6JL: Lexi

Heads Commendations

Ellie 5SL: for her service to the school community. She patiently sorted out the lost property box after school, which has helped to return lost items to their owners.

Merit Awards

Bronze Merit Awards

3SM: Percy

4SC: Harry B, Harry E, Audrey, Emily, Arthur W

6DG: Mia, Sophie, Sylvie

Handwriting

Pen Licences have been awarded to the following pupils:

3SM: Zander, Joseph

Prep

Achievements



Surf Life Saving

Phoebe 5LJ won medals in the U12s section at the Frost Bite Nipper Nationals in Cardiff on Sunday 19th May.

Bronze: Board Individual
Bronze: Board Rescue
Bronze: Gyllly Nippers

Race for Life

On Saturday 11th May, the following children ran 5k in the Muddy Kids Race for Life at Stithians Showground, each raising money for Cancer Research UK. They all did brilliantly and got very muddy (pictured at the start of the race before the mud!)

James, Toby, Elliott, Will V Scott, Isaac, Fergus, Cora, Arthur and Edie.

Times Tables Challenge

3ME: Ella C, Ella D, Jack, Bobby, Erin, Albie, Kaleem

3SM: Niah, Mabel, Joseph, Christopher, Ramona, Edward, Seren, Hugo

5CD: Charlie

5LJ: George

5SL: Oscar

6DG: Sophie, Sylvie

Times Tables Rockstars

Times Table Rock Star of the Week

Zander Year 3

Top Rock Performers

Year 3: Mabel

Year 4: Edward

Year 5: Rupert

Year 6: Erys





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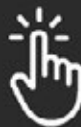


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FALMOUTH ROAD
TRURO, TR1 2HU

Half Term Holiday Camps



Softball
Tuesday 28th May

5 to 8 year olds: 10am to 12pm £16

8 to 11 year olds: 1pm to 4pm £24

Hardball
Wednesday 29th May

8 to 13 year olds: 10am to 12pm £16

Club hardball players: 1pm to 3pm £16



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This issue includes community fun days, literary festivals, and TECgirls' Future of Flight festival for girls at Culdrose. There are outdoor adventures, attractions, indoor play, indoor & outdoor theatre, and some quirky suggestions! The central calendar is a quick chronological summary for May, June & early July.

Vouchers, offers and free activities can be found throughout BlackbirdPie, including annual passes for locals which make repeat visits free. The magazine also features our book review and NHS information on HPV and Whooping Cough vaccinations.

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Kids go free! Book tickets at tecgirls.co.uk



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>

