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### Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of term, I take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the term and for lending your children to us over the past few months.

The Spring Term is identified by educationists as the toughest of the year due to the dark mornings and evenings; not helped by the less than clement weather. Gosh, how it has rained!

As I have written before, however, your children have been rays of sunshine amidst the gloom and have certainly added sparkle to life here at Truro School Prep.

As we approach the Easter break, I wish you all a super holiday with your children and hope that you will all be able to enjoy a well-earned rest and have lots of fun along the way.

I also hope your children will have time to lose themselves in a good book over the next few weeks. As I suggested to the Prep School during assembly on Monday morning, there are manifold reasons for reading, but the most exciting and enjoyable is that it allows you to discover the world without leaving the comfort of your armchair.

This week's 'Quote of the Week' sums this up perfectly:

"I have lived a thousand lives and I have loved a thousand loves. I've walked on distant worlds and see the end of time.

Because I read."

#### George R. R. Martin

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday and that every single one of you has the opportunity to delve deep into a book or two.

With every good wish,

Mr Rob Morse Headmaster









### Calendar

### Wednesday 17 - Friday 19 April 2024

Details may change - please check the online calendar for updates

### Wednesday 17 April

#### **Summer Term Begins**

Prep and Pre-Prep activity and care clubs commence, with the exception of fencing.

#### 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 invited to take their own children)

### Monday 22 - Friday 26 April 2024

Details may change - please check for updates

### Tuesday 23 April

Hall for Cornwall Concert

Year 5 and School Choir involved HFC 7pm

### Wednesday 24 April

Year 5 MFL Cookery Workshop (5CD)

Truro School Cookery 10.40am-1pm

Learning Support Coffee Meeting

Library 3pm-4pm

### Saturday 27 April

Year 3-6 Mixed Cross Country

Polwhele House (parents to drop off and pick up) 9.30am-12pm



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### Confidence and Courage for Year 6 Diplomas

This term, to prepare for the Presentation element of their Diplomas, our Year 6 have been studying inspirational speakers and speeches from the likes of former President Barack Obama and Sir Winston Churchill.

They have used this to compile shared top tips on composing and giving an impassioned speech of their own. Our pupils then researched a topic they feel passionate about and created speeches to deliver their findings. This is a key skill that will take our pupils forward to secondary school and beyond.

Read the story in full here.

### An Owl-some Day of Learning

Reception and Year 1 had a hoot on their visit to the Owl sanctuary. The pupils had the chance to see birds of prey up close, as well as other native species including foxes. The children also enjoyed learning about meerkats and racoons and exploring all the site had to offer.

The highlight of the trip for the children was definitely the flying demonstration; they showed great courage holding kestrel, Marley and watching her fly around the barn.

A huge thank you to Screech Owl Sanctuary for hosting us today, and to all the staff who made the trip possible.





### British Science Week Winners

A huge well done to all of our pupils who took part in our British Science Week challenges. Mr Piper had a very difficult time choosing winners from such a brilliant selection of work.

Well done to Henry C (3SM) for his British Science Week Poster.

Well done to Niah 3SM, Edward S 4LL, Audrey 4SC, Kai and Malhar 3ME for their work on British Science Week Camouflage Moths.

Finally, for the best sand/water clock on the theme of Time for British Science Week, well done to Sylvie 6DG and runners up Rosie R 6JL and Matilda 5SL.





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### Talk Education – Best Schools in the South West



Thank you to Talk Education for listing Truro School as one of the best schools in the south-west of England. Their latest regional focus is on the West Country, where they put schools in the counties of Somerset, Bristol, Gloucestershire, Dorset, Devon, Wiltshire and Cornwall under the spotlight.

They write, "Families thinking about moving to the South West – or staying put and choosing a boarding school in the area – are spoilt for choice... Read on to find out more about some of our favourite schools in the South West and why their location matters."

"Surrounded by 40 acres of sports fields and green open spaces overlooking Truro (the prep has its own site next Truro Golf Club, a few miles across the city), this all-through school lives up to its 'to be rather than seen to be' ethos. And as locations go, this one is epic. The Cornish coastline is just down the road, meaning many pupils grab their surfboards at the end of the day to head straight to the beach – and there's nothing unusual about parents arriving for pick-up in their wetsuits. Biology and geology lessons take on a new dimension, with classes taken out to the beaches; prep-school pupils get stuck into kayaking and bushcraft, and water sports are a popular weekend activity for boarders. The school's proximity to the South West Coastal Path is another boon, and pupils have had much success in the annual Ten Tors event on Dartmoor.

