



Friday Bulletin

24 APRIL 2020: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



"When you stop and think about what has been achieved in just over a month it's nothing short of amazing. We had a couple of weeks to prepare for the remote learning world and I commented in a letter to parents, on the 20 March, that we were about to negotiate a very steep learning curve and that working from home was going to flag up some things that we hadn't thought of, and that we would learn what works well and what works less well, and so it has proved.

"Is being stuck at home as good as being at school? No. Has everything worked perfectly? No. Does this remote learning approach work equally well for all pupils? No. Have together we made remarkable progress. Very definitely, yes. It's fair to say that our teachers, who are a talented and generous bunch at the best of times, have really risen to this challenge, as have you."

[Click here to listen to the Headmaster's full message.](#)



In case you missed this week's assembly with Rev. Aubin de Gruchy, you can watch it on the link below:

[Click here to watch it.](#)

House Competitions

Our prefects have put together some fun house competitions. The results and the new competitions will be published weekly. All entries will win house points, so every entry counts, no matter how big or small.

Click on the image below for more information or scroll to the back on the bulletin.

Good luck!

Georgia, Alex, Lily and Ollie

Totals after Week 1:

SMITH 19

WICKETT 18

SCHOOL 17

VINTER 16



We continue to monitor the response to coronavirus and continue to follow the advice and guidance of Public Health England.

[Click here to visit our Virtual Truro School website pages](#)



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Biology Challenge: Congratulations!



In March, the 3rd and 4th Year pupils sat a Biology Challenge, a worldwide competition consisting of two 25 minute papers set by the Royal Society of Biology.

The questions were based on the school curriculum, but the competition also rewards those students whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes, taking notice of the

news media for items of biological interest, and are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna.

Our pupils did exceptionally well, with a special mention to Soumya, Sam and Oliver for achieving an incredible Gold Award.

Thomas, Max, Emily, Robert, Maya, Hari, Jack, Leyla, Anna, Ashley, Christopher, Ben, Aimee, Henry, Kaja and Morgan achieved a Silver Award and the Bronze Awards were

received by Alex, Ollie, Adam, George, Joanna, Lara, Sam, Freddy, Mckayla, Rudy, Roland, Rose, Hamish, Oliver, Heidi, Hannah, Elspeth, Thomas, Amari, Jay and Tom.

Furthermore, our pupils received 82 Highly Commended and Commended results – an amazing achievement – well done to you all!

Coronavirus Emergency Bursary Fund

Our Coronavirus Emergency Bursary Fund is up and running. The current situation has had a huge impact on every family and individual in different ways, and we are proud to be part of a community that supports each other and those around us. All donations to the fund will be used to help the families who cannot manage their School Fee payments due to the crisis. This Fund is being administered by the Truro School Foundation, therefore attracting gift aid and tax relief. If you are able to

help, you can do this by following the link below.

We very much hope that all the steps we are taking will enable the Truro School community to be together again as soon as possible and thank you very much indeed for any contribution you are able to make.

Hive Update

A quick update on the amazing work The Hive charity has been doing since they set-up at Truro School. With a brilliant team of volunteers, they have been able to increase their production and get food out to the children and elderly most in need in the Truro and wider area.

In the three weeks since the beginning of the project at Truro School, they have produced 2,250 x 2kg packs, this is over 15,000 meals for the local community, an amazing achievement and project to be part of! This has all been produced from 4.5 tonnes of food that would have been destined for the bin. Amazing!

