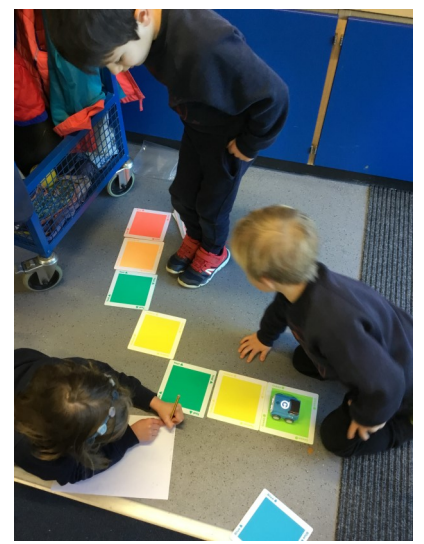




The Wagtails were very busy last week—seen here in their high-vis jackets and ready for the off on their welly walk to find out more about the seasons and spot signs of winter and spring.

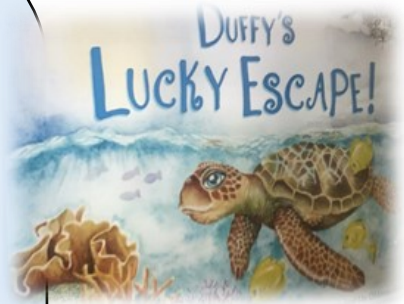
They also had a visit from the Cats Protection Organisation so that they could learn more about how to look after our pets, linking this with their science 'Animals' topic.

And if that wasn't enough excitement for one week, they were also lucky enough to have a visit from parent, Mrs Forster, who taught the children about how to programme robots. Once they had been given a demonstration on how to make the robots move and follow instructions, the children were up for the challenge of creating a circuit using different colour cards that controlled the robots movements. Wow! Meet the engineers, scientists, meteorologists, vets (the list is endless) of the future!



Thank You to our Special Guest in Skylarks.

In Pupil Voice this term, we are looking at global goal 14 - life below water. We have been learning about human actions which damage our oceans around Cornwall. Ellie Jackson, author of Duffy's lucky escape, spoke with Skylarks about why she decided to write the stories that encourage responsible human behaviour. Students listened intently and asked very insightful questions. We looked at the damage plastic does to our oceans and behaviours we could change to help protect our oceans and wildlife.



A burst balloon and a jelly-fish – hard for turtles to differentiate.



Turtles in a rehabilitation centre in Australia.



A plastic bag and a jellyfish – hard for turtles to differentiate.



How we can reduce plastic usage?

Touch Rugby League 28th February 2024.



Our year 5 and 6 students represented our school brilliantly last Wednesday in our rugby league competition. We scored some very impressive tries and showed strong defence. The team supported each other brilliantly, showing incredible sportspersonship throughout. Well done to the team!



The #LetGirlsPlay Biggest EVER Football Session



Dear Parents,

The Football Association (The FA) has recently launched a campaign to ensure girls have the same access to football in schools and in clubs by 2024 as boys do. #LetGirlsPlay is a call for change.

Research shared as part of the campaign shows that football is very popular amongst girls and that the numbers of girls engaged in football is continuing to grow. Whilst football is the most popular team sport for young people in England, only a third of girls aged 5-18 years participate each week. The research findings show that that 90% of girls that play, enjoy it, 60% of these girls that play football in schools want to play more and 91% of girls that don't play, want the opportunity to do so.

As part of the same research girls were asked what they thought the benefits to playing football were and how football made the girls feel. Their responses identified physical and holistic benefits:

- 88% play to keep fit and healthy.
- 73% plan to learn/develop social skills.
- 73% play because it increases their self-confidence.
- 52% play to relieve stress and worry and 92% play because it is fun.



Perran-ar-Worthal will be supporting the FA with their campaign by holding a KS2 football morning on Friday 8th March. Girls will play down on the field and Plymouth Argyle will run sessions for boys up on school grounds.

Girls on the field will be able to participate in 6 different stations. These will challenge their individual skills and their teamwork skills.

For more information on giving girls better access to football, please go to:
Englandfootball.com/letgirlsplay or you can go directly to the website for schools
www.girlsfootballinschools.org.

#LETGIRLSPLAY

NB: Please could we ask that KS2 wear suitable footwear for this event which will be taking place on Friday, March 8th. As the village green can be a little damp to play on, it may be necessary to bring a change of footwear and spare socks.

TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS 29th February 2024

BRONZE CERTIFICATE – 50 TEAM POINTS

Year 5: Denzel

SILVER CERTIFICATE – 100 TEAM POINTS

Year 2: Kaiser and Harrison

Year 4: Sienna

Year 5: Rosie, Seth and Tilly

Year 6: Quilla and Casper

GOLD CERTIFICATE – 150 TEAM POINTS

Reception: Margot, Emelia, Renn and Emily

Year 1: Willow

Year 2: Lara

Year 3: Ned and Daniel

Year 6: Max, Rafferty and Myah

MEDAL – 200 TEAM POINTS

Year 3: Tamsyn and Evelyn

BADGE – 250 TEAM POINTS

Year 6: Lily-Rose



Minibus Update!

In simple terms, there is no update! I have been in touch AGAIN and although the company was hoping that our order was due to go in to build aboard sometime between December and February, we are now in March and still no news. I have been in touch with other companies who sell the same minibus lite model and there is a waiting list of between 14 and 18 months! So, I am sorry to say, we must continue to wait. We have tried our best to borrow minibuses from other local schools whilst we wait for ours and we are incredibly grateful to all those parents who are available to help with transport. We continue to keep fingers and toes crossed for some good news soon! I will continue to share any updates as and when I receive any.

