

4 OCTOBER 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents and Carers,

With term flying by at a frenetic pace, we took some time at the beginning of this week to reflect on the start of September in terms of the targets we had set for ourselves and the importance of 'Attitude'.

This naturally provided a prompt for some but the overwhelming message was that the children felt that they had started the term well and were making good progress. That said, with four weeks under our belts, a little tiredness is creeping in and with it, the odd occasion where we are perhaps less considerate or focused than one would hope. The focus of this week's message was, therefore, on the words that I happened upon whilst listening to Radio 4's Prayer for the Day: *'Let us do nothing today that we will regret in the future'*.

We explored how following this guidance might affect us in the classroom, in our games and activities programme or when interacting with our friends. The main thrust however was to examine this from a positive perspective, namely, *'let us do things today that will make us proud in the future'*.

News from the School Community:

In looking at Truro School, not just the Pre-Prep and Prep but the entire Truro School community, there is so much to take pride in. I know that you are well versed in happenings here at Treliske House courtesy of the weekly Bulletins but I thought it would be interesting for you to hear a little more news from the Senior School.

- This year's A-level results were the best top-grade outcome for Truro School for a decade with over 73% of all grades at A*-B and over 45% at A*/A. Using the national A-level Performance System (ALPS), this places Truro School's value-added scores in the top 10% of schools across the nation.

- GCSE scores were also up on last year with over 52% of grades between 9 and 7 and over one-third of all grades were 9 or 8 – the very highest outcomes.

- Furthermore, over 100 clubs are offered as part of the extracurricular programme and recent trips include Borneo, Iceland, Munich, and Italy.

With the whole School receiving a recent award from Talk Education for Creative and Performing Arts, and both Prep and Senior Schools being currently shortlisted for honours at the Independent Schools Award, there is clearly much to celebrate. You can find further updates from the Senior School in the Senior Weekly Bulletin, which is available every week here > <https://www.truroschoo.com/parents/weekly-bulletin/>

To continue in this vein, and in response to feedback from parents, we will be hosting 'An introduction to the Senior School' event for Prep School parents, here at Truro School Prep on the 19th of November. This will be an opportunity to learn about the Senior School from the staff and children who live and work there on a daily basis. Further details will follow under separate cover.

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Attendance News:

The aforementioned achievements are, of course, a direct result of children, staff and parents working closely together but are only possible if children are attending school on a regular basis.

On this note you might be interested to read the following comments and statistics on school attendance from the DfE: *'The Department for Education (DfE) expects every pupil attending school to maintain an attendance level of approximately 90% and above; any figure below this is deemed "poor attendance".'*

There is clear evidence from national data of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. Of pupils who miss less than 5% of school nationally, 73% achieve five A* to Cs (9-4s), including English and maths. Department for Education guidance states that where absence escalates and pupils miss 10% or more of school (approximately 17 days in an academic year), schools are expected to sensitively consider the reasons for absence and put additional targeted support in place.

Of course, Truro School expects pupils to outperform national outcomes in academic terms and views regular attendance as one contributing factor to that ambition for our pupils. As such, we will endeavour to contact parents, guardians and carers of pupils should attendance fall below 92% so that the reasons for frequent absence can be better understood and, most importantly so that we can offer help and support to parents, guardians, carers and children.

Conkers Return:

Finally, I am to inform you that next week sees the return of the Truro School Prep Conker Competition (Mr Keveren will arrange a similar opportunity in the Pre-Prep). Further details will follow next week but there is much excitement and speculation as to whether our current champion, Charlie, will retain his crown. Autumn has most definitely arrived!

Thanks and with every good wish,

Rob Morse,
Headmaster

Monday 7 October - Friday 11 October 2024

Saturday 5 October

Truro School Open Morning

Truro School 9:30-12:30

Please sign up here >

<https://www.truroschoo.com/open-morning/>

Monday 7 October

16.00-19.00 Y6 Learning progress meetings:
English and maths with subject teachers

Dining Hall

Tuesday 8 October

16:00- 18:00 EYFS Learning progress meetings

Wednesday 9 October

09.30-12.30 Y3 walk at Trelissick

14.05 - 16:00 – U11 girls' hockey v Truro High School (A)

16.00-19.00 Y4 Learning progress meetings:
English and maths with subject teachers