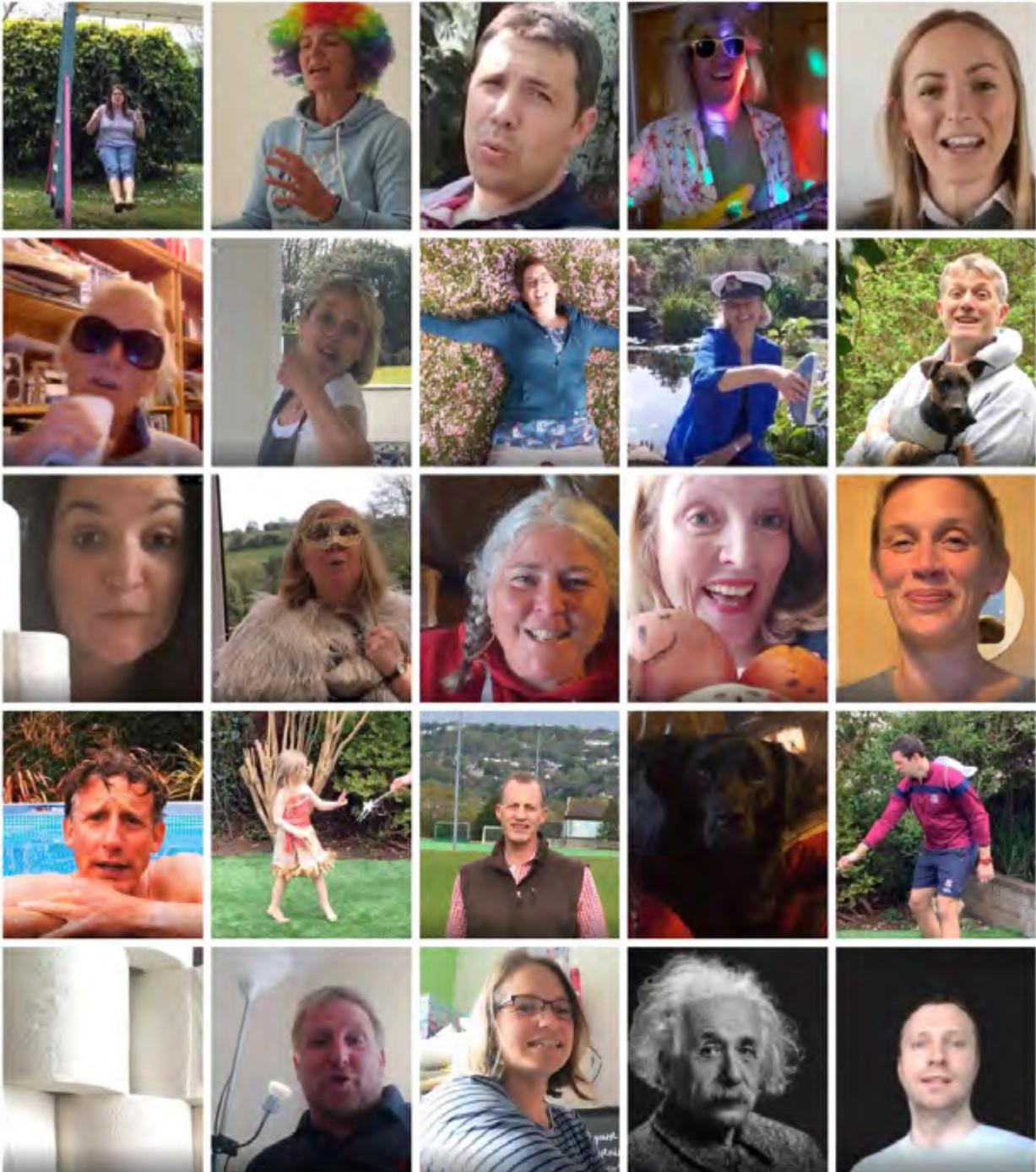
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Outdoor Pursuits: Challenge



This week is International Dark Sky Week (you can find out more on <https://idsw.darksky.org/>) and with a new moon on Wednesday which coincides with the peak of the Lyrid meteor shower (<https://www.space.com/lyrid-meteor-shower-2020-what-to-expect.html>) it is the perfect week to sit in your garden after dark and gaze at the stars.

Your challenge this week is to learn 5 constellations or stars (ideas include Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, Polaris, Arcturus, Bootes, Gemini and Leo). If you need help to find them try downloading a star gazing app or have a look at the 'how to' videos and guides on the Truro School Outdoor Pursuits Moodle page.

Follow Mr Cucknell and the team on their [Truro School Outdoor Pursuits Facebook Page](#) for the latest challenges and we look forward to seeing your photos!

Global School Club



Old Truronian Alex Bell attended Truro School from 1973-1983 and since then has gained many years' experience in education himself. Alex is now a Director of Portland Education, a company helping schools, school leaders, charities, museums and governments with all things education, from big picture strategy to fine-tuning effective working relationships.

Living in Lewisham with his family, he explained how his experience in education helped him create an international after school club during the Coronavirus pandemic.

"My children and I have literally only set foot outside twice in the last month. We are all sociable creatures and so, with the help of teacher friends around the world, we had the idea to set up a global after school youth club."

[Read the full article here.](#)

Truro School tennis leads the way!



The results from the 2019 school tennis season are now in and we are pleased to announce that Truro School has finished out on top.

The results were collated from across the eight different boys and girls competitions held in the county. Richard Lander placed 2nd and Newquay Tretherras 3rd.

The most notable result was the Truro School boys' under 15 team becoming the Cornwall Champions.

Congratulations!



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Virtual co-curricular is LIVE!



Truro School Virtual Co-curricular is up and running.

Moodle is the platform pupils should visit to access all the co-curricular activities and Wednesday Afternoon Activities that are on offer. The range of activities looks different to the normal Summer Term offering, but staff have been busy coming up with creative solutions, so hopefully there will be something there of interest for every pupil. All pupils should access the Moodle page through RM Unify and click on 'co-curricular'.

