

22 MARCH 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! Somehow, we have managed to fit in swimming galas, netball fixtures, life drawing classes, cross country fixtures, spoken word presentations, poetry declamations and a visit from Judith Fenn, the CEO of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust.

The highlight of the week, however, was last night's spectacular Year 3 production of Zoom. The children kept the audience royally entertained for almost an hour and a half and I take this opportunity to congratulate them, alongside Mrs Eva, Mrs Morse and all the staff involved.

Woven throughout this busy week (and in addition to the regular academic and co-curricular activities) has been our continued drive towards kindness and consideration for others.

Our assemblies have explored the importance of 'thinking before speaking', using toothpaste (please ask your children!) and, in the Prep School, Socrates' (the ancient Greek philosopher rather than the Brazilian footballer of 1982 World Cup fame) Test of Three.

For the uninitiated, I share this with you here:

In ancient Greece (469 – 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom.

One day, he came upon an acquaintance, who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Test of Three." "Before you talk to me about my student let's take a moment to test what you're going to say. The first test is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man replied, "actually I just heard about it."

"All right," said Socrates. "So, you don't really know if it's true or not. Let's try the second test. This is the test of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary..." said the man.

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him even though you're not certain it's true?" The man shrugged, a little embarrassed. Socrates continued, "You may still pass though because there is a third test the filter of Usefulness.

Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really..."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?"

The man was defeated and ashamed and said no more.

For the Prep School, we continued this theme into the written word, with a particular focus on emails, text and social media; for the same is true in the virtual world as in the real world.

The overriding message is simply that we must never forget that our words have power and we should use them with care. Rather than be tempted and dragged down by gossip, we should aim our conversation towards positive and uplifting topics that support and enlighten us. We must remember the Test of Three!

With my thanks as always and very best wishes,

Mr Rob Morse Headmaster



Calendar

Monday 25 March

Year 4, 5 & 6 Mixed Cross-Country County Finals Newquay Sports Centre (A) 11.15am-3pm (event 1pm-2pm)

Year 2 Parents Tour of Prep with Rob Morse 2.15pm-3.15pm

Tuesday 26 March

Reception and Year 1 Trip Screech Owl Sanctuary 9.15am-2pm

Year 5 Trip Truro Methodist Church 'Easter Experience' 10.30am - 1pm

Year 3 & Year 4 Mixed Indoor Athletics

Polwhele House and Truro High School (H) 2.30pm - 3.30pm (we regret that parents are unable to watch this event as it is indoors and no space is available)

U11 Football Mount Hawke (H) 3.45pm-4.30pm

Wednesday 27 March

U11 Football St Agnes (A) 1.30pm-3.30pm (event 2.10pm-3.10pm)

Year 5 and Year 6 Mixed Indoor Athletics

Polwhele House and Truro High School (H) 2.30pm - 3.30pm (we regret that parents are unable to watch this event as it is indoors and no space is available)

NOTICES:

Guess the Name of the Bunny

Our currently nameless Easter Bunny is sitting in the Prep Office waiting for a lucky winner to correctly guess their name. Choose from a list of names for 50p a go. All entries will also go into a draw for the Easter Egg raffle. The bunny's name will be announced on the last day of term, with all proceeds going to the Bristol Children's Hospital Starlight Ward.



Thursday 28 March

End of Term

No Prep or Pre-Prep activity clubs. Homework Club and Pre-Prep After School Care will be available. End of day pick-up arrangements; (siblings can be collected together at the earliest time slot) Nursery & Reception 3.00pm-3.15pm Year 1 & Year 2 3.15pm-3.30pm Year 3 & Year 4 3.30pm-3.40pm Year 5 & Year 6 3.40pm-3.50pm

Wednesday 17 – Friday 19 April 2024

Details may change – please check next week's bulletin for updates

Wednesday 17 April

Summer Term Begins

Friday 19 April

Reception to Year 1 Transition Afternoon for Parents (Pre-Prep) 2.30pm-3.15pm followed by refreshments (Dining Hall)

Saturday 20 April

Years 3-6 Mixed Cross Country

Coose Trannack (A) 8.30am start (parents to drop off and pick up)



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FTS Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to the FTS Coffee Morning. It was a pleasure to see so many people catching up. The next event will be on the 26 April 2024.





Lord High Sheriff Visit to Pre-Prep

Our pupils at Pre-Prep had a visit from Toby Ashworth, the High Sheriff of Cornwall.