Dining Hall

Thursday 10 October

09.15- 2.15 Nursery trip to Healey's Cyder Farm

12.00 -17.30 U9 rugby festival
Plymouth College

12.00 -17.45 U9 girls' hockey festival
Marjon's, Plymouth

16:00- 18:00 KS1 Learning progress meetings

Friday 11 October

10.00 - 3.30 Year 5/6 Netball Qualifier
Penair School

Monday 14 October to Friday 18 October 2024

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

Monday 14 October

16.00-19.00 Y5 Learning progress meetings:
English and maths with subject teachers

Dining Hall

Tuesday 15 October

U9 tag rugby v Polwhele House
(A) 2.30pm

14.05 - 16:00 – U9 girls' hockey v Truro High School

(A) 2.45pm

16:00- 18:00 EYFS Learning progress meetings

CANCELLED: SW Judo league

Wednesday 16 October

14.30-15.30 U11 and U10 rugby (H) v Mount Kelly

Light Party - Pre-Prep

14.05 - 16:00 – U10 girls' hockey v Truro High School

(A) 2.45pm

16.00-19.00 Y3 Learning progress meetings maths
English & pastoral with subject teachers

(dining hall)

Thursday 17 October

Year 1 Pendennis Trip 09:30-14:30

Year 4 Open Afternoon 16:00 – 17:30

16:00- 18:00 EYFS learning progress meetings

Friday 18 October

08.45 FTS coffee (dining hall)

14.00 House Music Competition Final (Lovett Hall)

Notices

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Coffee Morning on Friday 27th of September and to those who donated to this worthy cause. Your donations raised £271.32 for Macmillan which will go towards helping those living with cancer in the UK.

Action Plan Meeting 2024

A reminder of the event on Thursday 10 October in the Burrell Theatre from 6:00-8:00 where Head of Truro School, Mr Andy Johnson will deliver the School's Action Plan for 2024-5. He will be joined by Mr Morse, members of the SLT and Governors.

This event is open to all current parents, carers or guardians of pupils in both the Senior and Prep Schools. If you are keen to attend, please you use this link to RSVP so that we can plan suitable refreshments > [Action Plan Meeting 2024](#)

A recording of the presentation will be made available soon afterwards for any parents who are interested to know more, but are unable to attend on the night.

Tempest Photographs

A polite reminder that the closing date for ordering your school photographs with free delivery back to school is Tuesday 8th October 2024. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Friends of Truro School (FTS) AGM

The next FTS AGM will be held on 18th November, 2pm - 3.30pm, at Truro School Prep. All are invited to attend. Please email fts@truroschoo.com for more information.

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TRURO SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER



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Celebrating Rosh Hashanah

This week across the Senior and Prep sites we have been acknowledging Jewish New Year as Jewish people within our community enter into Rosh Hashanah from today until the 4th of October.

Rosh Hashanah is an opportunity to turn back to God and make a fresh start – looking forward in hope to the year ahead. A Jewish custom is to dip apples in honey and eat them while thinking about what sweet things are hoped for in the coming year. During Rosh Hashanah a horn called a Shofar may be heard as a call for repentance (to turn away from things that are causing harm, rather than doing good).

At Truro School Prep, pupils have also been learning about Rosh Hashanah, with some pupils being given the chance to dip apples in honey and reflect on one of the key messages for this term; what can you do now that will help to shape the future.



A Barrow Load of Success

Our gardening team have had much to celebrate this month as not only is this a key month for pruning, mulching and bulb planting ahead of the spring flower display, but they have also received a barrow load of success in the Truro City Council, Annual Garden and Allotments Competition.

Our wonderful gardening team won three prizes overall, including the Spitfire Cup for the Best-kept School Garden and the Glasteinan Shield for 1st place in the Best Wildlife-Friendly Garden. It is very important to us that Truro School's grounds are lovely places to learn and work, and they also go a long way to support wildlife, diversity and the linking of green spaces throughout our city.



What's more, our friendly gardening team is always ready with a smile and a warm hello, no matter what the weather. We think they really deserve these accolades. Congratulations to Tom and all his team.

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Buddy Reading Inspired by Poetry

To celebrate National Poetry Day (October 3rd 2024), our older pupils shared their favourite rhymes with their younger peers in the first of this year's Buddy Reading Sessions.

These sessions are designed to inspire a shared love of reading and provide our older pupils with valuable mentoring and leadership experience. It was the first time our Year 3 pupils have stepped up into this role and it was wonderful to see them taking their new buddies under their literary wings.