Suggested Expectation

Pupils are being asked to participate in one Wednesday activity each week, one co-curricular activity each week, perhaps at a lunchtime or after school, and also to complete a minimum of 30 minutes physical activity every day, ideas are available via the PE department Moodle page, where there are a range of workouts, challenges or tasks.

We understand that every family circumstance is different, so we are asking you as parents to set the correct limits for your children.

Pupils are able to swap and change each week so they can try a variety of activities. Form tutors will be asking pupils how they are getting on.

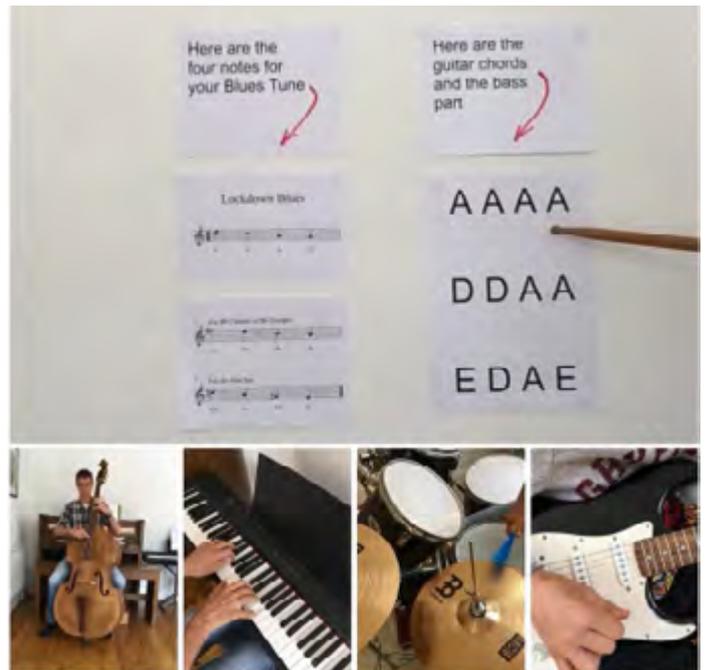
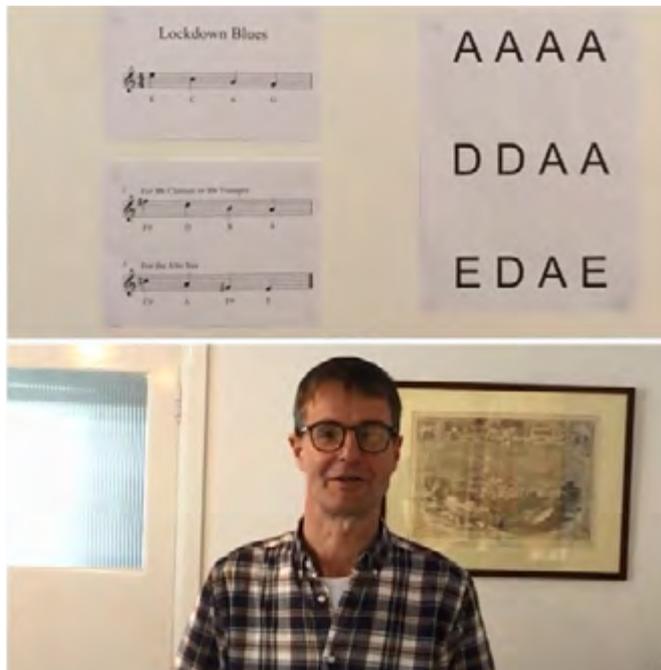
If you have any suggestions or feedback please get in touch. We would love to hear how you are getting on and if you want to send any photos through it would be great to see how you are all getting on (waa@truroschoo.com)



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Family Music Challenge



Join the music department for an online music challenge for all the family to enjoy. Head over to the Co-curricular pages in Moodle and visit the 'Family Music Challenge' page to find out more!

Message from Mr Sanderson

All PE and games lessons will be live at the start of the lesson and will have registers taken. The PE department are setting work, challenges and projects for pupils to take part in!

Please do encourage them to join in, as it is now more important than ever that pupils remain active and healthy!

Mr Sanderson.

QUARANTINE CONTEST



Dear Students, Parents and Old Truronians,

We hope that you and your families remain in good health at this time. We'd like to thank you for all the entries we received last week- we loved looking at them all. Have a look at the Hall of Fame for the best ones!

You'll find 4 new competitions attached, and we hope that you'll have fun completing them. All entries will win house points so every entry counts, no matter how big or small!

Send your entry to the email address by the title of the competition along with your **House and Year group**. You can enter as many different competitions as you like, but please only enter **one piece per competition**.

Parents and Old Truronians (and Staff!) are welcome to enter too- please send your entry to us with your name as well as either your child's details or your old house so we can add your points to the house totals.

Every week there will be 4 new competitions, so please make sure that we have your entry by 6:00pm on Sunday 26th April!

Good luck!

