

21 JANUARY 2022: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



## Smashing Stereotypes

Three Year 6 children took assembly on Monday morning when they shared their 'Youth Speaks' presentation with us; it was absolutely fantastic. It was a great pleasure for me to sit and listen to others speaking to the school and even more special that it was the children speaking to their peers and their teachers.

Gabriel, Evelyn and Archie (with the support and guidance of Mrs Luxton) have worked incredibly hard to prepare their respective pieces on the theme of smashing stereotypes; their passion for their subject came across clearly as they shared their thoughts about the negativity that prejudice and stereotyping has on our thinking and on the wider world.

Archie introduced the team with a rousing challenge: 'Einstein said 'Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, then it will live its whole life believing it is stupid.' What I think he is saying is that we should embrace diversity. For example, the fish might not be great at tree-climbing but what if it was incredible at swimming? Individuality should be celebrated. Be honest, have you ever given in to peer pressure? Maybe you wanted to do dance, but someone made a comment and said it wasn't for boys, or that football and D.T weren't for girls. Even worse, was it you who made that comment?'

Gabriel cited an idea recently raised by the BBC: schools should challenge stereotypes before they become the norm – whether the labels apply to gender, race, disability, age or beliefs, they are just not acceptable. He spoke about the Black Lives Matter movement and the importance of honouring those who stand up for what is right and true and who call for change; Malala was mentioned for her work in raising awareness of women and girls' equal right to education. I was delighted to hear him speak these words aloud to the school: 'Let's be proud of our individuality'.

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## Diary Dates

### MONDAY 24 JANUARY

- Year 6 Entrance Exams for non-scholarship pupils am
- Online safety workshops for pupils pm
- Online safety workshops for parents (assembly hall; refreshments in foyer on arrival) 3.45pm-4.45pm

### TUESDAY 25 JANUARY

- Year 4 girls hockey v Truro High School (A) 2.15pm-4.15pm (2.45pm start)

### WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY

- U11 football v Constantine (A) 1.10pm-3.40pm (1.30pm ko)
- Year 6 netball v Truro High School (A) 2pm-4.10pm (2.45pm start)

### THURSDAY 27 JANUARY

- 6DG swimming at Truro School Pool 1.30pm-3.30pm

## COVID TESTING AND ISOLATION

We have produced a flow chart to simplify expected responses to any positive Lateral Flow test. It is available on the link below.

<https://www.truroschoo.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Prep-Covid-Testing-Flow-Chart.pdf>

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## Smashing Stereotypes...



I was particularly interested to hear about the children's thoughts on how damaging certain perceptions can be. I quote: '...we still have a long way to go. Other areas of life are still way behind, in terms of equality. Is there a Premier League for women? Can you easily watch people with disabilities playing sport on TV? Do we value fame and beauty too highly? The questions keep coming: Boys don't cry. Boys are strong. Don't throw like a girl. Women are the fairer sex. Girls are given a barbie, boys are given LEGO. Women focus on looks, men focus on careers...it's time for change. Life. It's tricky. People want to fit in with society, so there is a huge pressure to conform to stereotypes. Online and in reality. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. It's influencing our every move. Influencing is now a highly paid profession. Ridiculous! Individuality should be celebrated; Twitter can fly away. We are completely surrounded by ideas of normality, but we aren't all the same. That would be dreadful. Society's expectations undermine individualism. It stops now. Stereotypes are labels. They can limit people's hopes and dreams. We know that they can bias how you think, what you say, even how you behave. I think we need to smash these stereotypes right now.'

In her closing comments, Evelyn shared the following: Our focus at school this year is curiosity, which is being developed in the new PSHEE curriculum. For example, Year 5 have been discussing stereotypes about migrants and asylum seekers in their lessons. This has helped them to see that the differences between people need to be celebrated. We are learning that everyone should feel proud to be individuals.

It was wonderful to hear how the children feel that we smash stereotypes here at school but I also encouraged the children to always be looking for ways that we can improve this – to share with each other and with their teachers when they see any form of prejudice so that we, as a school, can keep learning and developing and ensuring that stereotyping and pre-judging have no place in our community.

The children's entry has gone forward to the Youth Speaks event and we look forward to hearing if others are as impressed with it as we were here in school. I am inspired by the children every day, and this week I wanted to share some of that inspiration with you all.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,  
Sarah Patterson



Rajasthan Royals Cricket Academy based at Truro School

Rajasthan Royals Cricket Academy are pleased to be able to offer a trial session for the U7 and U9 age groups at a cost of £10.

Please follow the link below to find out more and to book your trial session:

[Rajasthan Royals Academy Cornwall](https://www.rajasthanroyalsacademycornwall.com)

Please also see the article on the BBC Sport website:

[Rajasthan Royals: IPL side to open cricket academy in Cornwall - BBC Sport](https://www.bbc.com/sport/cricket/2022/01/220116-rajasthan-royals-ipl-side-to-open-cricket-academy-in-cornwall)

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## Boys' Chorister Experience Day and Cushion Concert

SATURDAY 22 JANUARY 2022



Come and experience what it's like to be a chorister in Truro Cathedral Choir!