Dressed in his regulation court dress, complete with hat, gloves and sword, Mr Ashworth led the morning assembly. He introduced himself to the children before explaining his role as the King's representative in Cornwall. He talked about his journey to becoming Sheriff, having served in the Royal Navy and worked in the Cornish tourism industry. A voluntary position, the appointment of the High Sheriff is made annually by HRH The Duke of Cornwall.

The pupils were able to ask lots of questions, including what Mr Ashworth's favourite thing was about being a High Sheriff and whether a woman can become a High Sheriff (they can).

It was a fun and memorable assembly and we would like to thank Mr Ashworth for taking the time to visit the Pre-Prep and sharing his story with our community.







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Year 3 Wow with Zoom!

Year 3 put a delightful spin on the traditional tale of the Tortoise and the Hare in their stunning production of the musical Zoom!

Opening with a glorious rendition of 'Brand New Day', we first meet the tortoise family, led by father Toby, as they join the other creatures in Evergreen Valley. Talk soon turns to the upcoming election for the new mayor and the two contenders, Harvey Hare and Henry Hedgehog.

We then meet Harvey himself; busy plotting alongside scheming friends Phil and Fred Fox to frame Henry Hedgehog and win the election for himself. Little does Harvey know that his dastardly plans have been overheard by Toby Tortoise; a confrontation follows and the stage is set as the two animals agree to settle their differences with a race...

A brilliant mix of comedy and emotion, with a strong moral tale woven through, we were extremely impressed with the courage and confidence our amazing Year 3 team showed in delivering this performance.

A huge well done to all of our performers and thanks to Mrs Morse, Mrs Eva and all of the amazing helpers who brought a forest full of creatures to life so beautifully. View the full gallery <u>here</u>.





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Welcoming Our New Choristers

After nearly two terms of learning the ropes in their journey as Truro Cathedral Choristers, our four probationers, Logan, Tom, Luca and Sebastian were made up as full choristers at the morning service on Sunday 17th March.

They were given their white surplices to denote their new status and signed the chorister register book. All members of the choir have signed this, dating back to the cathedral's inception in 1880.

Back in school on Monday, they were presented in assembly with their chorister ties by the Head.





Lots of Socks at Prep

This week, we have been talking to the children about the 'Lots Of Socks' campaign, which is an awareness campaign to celebrate everything that makes all of us different, and yet the same.

To mark World Down Syndrome Day 2024 (21st March), our school community wore their brightest and boldest socks.





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Senior Life Drawing Class for Prep

Truro Prep 'Young Leonardos' honed their observational skills during a recent visit to the Senior School Art department by focusing on 'drawing what you see' rather than 'what you think you see'.

The Year 6 art group, led by Senior School art teacher Mr Brett, explored the technical aspects of life drawing, learning key steps such as taking measurements, composing drawings using shapes, and only adding outlines at the very end.

With the assistance of our life model, Anna, the pupils created their sketches using their measuring skills and enhanced their drawings with charcoal to try out different effects on their drawings.



Mr Brett commended the pupils for their attentiveness, understanding of the process, and bold approach to their artwork, noting their high level of talent. Thanks to Ms Ashdown, Mr Brett, life model Anna and the Year 6 pupils for their mature and enthusiastic participation in this experience.



Nursery Get a Surprise Visit from the Police

As part of their transport project, Nursery had an exciting visit from the Police this week. Not only did they get to explore a Police car, but they had a surprise visit of a Police Motorbike as well.

The children looked the differences between a police car compared to their cars at home and noted the bright colour and blue flashing lights that makes them stand out. The highlight of the afternoon was definitely getting to sit on the motorbike and in the police car.

A huge thank you to the local Policemen for taking the time out of their day to share what they do with the children.

Prep House Poetry Semi-Finals

Our budding Prep speakers shared their favourite poems, including some they had written themselves, with members of their houses in preparation for the poetry house finals next Friday.

The pupils voted for their top three poems within their house to decide, who will be battling out to win points for their houses in the finals.

We look forward to sharing how they get on.





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Year 4 Discovery Day

Over 40 pupils from local Cornish Schools enjoyed a fantastic STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) Day at Prep on Saturday 16 March.

The Discovery Day is a new initiative for 2024, forming part of Truro School's community outreach programme. It provided the opportunity for Year 4 pupils from Cornish schools to experience a range of STEAM subjects including DT, Computing and Coding and Art and Design.