Georgia, Alex, Lily and Ollie

Every entry wins a house point for their house! In addition to this, 1st Place wins 5 points, 2nd Place wins 3 points, 3rd Place wins 2 further points for their house. *(We'll be taking your year group and age into account!)*

HOUSE TOTALS: (Will be updated each week)



COMPETITION ONE: DESIGN YOUR PERFECT PASTY! – Please send your entries to Lily (3holdsworthl@truroschoo.com)

What does this challenge involve?

Come up with your perfect pasty – it can as unique as you like from custard and mint sauces to salmon and duck fillings!

Present your pasty as a picture, named, with the ingredients listed and any additional information you think is needed.

Optional: for an additional challenge you could even try and make your perfect pasty and see how tasty it is!

GOOD LUCK!



COMPETITION TWO: JUNK MODELLING – please send any entries to Georgia (3stoneg@truroschoo.com)

Use rubbish and recycling from around your house to make a building of any kind. Think about what the building is used for, who might live or work in it, whether it is old or new, and whether it is big or small. You could do a model of your house or even one of the school buildings!

Have fun and be creative! Good luck!



COMPETITION THREE: SPORT– send any entries to Ollie

(3edwardso@truroscool.com)

Create a photo or a video of a sporting scene you have created at home. It can be a skill you've practiced from a sport, joke themed video or trick shot. Be as creative as you like.



Some ideas of at home sport.

COMPETITION FOUR: DESIGN A BOARD / CARD GAME – send any entries to Alex

(3martina@truroscool.com)

Design a card/board game in any style you want, you'll need a core concept, a set of rules and a board and/or cards, you may also want to design a logo or box for your game. There is no requirement to physically make any of your items but it may earn you more points. Be creative and have fun; enjoyable, inventive and impressive games will earn the most points.



The Royal Game of Ur also known as the Game of Twenty Squares: this two-player strategy game came dates from the early third millennium BC and is likely the world's oldest board game.



Diplomacy: this strategy game was first designed in 1954 to model historical European war and diplomacy, players use cunning, strategy and betrayal to try to become the master of Europe.



Uno: an American card game based on the traditional card game Crazy Eights; players compete to get rid of their cards faster than their competitors.

HALL OF FAME

COMPETITION ONE: DESIGN A ROOM



Charlotte Fortune 4L
Such an amazing painting-
love the Van Gogh



Ella Sausby 1H
Such a good idea-
he looks very
comfortable!



Kes McDowell 5JE 1
I
thought this was the most
inventive entry- well done!



Oliver Garland 1H Great use of
perspective!



Harris McLachlan 3SM Great
colours and I love the way you've
drawn the plants



Jemima Whiteoak 5JE Some great
detail, and I love the teddy bear!



Linda Norfolk (Parent) Great colour scheme and I love the
'moodboard' presentation



Sarah McLachlan (Parent) Great presentation and a lovely sofa!



Sarah Canton (Parent) A very atmospheric piece!

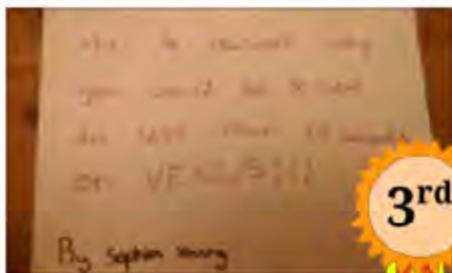


Emily Canton Lower Sixth Lovely tonal shades!



Georgia Fortune 1J I love how much care you've taken to make it look just like the real room.

COMPETITION TWO: SHORT FILM



Sophia Young 1H- The 4 reasons why you would be killed in less than 10 seconds on Venus!

THE ORCHARD'S ON THE LOOSE



Tom Orchard 1st Year – The Orchard's on the loose

How far will they go for a squeaky ball?

Kayleigh Carew 2M – How far will they go for a squeaky ball?



Oscar Phypers 3J



Harry English 1L



Harry Salliss 1K – Ben Nevis



Jacob, 1M, Samuel, 3SM, and Arthur, 2J, Taylor – Star Wars vs. Superpowers



Joe Norfolk 6SS

COMPETITION THREE- MAKE A FRIEND



Nathaniel Kenward 3LL



Brandon Corbett 3LL



Ava Kew 1M



Joe Norfolk 6SS



Jamie McCallum 1K



Evie Norfolk 5SL

COMPETITION FOUR- DESIGN YOUR OWN SPORT



Reuben Ingham 4SB -
Hoverboard Havoc



Amelia Mecklenburgh-Allen
2J



Isaac Stone 1H Scrum
Dumb 2.0



Farrah Ingham 6JF

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL THE ENTRANTS-
AND WELL DONE TO THE PRIZE WINNERS! GOOD
LUCK WITH THIS WEEK'S COMPETITONS!