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DISCO PARTY WAS A HIT! Last Friday, the village hall was filled with groovy music and happy children. With party games that included balloons, musical statues and dance-off competitions, even the dads got involved putting their backs into a few sit-ups and press-ups!

A great way to end the week and to raise funds for the school. An amazing £343 was raised. A huge thank you to the FOPS for organising the event and the staff who helped out of the night. We look forward to the next Perran-ar-Worthal Disco Party Night!























Sports Personality Comes to Visit!

February is LGBTQ History month and we were very lucky to have been offered the opportunity to have a visit from one of the Exeter Chiefs Rugby Players, who had also visited Truro School.

Jack Dunne is the only open member of the LGBTQ community currently playing rugby in the Premiership and de-



livers speeches on a regular basis on the importance of inclusion, especially in a sporting environment. His talk on achieving his Goals and Dreams helped to reinforce our Jig-saw unit on this theme.

The children were delighted to have the opportunity to ask questions about his sporting achievements and were amazed to find out that Jack's original dream was to become an Astronaut, but, at 6 feet 8inches, was too tall!

A huge thank you to our Parent Governor, Emily Lord, who, in her role as Player Development Manager for Bristol and Exeter Rugby Players Association, was able to arrange for this inspirational speaker to visit us.

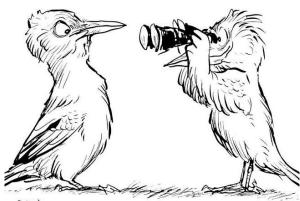
Having spent the afternoon talking to pupils, Jack was also very happy to sign autographs and even made an attempt to join the lesson in the Robins' classroom by managing to sit (with some difficulty) at one of the small tables!

Thank you for coming to see us, Jack!



Big Schools' Birdwatch 2025

On Friday morning, Kingfishers had the opportunity to take part in the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch. Armed with binoculars, blankets and warm drinks, in the Growzone (it was 4 degrees!), we spent an hour observing and listening to



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eleven different species of birds. These included: great tits, robins, bluetits and, a personal favourite, goldfinches. Well done Kingfishers for your identification efforts and enthusiasm!







PLEASE NOTE: Last chance today (by 3pm) to book your child on the DT Sports Half Term Club taking place at Perran-ar-Worthal school. Don't miss out!





TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS 13th February 2025

BRONZE CERTIFICATE – 50 TEAM POINTS

Year 5: Jude and Sophie

SILVER CERTIFICATE – 100 TEAM POINTS

Year 1: Gracie-May, Seb, Ivy, Margot, Hugo,

Jack W, Tiber, Emelia, Arthur Ca, Alfie, Renn and Emily

Year 2: Betsy, Lettie and Charlotte

Year 4: Ted

Year 6: Archie

GOLD CERTIFICATE – 150 TEAM POINTS

Reception: Jonathan and Daisy

Year 3: Robyn, Sophie, Allana, Henry and Senara

Year 4: Maddox

Citizen / Learner of the Week – 3rd February 2025

Puffins

Learner – Rocky-Peach (For fantastic progress in phonics and starting to blend)

Citizen – Joshua (For always offering to help others around the classroom,

especially at tidy up time)

Wagtails

Learner – Rupert (For super descriptive vocabulary)

Citizen – Jago (For sharing his ideas in class, especially in topic work)

<u>Robins</u>

Learner – Isaac (For working hard and persevering during our spelling sessions)

Citizen – Meyer (For always showing kindness and thoughtfulness to others if they are feeling sad)

Starlings

Learner – Joseph (For showing perseverance in learning his 3x tables and completing lots of extra Maths at home)

Citizen – Henry (For kindness and always being so happy to help teachers and his friends with a big smile)

<u>Skylarks</u>

Learner – Hugo (For his hard work and perseverance in the classroom. His growing confidence shines through as he contributes thoughtful ideas, demonstrating a true love for learning)

Citizen – Lily (For staying positive and dedication to supporting her peers in a team)

Kingfishers

Learner – Caspar (For trying really hard with poetry and extending learning at home)