Open to Year 4 pupils from primary schools across Cornwall, the morning was a chance for children with an interest in science, technology, art and design, to engage in a fun and challenging morning with our teaching teams at Prep and to meet others with similar interests.

Gathering at Prep, the children were split into three groups before heading off to a 2-hour activity of their choosing.

Read the story in full here.

British Science Week

Last week was British Science Week and to mark the occasion, our Year 5 and 6 classes have been looking at 'Time', the theme of this year's Science Week.

Our Prep scientists, have been busy creating their own pendulum timers.

Armed with string and weights they experimented ways to



change the speed of the swing and even explored different

types of swing to see how this changed the overall outcome.

Don't forget, all children from Prep and Pre-Prep are also invited to take part in the British Science Week Poster Competition <u>(full details here)</u>. To enter, they simply need to create a poster which fits in with the theme of 'Time'.

Please submit your entries to <u>rjp@truroschool.com</u> or bring them to your children's form teacher before the end of term.

The best 5 creations will be submitted to the UK-wide schools' competition for the chance to win some fantastic prizes.





Sports News

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Confidence in Year 2 Cross-Country

On Monday afternoon the Year 2 children welcomed Polwhele House School to Truro Prep to take part in our first cross-country event for this year group. Excitement levels were understandably high, with many children competing in their first-ever inter-school event.

The children were amazing; they showed outstanding resilience to complete the tough all-terrain course, coming back with mud on their trainers and smiles on their faces. The support the children gave each other was wonderful to witness, they were cheering each other on and shaking hands with their competitors at the finish line, a sign of true sportsmanship.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Milne and Mrs Beveridge for running the course with the children, and to the Year 6 children for helping to marshall the course so that everyone could enjoy the event. This is the Year 2 children's first introduction to representing the school and it was lovely to see them enjoying the experience. We look forward to many more opportunities in the future.

Year 5 House Gala

Years 5 travelled to the SBA for their house swimming gala and once again, there were many successes that we can celebrate that are not reflected in the results. For several pupils, it was the first time they had raced in a 25m pool where it is deeper than they are tall.

A few pushed beyond their comfort zone to be able to complete the race and earn points for their house.

The races and overall points for victor and victrix were only separated by a couple of points. The Victrix Ludorum was Pheobe C with 20 points and the runner-up was Alyssia C with 16 points. The Victor Ludorum was George P with 19 points and the runner-up was Dylan S with 17 points.

Well done to all of the pupils who showed courage, confidence and excellent teamwork.



Cornish Open Judo Championships

Two pupils from Prep represented the school at the Cornish Open Judo Championships this Sunday at Carn Brea Leisure Centre. Charlie D-R and Rupert R-S did exceedingly well, both gaining a bronze medal in the primary section having fought against higher-graded opponents.

Well done to Niamh who also finished in first place for her category.

Our pupils are showing commendable commitment to the sport and we look forward to sharing future successes with you.





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Year 5 and 6 Cross Country

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were pleased to welcome Polwhele House and Truro High School for a friendly Cross country festival this week. The pupils used the event to practice all the skills they've been working on recently from different warm up moves to remembering to pace themselves during the race.

It was a wonderful sunny afternoon, with a real sense of community. Thank you to everyone that attended, including lots of parents cheering from the side lines.









Our Learning This Week:

What a wonderful week! We have had visits from the Police, who brought a car and a motorbike to carry on the vehicular theme in Nursery. We have enjoyed a visit from the High Sheriff of Cornwall who held an assembly for the children in the Pre-Prep and we have continued with our Science Week.

In Reception, the children's learning has been focused on all things wonderous. They have been creating and writing about their own mythical beings.

In Year 1, the children started the week thinking about the 'garden of the future', linking their literacy to our Science Week. They chose a form of poetry and wrote a poem about their own future garden. As part of Science Week, they have also completed experiments, thinking about how we work scientifically, and have measured the weather.



Class Dojo Winners KS1

Atti Edie George Edward Otto A Max F







Our Learning This Week:

Year 2 have had quite the week! It began with their first competitive cross-country event against children from Polwhele House, continued their transition work, preparing them for Year 3, and ended the week by writing their own fairytales and taking part in a swimming gala.

On Wednesday, the children were invited to watch the Year 3 dress rehearsal of their performance of 'Zoom', based on the traditional story of the tortoise and the hare. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to watch their peers succeed and to see what lies in store for them when they move to Year 3.