The maritime landscape surrounding the school instils a real sense of environmental stewardship in pupils – and through regular beach clean-ups and coastal projects, they develop a deep-seated respect for the sea and a commitment to preserving it for future generations."

Read the article in full here.



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### Year 5 Experience Easter

Our Year 5 pupils took a trip to Truro Methodist Church (TMC) for an Easter Experience, designed to give pupils from schools across Cornwall a chance to experience Jesus's journey in the run-up to Easter.

Dressed as citizens of Jerusalem, the pupils learnt about the key events ahead of the crucifixion and resurrection including Palm Sunday and the Last Supper. They worked together to recreate the scenes, thinking about the mix of emotions Jesus might have felt.













### An Egg-citing Easter Extravaganza

Our Pre-Prep enjoyed an Easter Extravaganza, led by Rev Helen (appropriately dressed as an Easter chick), to celebrate both the end of term and this exciting time in the Christian calendar.

The festivities started with an assembly that focussed on the importance of the Easter weekend before everyone joined in to sing a Prep Easter favourite 'Spring Chicken'.

Pupils then spent the morning taking part in a carousel of activities including creating Easter gardens, making stained glass-effect crosses, and curating resurrection egg boxes.

The fun culminated in a school-wide egg hunt, which involved finding giant eggs filled with items that helped to re-tell the different parts of the Easter story.

Thanks to the Rev for leading such a fun and engaging morning.





### Sports News

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### Indoor Athletics at Prep

With (foam) javelins at the ready, there was courage, confidence and fun in abundance at Prep as our Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 were joined by Polwhele and Truro High School for our first inaugural indoor athletics festival.

With events ranging from the vertical jump and speed bounce to the standing long jump and relay, there was plenty to keep everyone challenged throughout the sessions.

Held over two days, seeing so many pupils come together for the joy of athletics was a pleasure. We would like to thank everyone who attended the event and the staff who made it possible.



### Prep-Prep Galas and Open Swim Sessions

It has been a pleasure to welcome parents and extended family to watch the Pre-Prep children display their swimming skills over the past few weeks.

The children have been amazing and worked hard to achieve an impressive level of competence. With enthusiasm, many swam to the best of their abilities enabling their parents and carers to see their full capabilities. We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support at these events.

We are always happy to answer any queries that may arise regarding your child's swimming and may be contacted by email on <u>jlr@truroschool.com</u> (Julia Raines) and <u>ajo@truroschool.com</u> (Amy Kiellor-Jolly).

### Pre-Prep Achievements



### **Our Learning This Week:**

The last week of this term has been a hive of activity.

Reception and Year 1 visited the Owl Sanctuary where the children experienced some wonderful workshops led by the Sanctuary team. They met many different breeds of bird and even a very friendly fox, it was a fantastic day!

In Year 2, the children have spent time writing their own stories of Baba Yaga. Their creativity was fantastic - we definitely have talented writers here with us.

At the end of this week we were visited by Rev Helen who held an assembly about Easter and following this, we took part in our 'Messy Easter' round robin of activities. The children made 'stained glass style' crosses, listened to the Easter story and created Easter Gardens, all to learn and understand the importance of the Easter Story to Christians.

Mr Morse followed up on his assembly on the importance of choosing our words carefully and the importance of kindness. The children engaged brilliantly with the stories he told and left with lots to think about over the holidays.

### **Class Dojo Winners KS1**

Monty, Harper M, Rupert G, Maximus, Rose, Theo H

### **Golden Table**

Pink Table







### **Performing Arts**

Endelyn 4LL has received an award for studying at Stagecoach Performing Arts for an uninterrupted period of 3 years.

### **Heads Commendations**

Sylvie 6DG for Science: for an outstandingly designed sand clock which showed great skill in its design and manufacture. Sylvie showed great metalwork skills in shaping the copper stand and frame. An outstanding contribution to British Science Week.

Henry MC 3SM for Science: for a wonderful poster designed for British Science Week, exhibiting much thought and careful planning.

### **Surf Lifesaving**

A number of Truro School Prep pupils travelled to Cardiff to take part in the National Surf Lifesaving Championships on 23rd & 24th March.

Phoebe 5LJ, representing Gylly SLS club, won bronze medals for 50m board and 50m board rescue.

Rowan 6AG also represented Gylly and won silver for the individual board event. Overall, Gylly finished in 3rd place.

Arthur 4SC and Isaac 6JL were representing St Agnes SLS club, achieving personal bests in all their events, with St Agnes finishing 16th overall.