Poetry is an important ingredient in the English menu; it helps with language and literacy development and can support memory development and creative thinking. It is also hugely enjoyable as our photos show!

You can view the full gallery online here > <https://www.truroschoo.com/latest-news/buddy-reading-inspired-by-poetry/>



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Its a (Rainbow) Wrap for Year 6

This week in food tech, our budding chefs got hands-on with seasonal veggies to create a delicious Rainbow Slaw! They grated a colourful mix of vegetables, whipped up a simple dressing in a jam jar, and wrapped it up for a tasty, healthy meal, packed with nutrients and flavour.

The best part? This versatile recipe can be adapted for every season, making it a fantastic addition to their culinary toolkit.



Eco Club's Garden Adventures

This week, our dedicated Eco Club members rolled up their sleeves and got hands-on in the school garden. Together, they cleared a garden bed in preparation for planting winter vegetables and even started washing the polytunnel to ensure a healthy growing environment.

As they worked, the students discovered an array of lovely bugs and fascinating elements of nature, adding to the excitement of their gardening adventure. It's wonderful to see our Eco Club fostering a love for nature and sustainability. Great job, everyone; keep up the fantastic work in nurturing our school garden!



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Romans Come to Life for Year 2

Our lucky Year 2 pupils were transported back to Ancient Rome as they celebrated Roman Day at Truro School Pre-Prep. This immersive day is a part of their topic-based study that brings together learning from across the curriculum.

So far this term, our pupils have created fact files on the Romans, written 'WANTED' posters for Boudica and thought about what life might have been like under Roman rule.

Dressed in their finest Roman costumes, our pupils got stuck into a raft of exciting themed games, crafts and challenges that allowed them to further their knowledge. A very special visit from a Roman Centurian was the highlight of the day and captured our pupils' attention, helping to bring this exciting topic to life with an exciting battle re-enactment and details on gladiator shows, the building of Hadrian's wall and more.

We would like to thank all of the staff who made this day possible, with special thanks to Mr Skinner.



Creative Traybakes

This week, our Year 4 students put on their aprons and got creative in the kitchen by making three delicious traybakes. With seasonality and sustainability in mind, they learned how to adapt recipes to make them healthier.

First, pupils swapped out plain flour for wholemeal, boosting the nutritional value of their treats. They also reduced the sugar content, opting to sweeten their bakes with the natural goodness of fruits. The result? Delicious cakes bursting with flavour and health!

The young bakers incorporated a vibrant mix of seasonal fruits, including juicy blackberries, tangy raspberries, and sweet blueberries. Each bite was a delightful reminder of the benefits of using fresh, sustainably sourced ingredients.



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Tag Rugby Wins the Day

Prep hosted Polwhele House and Truro High School for an exciting afternoon of TAG Rugby. The round-robin style fixture aimed to develop the skills of those who are new to rugby through in-match coaching, whilst providing a relaxed environment for pupils to represent their school in a competitive sporting situation.

With no scores kept for fixtures for this age group, rugby was the clear winner on the day. The games were played in fantastic spirit and the rugby on show was exciting and fun for all. It was a brilliant afternoon that showcased the benefits of sport for young people.

You can view more lovely photos here > <https://www.truroschoo.com/latest-news/tag-rugby-wins-the-day/>



U10 and U11 Girls' Hockey Success

On Wednesday, our U10 and U11 girls' hockey teams travelled to Mount Kelly. It was a fun afternoon of hockey, which gave our teams plenty of time on the pitch.

Our U10 team developed their positional awareness, moving forward earlier for the ball, which led to numerous shots at goal. Freya, playing as goalkeeper for the first time in a match, did a great job covering angles and saving shots on goal. Fjola and Sienna worked brilliantly together in defence, closing down the opposition, intercepting passes and regaining possession of the ball.



A solid, defensive team performance gave our U11 girls a great base from which to move the ball wide, pass quickly and utilise the space. Phoebe and Cora, making their debut performances on this team, both managed to score after great build-up play from our midfield dynamos Tilda and Lissie. Returning from injury, Flossie commanded the defence, playing as goalkeeper and saving multiple shots on goal.