Our assembly with Mr Morse this week focused on 'choosing our words' and ensuring we think of others when we speak. His assembly was thoughtprovoking and memorable for all of our children.













House Point Form Champions

3ME: Arthur & Malhar
3SM: Joseph
4LL: Oliver B & Arlo
4SC: Barney & Ethan
5CD: Rosie & Fitzwilliam
5LJ: Tilda & Amaya
5SL: Arthur
6AG: Edie & Hetty
6DG: Mairi
6JL: George & Isaac M

Swimming

Atti 6DG has achieved the Better Swim School Silver Award.

Gold Commendations

Petra 5LJ for Science 'Model Cell': a beautifully made model.

Heads Commendations

Rosie 5CD for Science: for a beautifully made and detailed model nerve cell. Rosie used a variety of materials very cleverly and made a very clear key.

Henry MC 3SM for Maths: for dedication and progress in mastering his times tables.Malhar 3ME for Maths: for dedication and progress in mastering her times tables.

Merit Awards

Bronze Merit Awards 3SM: Niah 4LL: Arlo, Endelyn 5CD: William L 6DG: Daneil, Charlie W

Silver Merit Awards

3SM: Christopher 4LL: Freya 5CD: William L 6DG: Erys

Gold Merit Awards 4SC: Ollie, Anantveer

Prep Achievements



Fencing

Percy 3SM finished in first place in the U10 boys' sabre section at the Cornwall County Championships on Saturday 16th March; his first competition!



Percy 3SM

Horseriding

Delilah 6AG has won rosettes with her pony Magnus on Sunday 17th March 1st place: 70cm show jumping 1st place: 80cm show jumping 2nd place: accumulator show jumping **Snowboarding** Charlie 5CD has achieved Rookie Rider Level 1 award.

Judo

County Open Judo Championships on Sunday 17th March

Charlie 5CD and Rupert 5LJ both won bronze medals in their sections.

Niamh 6JL finished in first place in her category.



Niamh 6LJ





Morpurgo Club	5CD: Annie
(50 Books)	5LJ: Scott
Dahl Club (60 Books)	5CD: Annie

Times Tables Challenge

3ME: Ella C, Teddy, Greta
4LL: Ashleigh, Maya, Edward
5CD: William L, Toby, William V
5LJ: Aubrey
5SL: Jenson

Times Tables Rockstars

Times Table Rock Star of the Week Max Year 3

Top Rock Performers

Year 3: Ramona Year 4: Ethan Year 5: William L

Handwriting Pen Licences

4SC: Ollie, Will





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NEWS & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Notes from the Wild Woods

Be Wise about Worms!

Did you know that we have 31 Species of Earthworm in the UK and Ireland? They might be better named mud makers they pull down and eat leaves creating fertile, stone free soil as waste. In the Pre-Prep, we have been looking at the worm casts on the surface of the grass over the last few weeks as there has been plenty of mud!

Worms are incredibly important for keeping the soil healthy creating tunnels for water and air. Some worms burrow horizontally, some vertically, while some just live on the surface. We need them all for good drainage and for aerating the soil.

Earthworms are vital food for many species of bird. They are also eaten by many mammals including foxes, hedgehogs, badgers and moles, and invertebrates such as ants, beetles, snails, slugs, and spiders. No wonder they hide underground!

We have recently introduced a homemade wormery into our growing area and are on the lookout for these naturally occurring composting tiger striped worms. You can make your own investigation Wormery by following these instructions and find out more about these fascinating creatures <u>here</u>.



Bird Box and Bee Boxes

We have been busy making bird and bee boxes and have already seen blue tits investigating the boxes. Spring is here!





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Things to Do with the Family this Easter

Alongside our own holiday clubs, why not try...

- 1) Easter at Eden: Springfest
- 2) Easter Golden Rocks Hunt in Newquay
- 3) Easter Adventure Quest at Pendennis Castle
- 4) The Adventures of the Lost Lamb at Heligan
- 5) Mischief and Mystery in Moomin Valley at St Agnes MMI
- 6) Swamp Circus Skills Workshops

Swemp Group Events + Children's Easter Circus Workshop 4.h April 2024

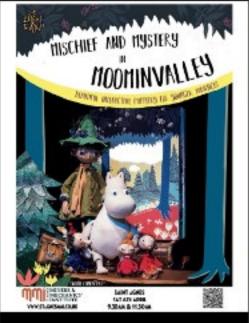
Childrens Easter Circus Workshop 4th April 2024

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St Agnes Miners & Mechanics' Institute - MMI

EASTER ADVENTURE QUEST AT PENDENNIS CASTLE LOCATION

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Join us for a smaking advantum quast at Pandannia Casta this Easter holiday function class in the casta grounds, that's down the Easter ages and per rewarded with a taxty chooceate trust.