New Classroom Update!

Well, we have met with the architect on two occasions where they have shared some initial drawings that have been reviewed and updated. The last meeting, held on Wednesday last week, was very exciting with drawings that gave a really clear picture of what the finished extension might look like. Unfortunately, we are not able to share any initial drawings at this stage but we hope that the drawings, which are clearly sympathetic to our beautiful old school building, will be accepted and the process will continue to move forward as quickly as possible. If we do not face too many unforeseen hold ups, we are still hopeful that we will have a new classroom in September. Again, as soon as I have information I can share with you, I will. Keep those fingers crossed for a speedy process that also achieves the best outcome for our school.





Diary Dates



*** Please note the extra events added.**

Tuesday, 5th March: St Piran's Day

Wednesday, 6th March: Songfest at Truro Cathedral (Yr6 small choir)

Thursday, 7th March: World Book Day (Come dressed as your favourite book character)

***Friday, 8th March: KS2 Big Football Event (supported by PAFC)**

WB 11th March: Cornwall Music Festival for those taking part

***Friday, 15th March: Yr6 attending Primrose Piano Quartet Concert at Truro Prep School.**

Tuesday, 26th March: Yr3, 4 and 5 Spring Play and KS2 Spring Concert at the Village Hall at 5.30pm in Village Hall (see poster for more information)

WB 25th March: Autism Acceptance Week

Thursday, 28th March: Last day of term

Friday 29th March to Sunday, 14th April: EASTER BREAK

Please note that there may be further dates added as the year progresses. If any dates need changing due to unforeseen circumstances, then we will give you as much notice as possible. We will keep you informed of any changes and additions on our weekly newsletter and via dojo.



KS2 SPRING CONCERT AND PLAY

On

Tuesday, 26th March

At

5.30pm

In the Village Hall

ACT 1

A range of musical performances by
our pupils in Yr3 to Yr6

INTERVAL

A Traditional Cornish Cream Tea

ACT 2

Three Traditional Cornish Tales and Sea Shanties
performed by our Yr3, Yr4 and Yr5 pupils

FOPS NEWS

FRIENDS OF PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

TODAY!

Monday 4th March

Fancy Dress Library OPEN!

After school YR 6 Classroom / Shelter

Wednesday 7th March

World book day!

HOT OFF THE PRESS...

PERRRANFEST

Sat 22nd June 3-6pm

Village Field & Hall



Fancy Dress Library

NEW

FANCY DRESS LIBRARY

Open in preparation for
World Book Day!

MONDAY 4TH MARCH

After school in
YR6 classroom



Hire any outfit for
a small donation:)

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

FUNDRAISE FOR FREE!

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(OR SCAN QR CODE)

WHEN YOU SHOP ONLINE THROUGH THE WEBSITE THEY DONATE PART
OF YOUR SPEND DIRECTLY TO SCHOOL - WOO HOO!

ANY QUESTIONS - PLEASE SPEAK TO FOPS CLASS REPS - THANK YOU

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE ALREADY SIGNED UP
WHO HAVE RAISED OVER £220 THIS YEAR
AMAZING!

POP UP SHOP OPEN
IN PREPARATION FOR
WORLD BOOK DAY (7TH MARCH)

Please come and support FOPS's
**FANCY DRESS
LIBRARY**

Hire any outfit from our growing collection
for a small donation of your choice



AFTER SCHOOL IN YR 6 CLASSROOM

★ MONDAY 26TH FEB

★ MONDAY 4TH MARCH

DONATE
RE-USE
RAISE
FUNDS!

We'll also be taking
donations - so please
do drop in any
unwanted
fancy dress.
Thank you!



**Annual
Parish
Meeting
2024**

Perranarworthal
PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 3rd April

7.00pm in the village hall

Refreshments will be available

The annual parish meeting is "for the purpose of discussing parish affairs and exercising any functions conferred on such meetings by any enactment." In plain English, it means that local electors may raise any matter regarding the parish, and any person on the electoral register of the parish is entitled to speak.

This is one of the key opportunities to make your voice heard.

If you would like to raise an item, please contact the chairman. This does not preclude other matters being raised on the night, but early notice would help preparation. Thank you.

Contact details for Colin Bridges, the chairman:
cllr.cbridges@perranarworthalpc.org.uk
07538 125583

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SCHOOL
PRESENTS

**Super
SATURDAY**

SCIENCE
WEEK SESSION!
16 MAR
2024
9am - 12pm

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OR CALL
01209 203715

for students starting secondary
school in September 2025!

Information Classification: PUBLIC

Tidy Up Day

Come and join in our volunteer session
to litter pick and tidy up verges and
paths in and around the village in time
for spring!

Meet at Perranarworthal Village Hall

Saturday 23rd March | 10am-12 | TR3 7NJ

All tools and refreshments provided

All Ages welcome

Please dress in robust footwear and
clothing suitable for gardening and the
weather!

Contact: Lea Thomas Community Partnership Officer

Email: Lea.thomas@cornacld.co.uk

Mobile: 07563252740

alternatively contact: Ashley Bridges

cllr.abridges@perranarworthalpc.org.uk

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For the Parish
Council



CORNWALL
COUNCIL

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SUNDAY
MARCH 10TH
AT 10AM

MOTHERING SUNDAY
SERVICES

ST PIRAN'S CHURCH -
SERVICE OF THE WORD.

DEVORAN CHURCH -
HOLY COMMUNION -

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE

ALL WELCOME

REVD KAREN WILSON
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