Citizen – Harriet (For amazing enthusiasm and team spirit during the football tournament)

<u>Swifts</u>

Learner – Sebbie (For writing poems with excellent use of metaphors and emotive language)

Citizen – Jamie (For demonstration of essential skills in lessons)

Citizen / Learner of the Week – 10th February 2025

Puffins

Learner – Elijah (For fantastic doubling to 10 in Maths this week) **Citizen** – Ada (For always offering to help others around the classroom)

Wagtails

Learner – Reuben Banwell (For trying incredibly hard in all aspects

of phonics, especially blending)

Citizen – Aurora (For always looking out for her friends)

<u>Robins</u>

Learner – Tilly (For AMAZING Maths this week and getting to grips with the concept of division absolutely brilliantly)

Citizen – Charlotte (For being such a kind friend to those who may be having a wobbly moment)

Starlings

Learner – Brynley (For super responses in Maths during the ice cream investigation)

Citizen – Allana (For always helping others with their learning)

<u>Skylarks</u>

Learner – Ted S-L (For making a huge effort in all his learning, especially Maths and English)

Citizen – Daniel (For contributing well and 'Aiming High' in everything this week)

Kingfishers

Learner – Aaradhya (For amazing poetry writing)

Citizen – Loic (For always contributing confidently to mathematical conversations)

<u>Swifts</u>

Learner – Denzel (For effort in al subjects, especially Maths and Science)

Citizen – Lily (For being a brilliant playground buddy and demonstrating the essential skills of communication in class)



WRAPAROUND NUMBER INCREASE!

With the addition of the DT Coaching Staff Members to our Wraparound After School service, we are able to increase our maximum number to 45 children. Breakfast Club will remain at 35. Please ensure you book your children onto the service when required via schoolsbuddy.

SAFER DRIVING PLEA!

We are continuing to monitor the safety of our children and their families at the busiest times of day. We ask that all parents park with care and consideration and move vehicles carefully when dropping off and picking up. You may have noticed a police presence—we have asked for support from the police and the council to make the road adjacent to our school as safe as possible. Please be aware that spot checks will continue to be made. Zig-Zag lines MUST be kept clear at all times. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

PROGRESS REVIEWS ARE COMING UP!

Progress Reviews will be taking place for all classes in the first two weeks of next half term (week beginning 24th February and the week beginning 3rd March).

More information on the specific days and times will be sent out for each class. Please keep an eye out for a message from your child's teacher. Teachers will only be available during the times advertised due to other professional and personal commitments.

Please note, if an appointment is missed, we may not be able to rearrange. However, there will be another opportunity to meet the class teacher in the Summer Progress Review meetings. Thank you.



FOPS WORLD BOOK DAY VIRTUAL

BALLOON RACE!

Perran-ar-Worthal CP School are set to embark on a thrilling virtual balloon race inspired by some of the greatest explorers - raising funds for new books for our school library!

How to Join the Fun: **1. Buy a Balloon:** Visit <u>www.balloonrace.net/ppsz</u> – Each balloon costs £2

2. Spread the Word: Tell your family and friends so they can join in the fun – simply share the link above.

3. Last chance: Balloons must be purchased by Tuesday, 25th February at 9am!

4.Launch Day: Get ready to launch your balloon during assembly on

Thursday, 27th February at 9am!

5. Race Finish: Celebrate the end of the race on World Book Day,

Thursday, 6th March at 9am!

Win Amazing Prizes! The two fastest balloons will win fantastic prizes!

Not only is this a fun and exciting way to support our school, but it's also environmentally friendly! (No real balloons will be released into the sky) ART COMPETITION! Please see below an opportunity for any child in the TRLC group of schools to take part in producing a piece of art work to form part of the brochure at this very prestigious annual event. Please see details in the poster below outlining how to enter, who to send your child's art work to and in what format. Thank you.







