

22 OCTOBER 2021: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Black History Month

Black History Month is a celebration of Black history, arts and culture that takes place in the UK throughout October every year. It is another important opportunity to highlight and learn about Black history and heritage and how this has shaped our nation's story.

In assemblies this week, the children have been learning about this event (2021's theme is 'Proud to Be') and we have been focusing on why celebrating diversity is so important – in our school, in our country and in our world.

We looked at similarities and differences between people and imagined a world of dull uniformity v a world of colourful diversity; there are so many differences to be celebrated – to name just a few: abilities; character; personalities; outlook; attitude; beliefs; race; gender...the list is endless.

We also reminded ourselves of some wonderful people that we can look to as our role-models, who have shown vision and courage, and ensured so much change. We remembered Chris Lubbe, who joined us in July for our prize-giving ceremony, who told us of his amazing story being raised during the Apartheid era in South Africa and his journey as one of Nelson Mandela's bodyguards; his story captured and challenged us all. We also remembered the story of Mary Seacole (1805-1881) who was known as 'Mother Seacole' by soldiers in the Crimean War because of her comfort and care, and her skills in nursing them back to health.

We focused on the wonderful approach of Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) who, when released from captivity after 27 years, worked tirelessly to unite his country of South Africa rather than seeking revenge on his captors. A number of children already knew the story of Rosa Parks (1913-2005) who decided one day 'enough is enough' and refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white person just because she was black. Her brave actions led to a change in rules on segregation. Few children had heard of Alice Coachman (1923-2014) who was the first black woman to win an Olympic gold medal in London in 1948.

Children were encouraged to find out more about Black History Month and the heroes from history who have had such an impact around the world.

*The new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it.*
Amanda Gorman

Sarah Patterson

Monday 8 November

Reception Diwali Workshop (pupils and staff only)

Year 6 WW1 workshop @ Kresen Kernow, Redruth (half of Year 6) 10.30am-1pm

Tuesday 9 November

Nasal flu vaccinations for Reception to Year 6 pupils 9.15 onwards

Year 6 WW1 workshop @ Kresen Kernow, Redruth (half of Year 6) 1.15pm-3.30pm

U9 rugby v Polwhele House (A) 1.50pm-3.40pm (2.15pm start)

U9 netball v Truro High (A) 2.05pm-4.15pm (2.45pm start)

Wednesday 10 November

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U9 rugby v Polwhele House (A) 1.50pm-3.40pm (2.15pm start)

U9 netball v Truro High (A) 2.05pm-4.15pm (2.45pm start)

Thursday 11 November

Act of Remembrance (whole school, tennis court; sports hall if wet) 11am

CANCELLED U9 rugby v Plymouth (A) 1pm-5pm

6AG swimming @ Truro School Pool 1.30pm-3.30pm

Year 3 online parents' evening maths, English (via School Cloud) 4pm-6pm

Friday 12 November

Kids Take Over Day @ Kresen Kernow, Redruth (selected Year 5 pupils) 9.10-3.30pm

Saturday 13 November

U10 Rugby Festival @ Queens College Taunton (A) 7am-7pm (10am start)

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Ready, Set, Go for the Maths Mini-Olympics

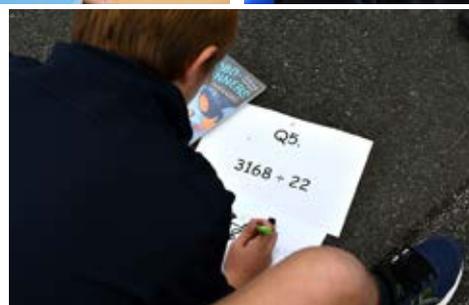
There was some marvellous maths for some of our Year 6 pupils today as Mr Goddard hosted a lively and inspiring mini-maths Olympics.

The children were split into pairs and chose team names (including Team GB and Team Chimpanzees) before tackling three tantalisingly tricky rounds of maths-based questions.

The first round had questions written on balloons with separate answers to match them to. The bonus round was hidden inside the balloon, so there was much excitement and popping in class!

The second round was outside on the netball courts; the teams had to race around solving questions within a set time limit. Some of the questions were extremely hard, but the children relished the challenge.

There were bonus points on offer for finishing first and top behaviour, and the children loved getting stuck into such an exciting lesson. With thanks to Mr Goddard for organising it. We look forward to whole year group Olympics next term!



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Creativity, Cycling and Cakes

As the Autumn sun shone down, the children at Truro School Prep were busy doing all manner of challenges on Thursday Afternoon.

While some of the Year 5s were perfecting their dance moves (see link below), others tested their cycling skills, preparing for their Coast to Coast ride for the John Muir Award next year.