#### **Merit Awards**

#### **Bronze Merit Awards**

3ME: Erin, Teddy, Kaleem, Arthur, Jack, Albie, Harleen, Ella C, Bobby, Malhar, Poppy, Greta,

Boe, Ella D, Kai

4LL: Oliver B, Ashleigh, Sienna, Saffron,

Rohan

5LJ: Daniel, Florence, Lissie, Digby, Petra,

Tilda, Amaya

#### **Silver Merit Awards**

3ME: Freddy, Max

3SM: Elodie, Mabel, James

4LL: Maya

5LJ: Phoebe, Aubrey, Rozalia, Rupert,

George

#### **Gold Merit Awards**

3SM: Harry



### House Point Form Champions

3ME: Teddy

3SM: Henry TC & Joseph

4LL: Ashleigh 4SC: Anantveer

5CD: Bo

5LJ: Rupert 5SL: Jenson 6AG: Edie

6DG: Ayden 6JL: George

### **British Science Week**

Years 3-4

**Best Poster:** Henry MC 3SM **Best Camouflage Moths**:

1st Niah 3SM

2nd Edward 4LL

3rd Audrey 4SC

4th = Kai & Malhar 3ME

Years 5-6

Best Sand/Water Clock, on the theme 'Time'

1st <u>Sylvie 6DG</u>

2nd = Rosie 6JL & Matilda 5SL

### **Handwriting Pen Licences**

3ME: Teddy, Freddy, Arthur

### Nessy Awards for Effort & Achievement

Gold Nessy awards: for the highest accuracy and working the hardest

3ME: Max 4LL: Louis 5CD: Freddie

Silver Nessy awards: for consistent effort

3ME: Ollie

3SM: Henry TC, Daisy

4LL: Hennie 4SC: Ollie

5CD: Fitzwilliam

6DG: Daneil





### **Gymnastics**

Ethan 4SC was awarded the following medals at the

Cornwall

Gymnastics Championships in

the Novice U10s section

Gold: Pommel

Silver: Floor

Silver: Parallel Bars

Silver: Overall Bronze: Rings

### Horseriding

Delilah 6AG won the following rosettes at Pendarves
Equestrial Centre with her pony

Magnus

1st place: 70cm showjumping 5th place: 80cm showjumping

### **Times Tables Challenge**

3ME: Harleen, Albie, Max

3SM: Henry TC, Niah, Joseph, Christopher,

Ramona, Edward, Seren, Theo

4LL: Oliver B, Saffron, Sofia, Rafe, Harvey

4SC: Gabriel, Arthur H, Violet, Arthur W

5CD: Toby, Freddie

5LJ: Florence, Phoebe, Rozalia, Petra

5SL: Oliver, Matilda 6AG: Thomas, Lilou

#### **Times Tables Rockstars**

Times Table Rock Star of the Week
Max Year 3

### **Top Rock Performers**

Year 3: Ella C Year 4: Ethan

Year 5: Charlie DR

### Art

Congratulations to the following pupils whose work has been chosen to go in the Gold Frame, all for excellent use of paint and colour on their portraits.

5LJ: Teresa

6AG: George, Rose

6DG: George



### Music

Thomas 6AG played in the National Youth Brass Band Championships in Cheltenham on Saturday 23rd March with St Austell Youth Brass Band. They came 3rd out of 17 bands in the Yamaha Performance section. Thomas had a challenging timpani part and also performed a tenor drum feature called 'Victory' as the finale. In the adjudicator's words, he is 'a fabulous timpanist'.



### **Spring Colours 2024**

#### **Football**

George B, Ayden, Casper, Raif, George M, Ben M, Jacob G, Archie, Lewie, Luca, Lexi, Lowenna, Niamh, Maya, Gracie, Hetty, Amelia, Lahni, Charlotte, Isabella

#### Netball

Eleanor, Isabella, Lexi, Lowenna, Rex, Gracie, Hetty, Sophie, Maya, Sylvie, Rosie, Amelia, Edie

#### **Hockey**

Hetty, Niamh, Lahni, Raif, Jacob G, Ben T, Archie, Luca, Ben M, George M, Thomas, Finlay

#### **Cross-country**

Rowan, Archie, Jacob, Isaac, George M, Raif, Luca, Rosie, Lexi, Hetty, Isabella, Niamh, Maya