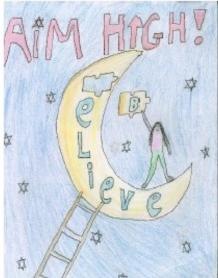
Truro & Roseland Learning Community (TRLC) Art competition 2024/25

The annual TRLC Awards event is due to take place on Wednesday 25th June 2025 at Truro Cathedral. We intend to help celebrate this important event by inviting pupils/students from the TRLC group of schools to have the chance to submit a piece of Art that will feature in the brochure that will be distributed to all guests at the event. For those wishing to enter the competition the theme for the artwork is 'Endeavour'. The Artwork needs to be produced in colour as an **A4 size** and presented in **portrait view**, in **jpeg format**.

Your school, child's name and age need to appear on the rear of the A4 Artwork.

Entries need to be submitted by Friday 14th February 2025 at the latest. Please email entries to Sharon Tippett, TRLC Administrator:

admin@devoranschool.co.uk







WB 17th February: HALF TERM WEEK

WB 24th Feb and WB 3rd March: Spring Term Progress Review Meetings

Monday, 3rd March: National Offer Day for Secondary School Places

Wednesday, 5th March: St Piran's Day

Thursday, 6th March: World Book Day (Come dressed as your favourite book character)

WB 10th March: Cornwall Music Festival for those taking part

Wednesday, 16th March: Songfest at Truro Cathedral for Yr6 singers

Friday, 21st March: World Poetry Day

Friday, 28th March: Yr3, 4 and 5 Spring Play and KS2 Spring Concert at the Village Hall. More information about arrangements to be confirmed closer to the date.

Wednesday, 2nd April: World Autism Awareness Day

Friday, 4th April: Last day of term

Monday, 7th April to Monday, 21st April: EASTER BREAK

Please note that there will 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.

Diary Dates



Monday, 16th April: National Offer Day for Primary School Places

Tuesday, 22nd April: First day of Summer term—School open to all pupils

Thursday, 24th April: Non-Uniform Day for Choccy Bingo

Friday, 25th April: Choccy Bingo at Village Hall. More information about arrangements to be confirmed closer to the date.

Monday, 5th May: BANK HOLIDAY—School Closed

Thursday, 8th May: Victory in Europe Day

WB: Monday 12th May: KS2 SATS week

Tuesday, 20th May: Class photos (TBC)

WB 26th May: HALF TERM WEEK

Thursday, 5th June: World Environment Day

WB 9th June: Final Term Progress Review Meetings

Thursday, 12th June: Science Day

WB 30th June: Yr6 camp at Porthpean (TBC)

17th June, 24th June, 1st July 2pm to 2.45pm: Learning Together sessions

Thursday, 3rd July: Yr3 Seal Sanctuary and Tea (TBC)

Wednesday 9th July to Friday 11th July: Yr5 Camp at CampKernow

Thursday, 10th July: Yr4 Surf and Sleep (TBC)

Tuesday, 15th July: Yr6 Production Matinee and Evening performance

Thursday, 17th July: Sports Day

Monday, 21st July: Back up Sports Day

Tuesday, 22nd July: Yr6 leavers assembly 9.30am to 11am and last day of term

Wednesday, 23rd July: INSET day—School Closed

Thursday, 24th July to Tuesday, 2nd September: SUMMER BREAK

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February Half Term



CRAFT AND STORY CLUB

Wednesday 19 Feb 10am-12.30pm

For 6-8s years

£10 or bursaries available

Story Adventurers, join us this half-term for a magical craft and story session! We'll explore an exciting tale and make a fun craft inspired by the story.

TALES THAT NEED TO BE TOLD

Thursday 20 Feb 10-3pm For 9-11s

£20 or bursaries available

Join Playwright Sarah Connors for a fun packed day of collage, storytelling and drama to unlock your creativity and story telling techniques.

Book: www.thewritersblock.org.uk/events

KHDA Half Term Workshops 17th & 19th February Turners Hall Scout Hut, Boscawen Park, Truro 9.30-3.30pm

Dance Academy



Come along and join in the fun with dance, drama, singing & craft.

Open to all Primary School aged children £25 per day or £45 for two days Limited spaces available

For further information or to book a place contact Kathryn on 07891675753 or email khdaprincipal@gmail.com www.kh-danceacademy.co.uk