

18 FEBRUARY 2022: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Love is...

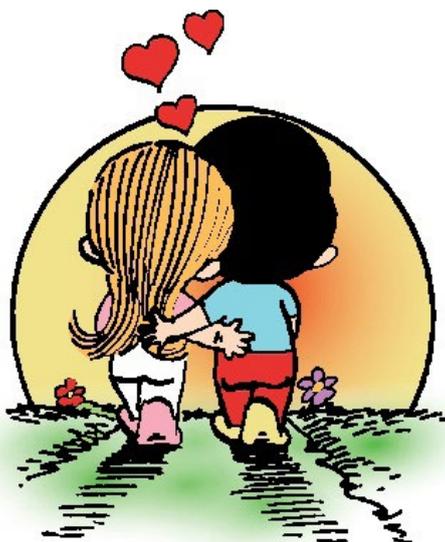
This Monday's assembly took place on February 14th so there was a theme that couldn't be missed: Love, as we thought about Valentine's Day. Whilst preparing for the assembly, I looked back at past assemblies during the weeks of the 14th February: we have looked at 'the price of love' and last year, I spoke to the children (on Teams) about the 'Love is...' cartoons that were popular when I was a child; this led us to thinking about what the New Testament says about Love in 1st Corinthians, chapter 13.

As an aside, I had a lovely piece of feedback last February from a family whose children are now at the senior school; they told me that the couple in the 'Love is...' cartoons, Kim Casali and her husband Roberto, had a son who is a good friend of our senior school family; he also saw the recorded assembly and told his friends, 'it brought a tear to my eye to hear someone vocally appreciate the cartoons; very nice'. I recommend the drawings, if you have a moment to look them up.

This week our assembly had two purposes: 1. A very brief history of how Valentine's Day came about and 2. To consider Love as a verb, not just a noun, and to think of how we can show our love in action, both in school and at home. The images that often accompany Valentine's Day are flowers, chocolates, cards and balloons; the love in action we spoke about included taking care of each other when we are poorly; helping at home such as walking the dog and doing household chores. We talked about the love involved in ensuring there are clean clothes and enough to eat every day and, of course, that most precious gift of those who spend their time with us. Here's hoping that your children show their love in action to you all over the half term break!

Whether you are staying at home or travelling further afield this half term holiday, I wish you all a wonderful time with your families and friends. We will welcome the children back to school on Monday 28th February.

Ms Sarah Patterson
Head of Prep



Diary Dates

MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Deadline to submit entries for House Music Competition

TUESDAY 1 MARCH

Cancelled lunchtime club: junior improvers swimming

WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH

U11 A & B boys' hockey v Mount Kelly (A) **12pm-5.15pm (2.15pm start)**

Songfest online performance (selected Year 4 pupils) **1.30pm**

Year 5 Netball v Truro High (A) **2pm-4.10pm (2.45pm start)**

THURSDAY 3 MARCH

World Book Day

Cancelled 5JL swimming at Truro School Pool (due to Truro School Gala); pupils will swim at Prep instead

Cancelled after school club: Senior Art (due to Truro School parents' evening)

FRIDAY 4 MARCH

U11 girls' county hockey tournament @ Penzance astro **9.15am-3.45pm (event 11am-2.45pm)**

FTS Pizza & Wine evening at Loading Bay 7, Truro **7pm**

SATURDAY 5 MARCH

Choristers' Audition Day **9am**

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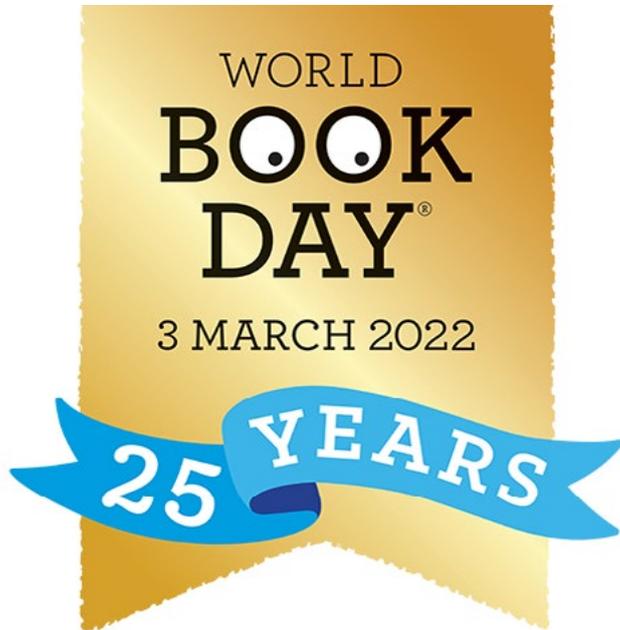