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A theatre workshop based on the famous fairy tale 'Beauty and the Beast' exploring the characters using dialogue, dance, ensemble work and physical theatre which will create a performance of the story. This workshop will give your child the opportunity to make friends, have fan playing drama games and theatrical exercises and also develop some great drama skills led by our experienced team within the Burrell Theatre at Truro School. There will be an opportunity on the second day to make some props and pieces of costume to use in the performance. Some stage make-up may also be used so please advise of any allergies when signing your child in. Your child does not need any previous dancing or acting experience, just a willingness to be part of an ensemble and have fun! Their work will be showcased in a small performance at the end of the second day enhanced by the use of sound



POSTER COMPETITION

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ct the 5 best creations and submit e or winning an array or prizes. You can in this pack for inspiration! 1 2+ nours

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Encourage children to think about time – wh it means to them and how it relates to the Paper (A4 or A3) science they've learnt about - to come up with ideas to include in their poster. Here are some points and questions to get you going: Let children to think adout their dwn time – how do they spend it? At home, out playing in the park, arts and crafts, learning at value paint prayons pipe cleaners fut thread school?

- what about time in the world, and beyond? How do we measure time – seconds, days, seasons, centuries? What about time in \$9360?
- Are there any scientists they knew of whose work relates to time? What about time travel in films, TV and music?

Make your poster

Once they've done their thinking, it's time for children to get creativel Posters must be A4 or A3 in size and you'll need to be able to take a photograph of each one so it can be sent to us online for junging. Children can use pop-up pictures, pull out tabs or materials such as pencils, paints, crayons and paper to create their posters.

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Send us your poster

Possers will be judged on creativity, now well they fit the theme, how well they have been made or drawn, and hew engaging they are once a child's poster is complete, take a phote of it and complete the online form to submit it as an entry.

Next steps

Celebrate! For more details, along with the full set of poster competition rules and tips, check out our website: britishscienceweek.org/planities/poster-competition a



Friends of Truro School

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FTS

Please join us for an informal meet-up on the last Friday of every month; old and new faces are always welcome.

Friday 26th April: Prep Dining Hall

from 8,45 am



FTS

Friends of Truro School Invite You to the Big Beach Picnic

> Date: 21/04/2024 @ 12pm Location: Watergate Bay

& Family Beach Clean

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from 2pm @Watergate Bay



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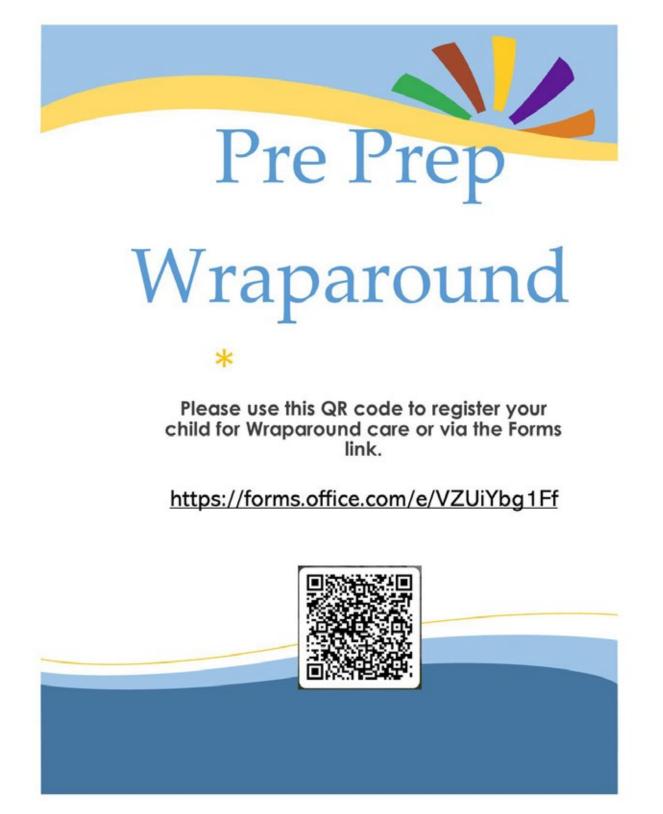
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