

11 MARCH 2022: TRURO SCHOOL PREP NEWS AND UPDATES

## Wellbeing and Superheroes

Starting this week in Prep (and after the Easter holidays in Pre-Prep), children are going to be completing a wellbeing questionnaire, when it is convenient within their timetable. This is so that, as a School, we can consider further ways that we can support them as we continue our journey out of the pandemic. They have already had experience of this back in 2020 when we first decided to ask children about their wellbeing using a questionnaire type format.

Mrs Millne, our Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator, talked to the children in assembly on Monday about how this is going to work. She explained that the reason for it is that we want to do all we can to ensure the ongoing happiness, security and wellbeing of all our children. Last week we introduced the 'I need to talk' boxes. This week, we have taken this further, by talking to the children about some of the questions that we will ask them that will relate to how they are feeling at home, at school, about their own feelings and then five questions about their experiences during the last two years of the pandemic.

In our chapel assembly on Wednesday, the Rev spoke to us about superheroes; he talked about some of the people who have inspired him, and then told us about some Old Testament superheroes. He asked me who my hero was and I had to admit that it was my mum!

Many thanks in advance to all of those families who are able to support our annual Open Morning tomorrow by bringing their children to school on a Saturday morning; it is much appreciated. We find that the children talking about their school and showing visitors the site with their usual passion and insight is always well-received so thank you to our Year 6 pupils who are briefed and ready to go!

I hope you all have a restful weekend,

Sarah Patterson

## Notices:

Lost

Caitlin (6LJ) has lost a small blue/gold drawstring bag that she brought in for World Book Day last week. Please could parents check at home and inform Mrs Cameron or the Reception Office if found. Many thanks

## SATURDAY 12 MARCH

Prep Open Morning,  
10am - 12noon

## MONDAY 14 MARCH

Pre-Prep parents' evening  
meetings all week

House music entry deadline  
(extended)

## TUESDAY 15 MARCH

Year 4, 5 & 6 Peninsula cross  
country finals @ Pool Academy (A)  
2.30pm-5.45pm (event 4-5pm)

## WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH

U11B girls' and boys' football v  
Polwhele House School (H) 2.15pm

## THURSDAY 17 MARCH

5SL swimming at Truro School Pool  
1.30pm-3.30pm

## FRIDAY 18 MARCH

ISFA South-West Football  
Tournament @ Clifton College  
Sport Ground (A) 9.30am-7.30pm  
(event 1.30pm-4.30pm)

U11 Football tournament @ Truro  
College 4G pitch (A) 12.15pm-  
3.30pm (event 12.45pm-3pm)



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# OPEN MORNING

Saturday 12 March 2022  
10am - 12noon | 3 - 11 years

[truroschoo.com](http://truroschoo.com)

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## Speaking with your children about the situation in Europe

Like you, we, as a School, have been saddened by the concerning situation in Eastern Europe arising through recent weeks. We recognise the need to be alert to your children's needs and concerns at this time and would like to point you toward a number of sites and articles which we have already shared with the School staff.

These have been recommended to us by the NSPCC and MIST. There is sensible guidance, as well as practical ideas of how to talk to your children about the crisis and how to help them talk through any worries they might have. We hope you will find these useful.

Please do let your child's form teacher or myself know if you have any specific concerns for your child.

Mrs Maggie Issaka

[Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation. - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

[Worrying about Russia and Ukraine | Childline](#)

[How to talk to children about the conflict in Ukraine | UNICEF Australia](#)

[What to say to kids when the news is scary : Parenting: Difficult Conversations : NPR](#)

[The Week Junior | Talking to children about Ukraine](#)

## Serving the Community

Prior to the half-term break, children in the Prep School started to plan activities for the forthcoming Comic Relief Day (Friday 18th March). Since then events around the world have changed and as a School we very much wish to support the humanitarian work going on to help relieve the crisis within the Ukraine and neighbouring regions. The children wish to continue with their planned events on the 18th, but collectively, we have made the decision to split the money raised between the Comic Relief charity and the Red Cross appeal.

On Friday 18th next week therefore, children are invited to wear their own choice of clothes for the day. As in more recent times, we would ask that children bring in their donations (we suggest anything from £2), and to place these either in the buckets provided at drop off, or to form teachers during registration periods. They will then be free to take part in any of the activities during the lunch time break.

If you would like to offer additional support, we have created the following JustGiving page, where donations are sent immediately to the DEC Red Cross Humanitarian Appeal >

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/truro-school-charity1>

Many thanks for your ongoing support.



**British  
RedCross**

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

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It is with immense pleasure, on behalf of the management team and the Governing Body, to introduce you to Sarah Patterson's successor as Head of Truro School Prep.