Machines

Over the last few weeks pupils in Nursery have shown an interest in 'Machines'. They have had a close look at different machines in school, from a robot Hoover to a juicer, to name a few.

Thanks to Henry's Dad in Year 2, a 'backhoe' or a 'digger' as the children called it, came to school. There was great excitement as we walked along the drive and saw it! Colin, one of the grounds-men at school showed the children the school tractor too. On the way back to Nursery we discovered the leaf blower machine. There were lots of discussions about how machines make a job easier.





World Book Day: Thursday 3rd March

This year, World Book Day will be celebrating its 25th anniversary, so there may well be a bit of a party atmosphere at school.

As always, it would be wonderful if the children could dress up as their favourite characters from literature. There will be parades to showcase the costumes during the day, so we can all enjoy the children's creativity.

As well as celebrating 25 years of encouraging reading, the theme this year is 'You are a reader' with a focus on reaching children from disadvantaged backgrounds. We are also supporting the Children's Book Project this year, see below.

We look forward to celebrating this special day.

Children's Book Project

Shockingly nearly one in ten children from poor backgrounds don't own a single book!

Nearly New Book Collection

We are supporting the **Children's Book Project** this year. The Children's Book Project donates nearly new books to children most in need so that they can experience the excitement of owning their very own books. If you have any children's books (in a good condition) that you would like to donate, we will be collecting those to share with other children.

There will be a box inside the entrance of Willday House for our Pre-Prep children and another inside the entrance of Treliske House for Prep children.

Please bring any books in by Monday 7 March. Books will be collected on Tuesday 8 March.



Youth Speaks – Runners-up

Smashing stereotypes: The judges' feedback

'Thank you very much for participating in Youth Speaks this year. Once again, your school's effort to do so during the pandemic is very much appreciated.'

Julian Herbert, Youth Speaks Co-ordinator

Congratulations to our Youth Speaks team – Archie (Chairperson), Gabriel (Speaker) and Evelyn (Vote of thanks) – as we have just heard from the Rotary that

they came, runners-up to Devoran School in this year's Youth Speaks competition.

Other schools' chosen subjects varied widely, from 'Solving the invisible problem of microplastics' to 'How can children manage their addiction to electronics?'

Feedback from the judges about our presentation mentioned the following points about our smashing team: Archie's clear voice, Gabriel's accomplished speech – which they said was very well-constructed, and his delivery was very strong, and Evelyn's strong voice and good teamwork.

As usual, the standard was very high. The judges decided that each of the 'runners-up' schools should receive school funds for their libraries. Each team member has also received a certificate to mark their participation.

Sally Luxton



Badminton

Our keen badminton players enjoyed their last session before half term with a mini doubles tournament.

The teams played first to 5 in quick matches, intending to beat their opponents in order to stay on the court to play the next pair!



Year 5 and 6 Netball Achievements

This week has been a busy one for the school netball teams; we hosted three teams from Mount Kelly on Wednesday for an afternoon of high paced, competitive netball.

During training sessions, the girls have been focusing on moving towards the ball and timing runs to improve the fluency of their game, so this was a fantastic opportunity to put all the hard work to good use. Both teams worked tirelessly throughout their matches, passes were linked, and we dominated in attack to create scoring opportunities from every centre pass. It was lovely to see the girls from both schools playing with determination and passion.

The Year 5 girls also had a keenly contested game and showed great versatility in their ability to play a range of positions. They worked hard to create space and successfully moved the ball down the court. There was a great atmosphere around the courts all afternoon, with lots of supporters for both schools coming to witness the excellent standard of play and sportsmanship.