In the DT lab, the Year 3s used their best listening skills to craft spinning tops successfully and safely. They used a pillar drill, clamps and saws during their lesson with Mrs Sparkes.

Finally, there was a delicious smell in the air as some Year 6s made sponge cakes. Light, yellow and fluffy, the cakes looked delicious, and the class was eager to sample their work.



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Dazzling Dance-off for Year 5s

The Year 5's finished off their half-term of street dance lessons with Cornwall Dance School in style yesterday. They worked in groups to stage a final performance, which used at least three of the moves they had been learning across the term. These included some impressive pas de bourrees, shuffles, indie steps and corkscrews.



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Camp Fun for the Cubs

It was a packed schedule for the Truro School Prep Cubs as they began their camp weekend at Tomperrow in Truro. The Cubs (representing Years 3 to 6) were welcomed with games and lunch before putting up their tents.

They were then treated to an afternoon of activities, including pumpkin carving, giant bubble wands, bicarb and vinegar rockets and a treasure hunt. The evening finished with dinner and a campfire where the cubs shared stories and songs and guzzled hot chocolate and marshmallows before everyone settled down for bed.

It was a wonderful weekend, and the weather stayed fine. The cubs showed great teamwork, curiosity and creativity, and it was fantastic to see the year groups mixing so well and new friendships formed.

A big thank you to all of the leaders, parents and cubs who made the weekend so brilliant.



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Year 6 Fantastic Football Win

Wow! What a great game of football from our U11 'A' team! After a nery start to their recent game against Threemilestone School, the team went on to achieve a wonderful match full of flowing football.

The game was extremely close, but our defence stood strong, and we ended up winning our first game of the season 3 – 0. I would like to thank the players for their brilliant sportsmanship, and all of the parents, staff and children that came to support.

Our U11 'B' team played two back-to-back matches against Threemilestone School last week. Their attitude and approach to the game was fantastic; they played good passing football, utilised the whole pitch and played the game in the right spirit. Over the two twenty-minute games, Truro scored 9 goals and conceded just 1.

Mr Goddard / Mr Frewer



Tag-tastic Rugby Taster

Truro Prep recently played a TAG fixture with Polwhele. TAG was chosen as this allowed both us and Polwhele to include many pupils that would otherwise not have been able to play. The game was a fast, action packed, end to end affair.

The Truro players progressed in their play as the game went on and were clearly enjoying the opportunity to play in a competitive fixture for the school. They should be proud of both the sportsmanship shown on the pitch and the style of rugby they were trying to play.

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Smiling faces at the Year 4 Rugby Festival

On Thursday 14th October, 14 Year 4 pupils set off to Plymouth to compete in their annual rugby festival.

This was Year 4's first away fixture of the year and one they were all very excited about. The round-robin festival saw them play Stover, Plymouth, Exeter School, and Mount Kelly. Two Truro teams played, and the standard of rugby was high, with both our teams trying to play good running rugby.



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Year 4 Badminton Festival

We took ten children from Year 4, a mixture of boys and girls who attend the lunchtime club, to the recent badminton festival at Richard Lander School.

The festival, which was attended by five local primary schools, was organised by the sports leaders at Richard Lander School. The emphasis was on developing skills and confidence, as the children were rotated around different badminton activities.

The children had a brilliant time. Their favourite activities were the competitive ones: a shuttle throwing target game in teams, beating the goalie with an overarm throw, and footwork relays combined with a target throw at the end.

Did you know? Badminton is covered within our curriculum lessons in PE in school, but if your child is interested in playing on a regular basis, why not get them to try the beginner badminton club on Thursday lunchtime with Mrs Norfolk or the after-school badminton on Tuesdays with Mr Harvey.

Sally Luxton



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Fast-Paced Skills at the U11 Badminton Festival

Mrs Norfolk took a mixed team of badminton players, consisting of children from Year 5 and Year 6 who attend the after-school badminton club, to Richard Lander School yesterday afternoon.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the badminton festival, which consisted of various fast-paced badminton skill stations, brilliantly organised and run by various sports leaders from Richard Lander School.

Lots of fun was had during the afternoon, culminating in a mini round-robin competition, and a rounders competition.

Linda Norfolk

But what did the children think?

We learnt how to play against other teams and how to defend against their methods of play. We also learnt to play doubles and discovered how to communicate with each other during play in an effective way, without distracting one another. I felt like we learnt how to stay on our toes and move around the court quickly and effectively. I think we have improved our accuracy during the skill stations part of the festival.
Barney, Year 6

It was very inclusive and really fun. My favourite activity was a badminton target game, where you threw the shuttle into hoop on the floor to score points for your team. The sports leaders were really helpful.