'I think we played well as a team. Our opposition was great.' Rosie and Phoebe

'I think we learnt to move into space well to receive the ball. I loved being chosen as player of the match.' Emily


'I enjoyed tackling the other team. It was great to be named player of the match.' Sienna

Well done to all of the girls and thank you to Mount Kelly for being such super hosts.


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**WE ARE
TAKING PART ON...**




**Tuesday 12th
November**



Primary Mathematics Challenge

Calling all Year 5 & 6 mathematicians! We are taking part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge on the 12th November 2024.

Past papers are available at
<https://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/downloads>



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Truro Prep School House Music Competition 2024

Are you this year's House Music Champion?

To enter:
You must be taking regular
instrument or singing lessons

Make an audio (not video) recording
at home and email it to Ms Renshaw
ajr@truroschoo.com

Closing dates for all entries is
Tuesday 8th October

Final will be held on Friday 18th October at 2pm!

News & Information for Parents

Sepsis Awareness

Sepsis is a serious medical condition that can affect anyone, it's dangerous for children and adults. It happens when the body overreacts to an infection, causing damage to its own tissues and organs. While it can start from something as simple as a small cut or a common infection, sepsis can quickly become life-threatening if not treated in time.

For parents and carers, knowing the signs of sepsis in children can be life-saving. Early detection is key to getting the right treatment fast. Symptoms can be difficult to spot, but here are some important ones to look out for:



ANY CHILD WHO:

- 1 Is breathing very fast
- 2 Has a 'fit' or convulsion
- 3 Looks mottled, bluish, or pale
- 4 Has a rash that does not fade when you press it
- 5 Is very lethargic or difficult to wake
- 6 Feels abnormally cold to touch

MIGHT HAVE SEPSIS
Call 999 and ask: **could it be sepsis?**

The UK Sepsis Trust registered charity number (England & Wales) 1158843

ANY CHILD UNDER 5 WHO:

- 1 Is not feeding
- 2 Is vomiting repeatedly
- 3 Hasn't had a wee or wet nappy for 12 hours

MIGHT HAVE SEPSIS
If you're worried they're deteriorating **call 111 or see your GP**

JUST ASK
"COULD IT BE SEPSIS?"
IT'S A SIMPLE QUESTION, BUT IT COULD SAVE A LIFE.

If a child seems to be getting worse instead of better after an illness, it's always best to seek medical advice. Trust your instincts; if something doesn't seem right, act quickly. Raising awareness of sepsis can save lives by helping families spot the early warning signs and get children the help they need.

Pre-Prep

Achievements



Our Learning This Week:

In Nursery this week, The children have started our new 'hedgehog' topic by spending time outside to sort leaves by size and shape. We have also been making playdough hedgehogs.

The Reception children have used a microscope to examine reptile skin before drawing what we could see and describing it with adjectives. In art, the children made two giant geckos out of recycled bottle tops for our classroom display. We also had an exciting 'forest school in a storm' and got to use the storm shelters!

The Year 1 children have learnt how and when to use full stops and exclamation marks in our writing. In science lessons, they have tested how absorbent and waterproof different materials are. In maths, pupils have spent time ordering numbers up to 20 and have learnt how to move up and down a number line.

Year 2 have continued their study of the Romans and created fact files. The children have written a 'wanted' poster for Boudica and finished their preparation for their Roman Day. In Maths lessons, they have continued their work on understanding number and identifying the properties of shapes.

Class Dojo Winners KS1

Arlo – 1LK

Eddie – 1SC

Olivia – RCB

Eleanor – RKW

Pre-Prep

Achievements



Times Tables Rockstars

Robot of the Week:

Tilly P

Wannabe Status: Austin P

Top Rock Performers:

Year 1SC: Tilly P

Year 1LK: Lorcan R

Year 2CB: Eleanor V

Year 2KM: Ted L

Rust Stage Completion; Well done to Margot, Alexander, Joe, Clara, Laurie, Primrose, Sophie, Annabel, Tilly, Tom, Lila, Freddy, Edward, Mila, Lorcan, Tommy, Rupert, Leo, Hugo, Ted, Evie, Everly, Pippa, Althea, Edie, Otis

Iron Stage Completion; Hattie, Henry, Theo, Eleanor, Theo, Ernie, Albee, Clemmie, Will