On Friday, the mixed Year 6 team took part in the regional Bee Netball Qualifier at Penair School alongside eight other schools from the Truro area. During the tournament, pupils must rotate positions after every half to enable them to experience both attacking and defending aspects of play. It allows the girls and boys to represent the school together, playing other schools that we do not regularly compete against.

They all worked incredibly hard, playing eight back-to-back matches and finished a respectable fourth place. Well done to all involved.





Cross-country qualifiers: Truro Area cross-country results

'I didn't know that I could run like that.' Isobel, Winner of the Year 5 girls' race

'I was really happy to come third.' Archie R, Year 5 boys' race

On Friday 4 February, we took thirty children to the cross-country qualifiers, held at Richard Lander School. All of these children had already been top five finishers in the inter-house cross country races, held in January 2022.

The weather was cold but the ground conditions were reasonably dry. The course at Richard Lander is flat and fast. Our Year 4 runners had to complete one lap of the course (about 500m), Year 5 had two laps (about 1000m) and Year 6 had three laps for their race (about 1500m).

To qualify for the next round, the children needed to achieve a top eight finish in their race. Congratulations to the following seventeen children, who have all qualified for the next round of this competition. This round – the Peninsula cross-country final – will be held at Pool School on 15th March.

Year 4: Isabella, Amelia, George, Jake, Archie J and Isaac.

Year 5: Isobel, Winnie, Sunny, Archie R, Teddy and Finley.

Year 6: Rosie, Dan, James, Max and William S.

In particular, to Isobel and Sunny (Year 5) and Dan (Year 6), who all came first in their respective races.

Sally Luxton



Fencing

Fencing was on the agenda for some of the Year 3s this week. The group of midi fencers practised skills they had been learning in the past few sessions. It was great to see them enjoying the sport and getting to grips with the basic movements!



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OPEN MORNING

Saturday 12 March 2022

10am – 12noon | 3 – 11 years

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Pre-Prep



The following pupils have been awarded with a Golden Award Certificate

Kitty	Theo	Will G	Alec
Kaleem	Alex		

Head's Commendations

Will 5CD for English: your myth story has ambitious vocabulary, fronted adverbials and is packed with suspense. It is great fun and I absolutely loved reading it. Well done, Will!

Indira 5CD for English: for a brilliant myth story - packed with imagination and original ideas, and you have started to use some different Alan Peat sentence types. Well done, Indira!

Archie S 5JL for English: for a brilliantly composed poem. Your vocabulary is working nicely with the rhyme pattern. Keep proofreading your work this well, Archie!

Scarlett 5JL for English: Wow! Your vocabulary and phrasing is so expressive. I really enjoyed your story about Midas and the Japanese palace. Great writing, Scarlett!

Reuben 5SL for English: for a cracking story, featuring some nicely punctuated direct speech, about a wish that goes very wrong. Great writing, Reuben!

Archie R 5SL for English: for a brilliantly composed poem. Your vocabulary is working nicely with the rhyme pattern. A strong message, which has been beautifully proofread.

House Point Form Champions

Amaya & Fitzwilliam 3LL

Miles 3SM

Edie 4ME

Megan 4SC

Will 5CD

Scarlett 5JL

Sunny & Hugh 5SL

Alicia 6AG

Oscar 6DG

Henry 6LJ

Head's Commendations

Holly 6AG for English: for a wonderful poem, written about the arctic - highlighting the environmental issues affecting this area. Your language is emotive and the message is clear. Well done, Holly.

Henry 6LJ for English: your ambitious vocabulary and depth of knowledge about weaver ants made this a brilliant piece of writing about the environment. Well done, Henry!

Henry 6LJ for Science: for a carefully and well constructed model heart with full labels to all major parts.

Monty 6LJ for English: for a beautifully composed and carefully proofread letter to Boris Johnson about the environment, written from the point of view of a polar bear. Great work, Monty!