#### **Badminton**

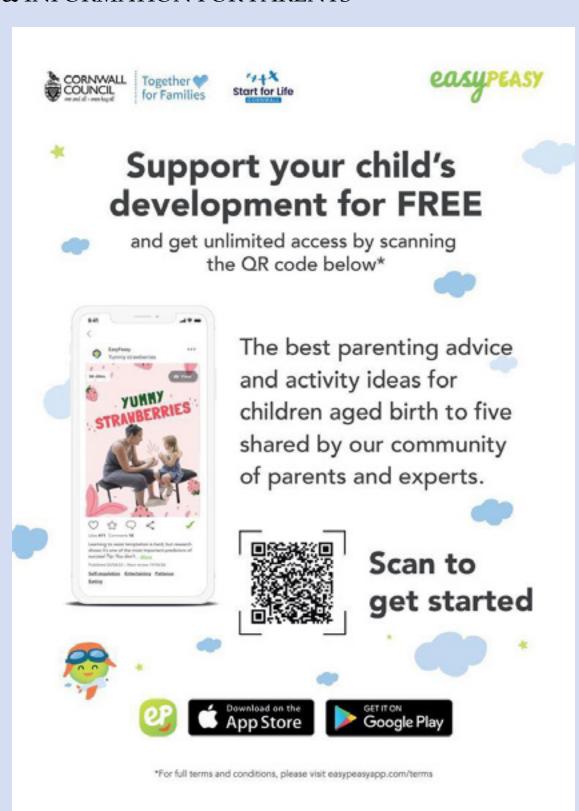
Isabella, Lexi, Maya, Amelia, George M, Conrad, Ethan, Ayden, Jensen, Archie, Raif, Oliver, Jacob G



### Family Focus

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#### **NEWS & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**







#### DRAMA WORKSHOP

Beauty & The Beast @ The Burrell Theatre Truro School

Date: 2nd & 3nd April

Time: 0830 - 170

ge: 7 - 13 Years

Cost: £65 tird mys

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rations information please visit our swhalle; www.xirbensinales.pc/fscentre.com

#### LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

DRAMA WORKSHOP

2/3 April – Very limited availability

**BUSHCRAFT DAY** 

**SOLD OUT** 

**MULTI-SPORT ACTIVITY CAMPS** 

Tue 9 April – Limited availability
Wed 10 April – Very limited availability
Fri 12 April – SOLD OUT
Mon 15 April – SOLD OUT
Tue 16 April – Availability

## FTS Friends of Truro School



## Coffee Morning

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





# Friends of Truro School Invite You to the Big Beach Picnic...

Date: 21/04/2024 @ 12pm

Location: Watergate Bay

### & Family Beach Clean

from 2pm @Watergate Bay



CALLING ALL
VOLUNTEERS! BRING A
PICNIC, EAT AND HAVE
FUN, THEN STAY AND
HELP TO KEEP OUR
BEAUTIFUL BEACHES
CLEAN AND PROTECT
OUR MARINE LIFE BY
TAKING PART IN OUR
BEACH CLEAN WITH
BEACH GUARDIAN!

# TECGIRLS TERMS EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP



Stop Motion Animation Studios & LED light up art

10am-3pm Hall for Cornwall, Truro



**Robot Art & Coding Camp** 

10am-3pm Hall for Cornwall, Truro



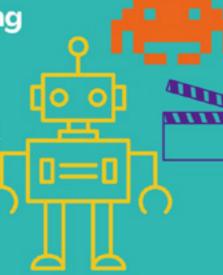
Micro:bit Step Counter & Secret Code Bracelet Making

10am-3pm Hall for Cornwall, Truro



Design a Game Character & Create your own game

10am-3pm Hall for Cornwall, <u>Truro</u>



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### Who's it for?

Our Tech, Engineering and Creative digital workshops are for girls aged 8-13 as part of the Time 2 Move programme. These sessions are completely free to children on free school meals, with a number of paid for spaces available each day at £40 a place. A healthy, hot meal is provided at every session.







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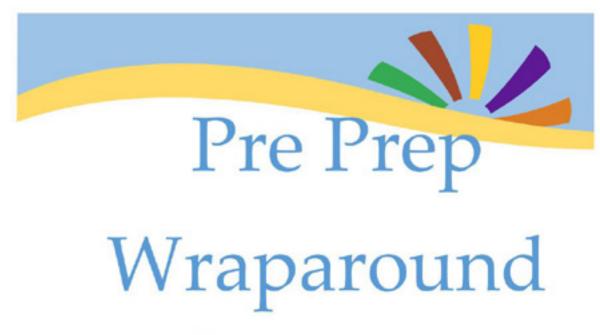


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### Blackbird Pie - Cornwall's What's on for Families www.blackbirdpie.co.uk









Please use this QR code to register your child for Wraparound care or via the Forms link.

https://forms.office.com/e/VZUiYbg1Ff