Tin Stage Completion; Arabella, William, Bethany

Copper Stage Completion; Chloe

Tungsten Stage Completion; Austin

Aluminium Stage Completion; Atticus

Prep

Achievements



House Point Form Champions

3SM - Rose P and Zola C
3ME - James and William
4SC - Harleen K
4LL - Henry C and Percy
5SL - Ray Wang
5LJ - Gabriel G
5RK - Hugo P
6FR - Hugo L
6JL - Emmie A
6AG - Sophia C

Merit Awards

Bronze Merit Awards:

3ME: Imogen, Jasper, Winnie and William
4LL: Isabella and Theo
4SC: Albie, James
6JL: Aria, Jessie, William L, Will, Annie, Isaac, Harlow, Emmie, Elliott

Gold Commendation:

5SL: Thea A for Humanities.
Viking Homes: a wonderfully creative style chosen to compare Viking homes to modern day housing.

Heads Commendation

Ellie L for an amazing piece of work on 'How we are affecting our planet'. You showed careful thought in your preparation for each point and presented your work beautifully.

Times Tables Rockstars

Rockstar of the Week:

Finn J

Wannabe Status: Rory S

Headliner Status: Noah H

Top Rock Performers:

Year 3: Finn J

Year 4: Kai W

Year 5: Ethan U

Year 6: Ezra J

Times Tables Challenge

3ME: Nola, Gabriella, Finn, Patrick, Neesha, Daymer, Imogen, Finn, Bertie, Theo, Jasper, Albert, William, James, Max B, Winnie

3SM: Millie, Alfie, Edgar, Raphie, Zola, Josh, Otto A, Rose, Sophia, Leo, Rory

4SC: Turan, Albie S

4LL: Isabella J

5SL: Saffron, Thea

5RK: Arthur, Arlo, Tom

6AG: Ezra, Phoebe

6JL: Elliot, Emmie, Reggie

Prep

Achievements



Music

Well done to Alyssia C (6FR) for achieving her ABRSM Level 2 certification for her Grade 5 piano performance, which she passed with distinction.

Judo

Truro School and Truro School Prep students had a super time competing at the Kazoku red/yellow/orange belt Judo Competition Round 3 at Newquay on Saturday. They produced some excellent Judo techniques between them and were very successful.

The results are as follows;

Truro School (senior)

Christian B Bronze

Ben M Gold

Archie S Gold

Truro School Prep

Ellie L - Bronze

Kai W - Silver

Rupert R-S - Silver

Samuel P - Gold

Charlie D-R - Gold

Art Gold Frame

4LL: Edward - For your highly creative and skilful book cover.

Mabel - For your dramatic design and 3D painting of the letter M.

4SC: Poppy - For your design ideas and delicate experiments with paint.

Harleen - For your beautiful and creative letter design and excellent skills.

Prep

Achievements



European Day of Languages Bunting Competition

Year 3: Runners up: Finley, Neesha and Finn

Winner: Rupert D - we loved the 3D pyramid effect and name in hieroglyphics, a very impressive flag using different materials.

Year 4: Runners up: Kai, Malhar and Harleen

Winner: Christopher Perry - a beautifully decorated flag with examples of Afrikaans on the reverse, as well as lovely pictures.

Year 5: Runners up: Gabriel, Audrey

Winner: Ray Wang - for a very striking design on both sides with Mandarin vocabulary included alongside a unique fan effect.

Year 6: Runners up: Jenson, Emmeline, Annie and Aria

Winner: Noah Harrison - for an amazing, creative and well-thought-out design, complete with examples of words in Maori and a hanging Kiwi made out of felt.



OCTOBER HALF TERM

MULTI SPORT ACTIVITY CAMPS

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

0830 - 1730

AGE 6-12 YEARS

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IN AID OF
**THE WAVE
PROJECT**

The FTS are looking for
donations of any
outgrown wetsuits for
The Wave Project.

Providing mental health support and surf
therapy to young people, these wetsuits will be
donated to youngsters on the programme, or
sold to raise funds for the Wave Project charity.

**Wetsuits can be donated via FTS@truroschool.com or dropped
at the Truro Prep Office or Truro School Cafe (near the SBA)**

WINTER ACADEMIES

Tuesdays - 5:45pm - 7:45pm
Hardball - 8-11 Years

Fridays - 6pm - 8pm
Hardball - 11-18 Years

Sundays - 9am - 10am
Softball - 4-11 Years

Sundays - 10am - 10:55am
Transition to Hardball -
6-11 Years





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