Merit Awards



Bronze Merit Awards

3LL: Emmie, Daniel, Alyssia, Sophia, Rupert, William Sc

3SM: Miles, Hugo

4ME: Delilah, George, Jakub

4SC: Casper



Silver Merit Awards

3SM: Emmeline

Reading Star Awards



Bronze Reading Awards

4ME: Raif, Edie, Otilie, George, Hetty

5CD: Teddy

6AG: Theo, Jack

6DG: Jemima, Rufus, George F, Dan, Rosie, Max, Barney

6LJ: Evelyn



Silver Reading Awards

6DG: Rosie



Diamond Reading Awards

5JL: Archie

Maths

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

Times Table Challenge Certificates

3LL: Noah, Arthur

4SC: Atti, Barnaby

5CD: Teddy, Rosie, Sam, Dexter

5JL: Hunter, Alex, Josh, Olivia

6AG: Lowen

6DG: Freddie

Handwriting



Pen Licences have been awarded to the following pupils:

3LL: Alyssia, Rosalia, Woody

3SM: Tilda

4ME: Alice, Raif, Charlotte, Charlie

4SC: Thomas, Maya, Archie, Finlay, Sylvie

Horseriding



Erys (4SC) won rosettes on Saturday 12th February with her pony 'Pimms' and her dogs 'Poppy', 'Evie' and 'Katie'.

She took 1st place in 'Lead Rein 20-30cms' with Pimms; 4th place with Evie and Katie in 'Horse and Hound'; as well as two 6th place rosettes with Pimms and Poppy in 'Horse and Hound'.

Dog Championships



Megan (4SC) took part in a Dog Show on Sunday 13th February with her dogs 'Bo' and 'Phoebe', who is a blind rescue dog.

Phoebe took 1st place in the Best Rescue Category and has qualified for the Regional South West Finals which will take place later this year. Phoebe also took 1st place in 'Golden Oldie' category while Bo took 1st place in 'Most expressive face'. Phoebe and Bo also took 3rd place in the 'Family Event' category.



Year 4 House Swimming Gala Monday 7th February

School: 127

Wickett: 95

Vinter: 75

Smith: 71

The Year 4 pupils all swam to the best of their abilities. One pupil only began swimming just before Christmas yet swam a lovely length of front crawl. Many others who did not win medals were still winners as they swam with significantly improved technical accuracy.

The races were close, with the girls' backstroke race having 1st, 2nd and 3rd places all finishing within 0.66 of a second!

Victrix: Meg (18)

Runner up: Amelia (15)

Victor: Finlay (20)

Runner up: Isaac (10)

School Sport Truro's Primary Link with Penair and Richard Lander Schools

On Thursday 10th February, a team of Year 5 and Year 6 swimmers went to the SBA for a gala against Mithian, Mount Hawke and Threemilestone schools.

It was a fantastic opportunity for many who do not often get the chance to compete.

Many of the races were very close and we had to wait for the results to know where we had come.

We managed to win enough points from these nail biting finishes to earn us first place overall.



Prep Pizza and Wine Evening

Parents and teachers at Truro School Prep are invited to come and join us for an evening of good company and delicious food.

FRIDAY, 4 MARCH 2022
7.30PM
AT LOADING BAY 7

Tickets are available via Eventbrite >

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prep-pizza-and-wine-evening-tickets-261859788677?aff=>

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FTS Family Beach Clean

Parents, staff and children at Truro School Senior and Prep are invited to Watergate Bay to join us for a fun, family beach clean event. Everyone's welcome, grab a delicious coffee and come and hang out on the beach!

SUNDAY, 3 APRIL 2022
10.00AM
AT WATERGATE BAY BEACH

It would be incredibly helpful if you could let us know you will be attending by signing up here >

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=81jx3rZuzEaptdYLuwP70nEhtiqVbqZImK0eWtEUqz1UMVU5M1Y5QINGVFZMRIMzUTJLUIhHSEg5Mi4u>

The beach clean will be run by the wonderful team at Beach Guardian, but please note this is a family event and they take no responsibility for anyone's children.

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For Children aged 5-10 yrs

Members Price - £12.50 | Non Members - £17.50

Junior Camp (1pm-4pm)

For Children aged 11 yrs+

Members Price - £15.00 | Non Members - £21

Friday 25th February

Junior Camp (9.30am-12pm)

For Children aged 5-10 yrs

Members Price - £12.50 | Non Members - £17.50

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