Mr Robert Morse has been Headmaster of Aysgarth School in North Yorkshire since 2015. Aysgarth was rated excellent in all classifications in 2018 by ISI and adjudged Prep School of the Year 2019-20 by the Tatler Schools Guide. Rob was previously the Headmaster at Perrott Hill in Somerset, another outstanding co-educational Prep and Pre-Prep School. Rob brings to our community a wealth of experience of happy and hugely successful schooling for girls and boys alike. Rob's journey to this post has been lifelong. The two years he spent in the late 1980s as an assisted places pupil at Truro School Sixth Form, in his words, 'changed his life.' He is a proud Cornishman and he and his wife Lottie are thrilled to be coming home. It was abundantly clear throughout the recruitment process that Rob has a deep-seated passion for the wellbeing and success of this community. This is matched by his energy and excitement at the prospect of being able to draw on all his experience for the benefit of the pupils and staff who will flourish at Truro School Prep and Pre-Prep under his care and guidance.



Rob writes: "I am both delighted and excited at the prospect of joining the Truro School community. Having grown up on the Roseland, I spent two very happy and influential years at the top of Trennick Lane and this very special school has long held a place in my heart. My wife, Lottie, and I have spent our lives in education. We have been fortunate to work at and lead a number of outstanding schools and have learnt much during these experiences. It is both an honour and a privilege to be in the position to bring this knowledge and understanding to Truro School Prep. I look forward to meeting you and your children in the very near future."

Rob will join us as soon as his shoes have been filled at Aysgarth. This will be in spring 2023. Between Sarah's departure and then I am delighted to tell you that James Frewer will be our acting Head of Prep. James knows our school and your children extremely well. He will step into this temporary role with my complete confidence, and will have guidance from me, from Rob, and from our Governing Body, until Rob arrives. Rob will not remain distant. He is keen to start meeting and getting to know our community. This Saturday, he and Lottie will be present at the Prep to meet prospective parents and pupils during our Open Morning. Because that is by necessity a short visit, he will return here for a full day before the end of this term to meet in person with current Prep parents and children too. Details of that opportunity will follow.

We are thrilled that the School has been able to recruit a new Head with Rob's experience, values, and dedication to build on Sarah's superb legacy. We are sure that you will join us in welcoming Rob back into the Truro School family, and in supporting James as he steers the school with characteristic compassion and care ahead of Rob's arrival.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson, Head  
Mr R Thomas, Chair of Governors

## Printing Art Workshop

Some of our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a printing workshop with Mr Minnion. The children learnt about different printing techniques and gave them all go, guided by Mr Minnion.

They were then able to show off their creativity by creating their own pieces based on music. It was lovely to see the art they were producing as they were all so unique!

A big thank you to Mr Minnion for doing the workshop, and well done to all the Year 5s who took part.



## Cycling Practice around Prep!

As the skies were blue, some of our year 4 pupils took advantage of the chance to practice riding their bikes in the sunshine.

The group practised riding around a roundabout, overtaking and changing direction. They showed lots of confidence when practising their manoeuvres in preparation for the cycling proficiency test.



## The Children's Book Project

In honour of world book day last week, we've been collecting books for The Children's Book Project. The charity donates nearly new books to children most in need so that they can experience the excitement of owning their very own books; surprisingly, 1 in 10 children don't own a single book!

A big thank you to Anna Fazackerley for helping to organise the book donation, and collecting the books to give to those in need! Another big thank you to everyone who donated books, your donations really will make a difference!



## Fireballs and Slime as Year 2 Launch British Science Week

The Year 2 Classes visited the Senior School Chemistry Labs today to launch their new topic, materials, and celebrate the start of British Science Week.

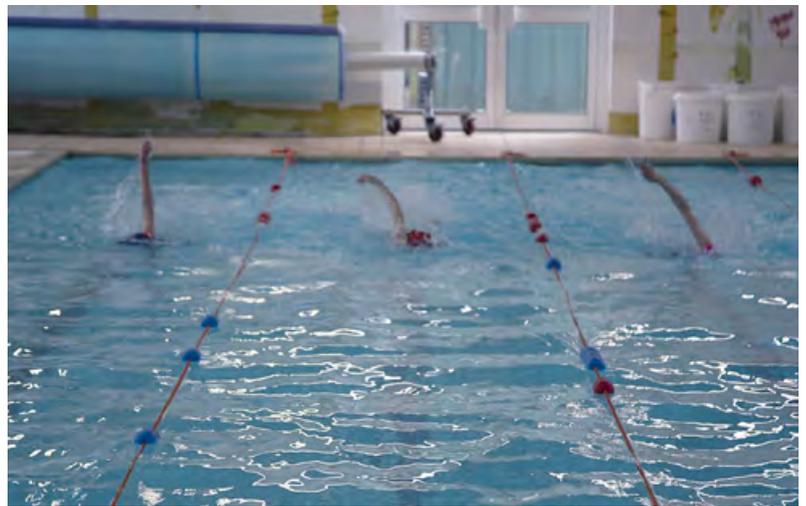
It was a fabulous session, where chemistry was brought to life, and great fun was had by all. For the full story and more photos, click [here](#).



## Year 3 House Swimming Gala

On Monday, it was Year 3's turn to take part in the annual house swimming gala. There was a lovely atmosphere with everyone cheering on their teammates when not racing, as well as showing great courage and confidence when taking to the water!