Evie, Year 6

Pre-Prep



The following pupils have been awarded with a Golden Book Certificate

Otto A	Otis	Boe	Edgar
Tallulah	Chanel		

Merit Awards



Bronze Merit Awards

- 3LL:** Alyssia, Sophia, Noah, Henry, William Sc, Will Sp
- 4ME:** Jack, Isaac, Charlotte
- 5CD:** Harry S, Indira
- 5JL:** Hunter, Honey, Olivia
- 5SL:** Isaac, Zain, Reuben, Ethan, Amelia, Arthur
- 6DG:** Jemima, Georgia

House Point Form Champions

- Daniel 3LL
- Charlie 3SM
- Leo 4ME
- Barnaby 4SC
- Indira 5CD
- Josh 5JL
- Lucy 5SL
- Theo 6AG
- James 6DG
- Lois 6LJ



ACHIEVEMENTS

Merit Awards



Silver Merit Awards

3LL: William L

3SM: Florence, Hugo, Roen, George

5SL: Sarah



Gold Merit Awards

3LL: Daniel

3SM: Emmeline, Alex

Maths

3 x 5
4 x 6
2 x 8
7 x 2

Times Table Challenge Certificates

3LL: Sophia, Bo, Woody, William L, Henry, Rupert, William Sc, William Sp, Fitzwilliam, Albert

3SM: Qaveem, Florence, Miles, Emmeline, Alex, Hugo, Tilda, Roen, Rory, Freddie, Isaac, George

4ME: George, Jakub

4SC: Ethan

5CD: Finley, Violet, Rosie, Sam

5JL: Hunter, George H, Bruce, George R

5SL: Ethan, Arthur

6AG: Sanna, Evelyn, Milly

6DG: Jemima, Millie, Dan, Barney, Oscar, Freddie, Thomas

6LJ: Louis, Josephine, Eli, Caitlin

Writer of the Month



Scarlett (5JL) has been awarded with a certificate for her impressive poetry skills in Creative Writing Club.

House Captains for 2021-2022

Wickett	Captain:	Gabriel (6AG)
	Vice:	Rosie (6DG)
Smith	Captain:	Sanna (6AG)
	Vice:	Freddie (6DG)
School	Captain:	William S (6DG)
	Vice:	Lois (6LJ) & William G (6DG)
Vinter	Captain:	Alicia (6AG)
	Vice:	Reggie (6DG)

Notices

1.

ChoirFest

ChoirFest Concert will be taking place at Truro Cathedral on Thursday 25th November at 6pm. Mrs Renshaw will be taking a choir to this event which will involve the children who have regularly attended Tuesday lunchtime choir practice.

2.

Top Gear Hand Writers

We are excited to introduce our new 'Pen Licence' scheme to Years 3 and 4. All pupils will receive a 'Provisional Licence' and as they follow the 'Letter-Join' programme in English lessons, they will be able to progress up the 'Top Gear Hand Writers' ladder of success. At each stage in the licencing process, the pupils will take a theory test before they can be awarded their new and improved licence. Each theory test will involve a qualified test instructor, starting with their subject teacher, eventually reaching the Head of Prep.

As soon as pupils receive their Newly Qualified Licence, they will be given a handwriting pen to enable them to take the next step on their handwriting journey.

We look forward to celebrating your children's handwriting success in Celebration Assemblies.



PROVISIONAL LICENCE

(Learner.)

1. Letters are mostly the correct way around.
2. Letters are mostly a consistent size.
3. Words are finger spaced apart.
4. Capital letters and lower case are mostly used in the correct places.
5. Letter formation is sometimes accurate.



THEORY TEST

To pass the test you need to show that:			
Letters are all the correct way around.			
Letters are a consistent size throughout.			
Words are naturally and evenly spaced.			
Letter formation is accurate.			
Writing is clear and easy to read.			
Some joins are being made.			
Test Instructor:	Date:		

3.

Dear Parents/Guardians

Head Lice:

I've been made aware that we still have some of these little critters in school. We would very much appreciate your help in trying to eradicate them, by using the wet-combing method to check through your child's hair (just regular conditioner and a fine-toothed detector comb). Further information and advice can be found here: www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits.

Best wishes

Katrina Cameron-Luzmoor

School First Aider

prepfirstaid@truroschoo.com

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Parent Coffee Morning

Pop along after drop off and meet other parents.
Everyone's welcome, especially new families!

Friday 12 November
The County Arms
After Drop Off

(The venue is booked 8.30am-10am,
Ms Patterson will be there 9am-10am)

Please RSVP using this form >

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