Get to know the choristers and what they do; stand in the beautiful choir stalls where they sing in the amazing space of the cathedral; explore the crypt where they rehearse; try on a chorister's cassock and surplice and see and hear the mighty cathedral organ being played close up! And, of course, learn music and sing along with the choristers, culminating in performing a concert along with them.

All boys currently in Years 2, 3 and 4 are welcome.

For more information and to book a place, please email [christophergray@trurocathedral.org.uk](mailto:christophergray@trurocathedral.org.uk)



[www.truroschooll.com/boychoristers](http://www.truroschooll.com/boychoristers)

## Cushion Concert by the boy choristers

Truro Cathedral, Saturday 22 January, 2.30pm for just under an hour

On Saturday 22 January the choristers will present their annual Cushion Concert which is open to the public and free to attend. It's a light, accessible programme of music aimed at a younger audience, with children welcome to bring cushions and sit at the front while the choristers introduce and perform various songs. It's informal and the boys themselves introduce the music, singing a few solos along the way.

The choristers learned 'A Million Dreams' from 'The Greatest Showman' during the lockdown last year, and are going to sing it in person for the first time at the Cushion Concert. You can see their lockdown recording here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1hu1yBtxa0&t=64s>

Other songs will include "Somewhere in my memory" from Home Alone, 'The Snowman' and the Andrew Lloyd Webber / Gary Barlow song 'Sing'.

The Cushion Concert takes places at the end of the Chorister Experience Day.

This is open to boys currently in Years 2, 3 or 4 at school who are interested in finding out more about what the choristers do. Boys wishing to attend the whole Chorister Experience Day from 12.30pm to 3.30pm on Saturday 22 January should email [christophergray@trurocathedral.org.uk](mailto:christophergray@trurocathedral.org.uk) to sign up in advance – full information here: <https://www.truroschooll.com/latest-news/boy-chorister-experience-day/>



## Forest School

We believe that learning in the outdoor environment is an integral part of every child's journey and Pre-Prep have been relishing their Forest School lessons this week.

The ethos of Forest School supports, encourages and inspires the individual's learning process, allowing the child to learn at their own pace by developing curiosity in the world around them. The woodland setting promotes cooperation, communication, respect for others and of the environment. Rain or shine, the children enjoy these sessions and have the opportunity to learn and develop new skills, developing a lifelong love and understanding of the natural environment.



## Learning for Life

Prep Pupils have been learning Netball and Basketball skills this week. We aim to instill in our pupils a healthy, life-long enjoyment of sport – they certainly seem to have been enjoying themselves this week!



# Friday Bulletin



Drama and Music make a significant contribution to the co-curricular life at Truro School, with the performing arts regarded as an important opportunity for children to have fun, gain confidence and develop their talents, whether working together or as individuals. This week some of our Pre-Prep pupils have been getting to grips with the musical basics, whilst in Drama some of our Prep pupils have been choreographing a dance to accompany a song all about pirates.



If you go down to Nursery today...



This week the children in Nursery had a Teddy Bears Picnic. Every child brought in a toy from home to share in the picnic. They sang songs, learnt rhymes, listened to teddy stories and of course enjoyed a fantastic picnic outside.



# Pre-Prep



The following pupils have been awarded with a Golden Award Certificate

Ramona	Boe	Elodie	Tom
Emir	Rafe	Freya	Sofia
Rose	Arlo	Foster	

## Head's Commendations

**Scarlett 5JL** for English: you have stepped into 'The Highwayman' poem and hot-seated the character of Tim extremely well. Your content is rich with references to the poem, your vocabulary is developing well and your tone suits his character perfectly. Great writing, Scarlett.

**Isobel 5SL** for English: you have stepped into 'The Highwayman' poem and hot-seated the character of Bess perfectly. Your content is rich with references to the poem, as well as the thoughts and emotions of Bess herself. Great writing, Isobel.

**Josephine 6LJ** for English: for highly imaginative and descriptive diary entry, written as the Lady of Shalott. You have explored her thoughts and emotions in detail. I loved this, Josephine.

**Monty 6LJ** for English: for huge improvement in the quality of your content with this piece of writing. You have woven into your writing references to the poem, as well as expressing your own thoughts and emotions as a reaper in 'The Lady of Shalott' poem. Well done, Monty!

## House Point Form Champions

- Sophia, Noah & Amaya  
3LL
- Charlie 3SM
- Isabella, Conrad, Delilah  
& Jensen 4ME
- Thomas 4SC
- Will 5CD
- Scarlett 5JL
- Sam 5SL
- Evelyn 6AG
- Jemima & Georgia 6DG
- Eli 6LJ

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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### Head's Commendations

**Thomas 6AG** for Humanities: for a wonderful letter written from the point of view of a soldier in World War One, which was not only rich in historical detail, but showed empathy and humanity and was presented with artistic detail such as tea-staining and army insignia.

**Reuben 6AG** for Humanities: for a wonderful letter written from the point of view of a soldier in World War One, which was not only rich in historical detail, but showed empathy and humanity and was written with an insightful maturity.