Well done, Year 3! The races were very close, and everyone tried their best.



## U11 Hockey Tournament Champions



## U11 Girls' County Hockey Champions

Last Friday 4th March 2022, we took two hockey teams to the U11 girls' county hockey tournament, held at Penzance Astro pitch.

This was a round-robin format, with both teams playing matches against teams from St. Breock School, Charlestown School, St. Ives School, St. Hilary School and Truro High School.

U11 'A' Team: Lois, Millie F, Holly, Evelyn, Rosie, Millie N, Milly P and Amelia.

Congratulations to our U11 'A' team, who won all of their matches, scoring an incredible 22 goals during the tournament (Millie N, Rosie M and Millie F). As well-deserved tournament winners, and County champions, they have qualified for the regional finals, to be held at Millfield School on Thursday 24th March 2022.

U11 'B' team: Alicia, Lowen, Honey, Lowenna, Indira, Scarlett, Olivia and Georgia.

Our U11 'B' team drew both of their opening matches, against St. Breock School and Charlestown School. Although they lost their remaining matches, they showed real determination and great teamwork during the tournament. The majority of the players in this team are still in Year 5, so they have another year left in this age group.

## U11 Football League Winners

In assembly this week, Prep pupils celebrated all their achievements from the past few weeks. This included a special guest from Richard Lander, who presented the Boys U11 football team league winners with their trophy!

The squad of 12 have been playing against 7 schools over the past few months. They have ended the season undefeated after winning every game they played! The boys are all very passionate about football, and have shown great courage, confidence and compassion throughout the season. Well done everyone!



## Year 4 Netball

It was the turn of the Year 4 girls to play an afternoon of netball against Truro High School this week. The girls were divided into three teams to play 6-a-side games; rotating positions and opposition allowed them an opportunity to experience both attack and defence in some evenly contested matches. The ball was passed carefully down the court and the girls' confidence to intercept passes visibly grew as the matches went on.

A big thank you must go to the parents for all their support, especially to those that helped with transporting the girls to and from the match.

Netball club for the juniors will continue to be on a Tuesday after school up until the Easter break.

# Pre-Prep



The following pupils have been awarded with a Golden Award Certificate

Greta	Ella D	Harleen	Erin
Henry Ch	Zola	Harvey	Freya
Max F			

A special mention for all the Nursery children who have been awarded with a certificate for being amazing this week and for looking after Mrs Nixon, Miss Pomery and Mrs Stableforth so well.

## Merit Awards



### Bronze Merit Awards

- 3LL:** Alyssia, Noah, Amaya, William Sp, Dylan, Arthur
- 4SC:** Maya, Megan
- 5CD:** Arthur, Harry S, Violet
- 5SL:** Hunter, Archie
- 6LJ:** Eli, Henry M, Freddie



### Silver Merit Awards

- 3LL:** Emmie
- 3SM:** Charlie, Miles, Oliver, Tilda

## House Point Form Champions

- Alyssia 3LL
- Charlie & Isaac 3SM
- Charlotte 4ME
- Barnaby 4SC
- Dexter 5CD
- Josh 5JL
- Lucy & Arthur 5SL
- Theo 6AG
- Rosie 6DG
- Lois 6LJ

Reading Star Awards



**Bronze Reading Awards**

**3LL:** Woody

**5CD:** Finley, Harry S, Indira

**5JL:** Scarlett

**5SL:** Zain, Reuben, Sunny, Archie R, Isobel

**6AG:** Archie G

**6DG:** Oscar

**6LJ:** Luca, Josephine



**Silver Reading Awards**

**3LL:** Rupert

**5JL:** George H

**5SL:** Archie R

**6AG:** Archie G



**Platinum Reading Awards**

**3LL:** Dylan

**5JL:** Archie S



**Rhodium Reading Awards**

**5JL:** Archie S

## Maths

3 x 5

4 x 6

2 x 8

7 x 2

### Times Table Challenge Certificates

3LL: William Sc, Dylan

3SM: Charlie, Hugo

5CD: Otilie, Harry R, John

5JL: Archie, Winnie

5SL: Zain, Reuben, Archie, Isobel

6AG: Joseph, Lowen

6LJ: Josephine, Ben, Perran

## Skiing



Sophie (4SC) has achieved her 1 star level of proficiency in skiing.

## Hockey



Both the U12 girls' and U12 boys' teams at Truro Hockey Club have won the County Championships which took place at Truro School on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

The U10 girls' team were runners up.

Congratulations to Evelyn & Millie N in 6AG, and Millie F, Rosie, Fredric & Thomas in 6DG and Maya in 4SC.



# Coffee Morning

We would like to use this opportunity to extend a warm welcome and invite ALL Prep School parents to a relaxed coffee morning at the County Arms in Truro.

Everyone's welcome.

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**Friday 25 March**  
at **The County Arms**  
after drop-off

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We look forward to seeing you there!

Please email [fts@truroschoo.com](mailto:fts@truroschoo.com) if you have any questions.

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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.