**Gabriel 6AG** for Humanities: for a wonderful letter written from the point of view of a soldier in World War One, which was not only rich in historical detail, but showed empathy and humanity and was presented with artistic detail such as tea-staining and army insignia.

### Merit Awards



#### Bronze Merit Awards

**4SC:** Eleanor



#### Silver Merit Awards

**3LL:** Alyssia

## Reading Star Awards



### Bronze Reading Awards

**3LL:** Dylan

**5SL:** Georgia

**6AG:** Milly

**6DG:** William G, Rosie, Barney, William S

**6LJ:** Lois



### Silver Reading Awards

**3LL:** Dylan



### Gold Reading Awards

**3LL:** Dylan



### Platinum Reading Awards

**5JL:** Archie

## Maths

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

### Times Table Challenge Certificates

**3SM:** Qaveem, Charlie, Miles, Aria, Ellie, Hugo, Oliver, Rosie, Roen, Freddie, Isaac, George

**4ME:** Delilah, Isaac, George, Jakub, Charlotte, Hetty, Charlie

**4SC:** Atti, Maya

**5CD:** Arthur, Otilie, Harry R, Violet, Rosie, Dexter

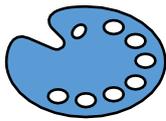
**5JL:** Raphy, George H, Stanley, Matipa, Olivia, Winnie

**5SL:** Sam, Isaac, Zain, Ethan, Archie

**6AG:** Lorcan, Evelyn

**6DG:** Fredric, Ben

## Art



**Congratulations to the following pupils whose work has been chosen to go in the Gold Frame:**

**Ellie 3SM:** for your skilful and beautiful design made from rubbings.

**Oliver 3SM:** for your skilful and beautiful design made from rubbings.

**William G 6DG:** for your skilfully carved soap sculpture and photo, made at home.

## Skiing



Alex 5JL achieved Intermediate Level 1 on 6<sup>th</sup> January at Dubai Ski School.

## Horseriding



Delilah 4ME won rosettes with her pony 'Surprise' on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in jumping '40' restricted and 5<sup>th</sup> place in jumping '40' open class.

## Swimming



George 6DG took part in Cornwall County Rising Stars Swimming Gala in Penzance and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in U11 Breastroke

## Handwriting



Pen Licences have been awarded to

Megan 4SC

Isaac 4ME

Conrad 4ME

## Music



Jenny 4ME has passed grade one Trombone with merit.

Next Friday :)

Please sign up using the link below to give us an idea of numbers - we look forward to seeing you!



TRURO SCHOOL PREP

# Parent Coffee Morning

Please join us for our coffee morning for parents of Truro School Prep pupils. It is an informal get-together, allowing families to meet and get to know each other better.

Pop along after drop off and meet other parents.

Everyone's welcome, especially new families!

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Friday 28th of January  
The County Arms  
After Drop Off

(the venue is booked 8.30am-10am)

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If you would like to attend, please RSVP using this form >

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=81jx3rZuzEaptdYLuwP70nEhtiqVbqZImK0eWtEUqz1UNEtDS1U2UEpUOFNEUDIIOTJBVUIFRTnCNC4u>

*Don't worry if you can't make this event,  
these will run on the last Friday of every month.*



## At Truro School Pre-Prep, we will:

Be kind to each other in our classrooms and when we are playing outside.

Be gentle with each other so that others don't get hurt or upset.

Include others when we are playing so that nobody feels lonely.

Use kind words that make others feel happy and safe.

Show good manners: say thank you; take our turn; share and help each other.



## At Truro School Prep, we will:

Be kind to each other when we are learning and when we are playing.

Be gentle with each other, both physically and emotionally; we will treat each other with care and compassion.

Include others in our games and activities; we will look to invite others to join us.

Treat each other with friendliness and remember that we are part of a community where everyone deserves to feel happy and secure.

Be careful with our words and how we speak; we will focus on greeting, complimenting and encouraging each other.

Listen to each other and remember that everyone's voice is important and of equal worth and value.

Practise good manners: thanking others, taking turns, sharing, respecting queues and always looking to help each other.

Respect each other's property, our school buildings and grounds.

Apologise and look after each other if accidents happen and things go wrong.

Remember that we go to school in a special place and that it is everyone's responsibility to treat every member of our community with respect and kindness.





## MULTI SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP

**HALF TERM  
FUN FOR  
CHILDREN  
6 – 13 YEARS**



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25TH FEBRUARY  
0830-1730**



**£28 PER DAY**



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Exciting childcare at Via Ferrata Cornwall this February Half Term!

Are your children aged 6-13, up for fun outdoor adventures and ready to learn new skills and make friends? Check out our Adventure Holiday Club!

This February Half Term we're running climbing, zip-lining, catapulting, adventure games, canoeing and archery sessions in line with the latest Covid guidelines - so you can simply drop your children off and leave them with us for an epic adventure to remember! We offer flexible options to fit around your working day, so you can treat your child to half a day or a full day with us!

We also offer family days out (with the ultimate high wire adventure: the [Via Ferrata!](#)), birthday parties and more - check out our website for more.

We have received approval from the AA and 'We're good to Go' to operate as a Covid-secure establishment.