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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday saw Mr Frewer and I attending an Educational Visits Coordinator training course where we had the pleasure of sharing the morning with a raft of delegates from across the country and the globe. Whilst the specific content of the session was informative and helpful, we left the meeting feeling incredibly grateful for our own experiences. Conversely, it was saddening to hear the message from schools across the country that the overwhelming majority of children do not engage in outdoor activities and that phones and electronic

devices are the primary method of engagement and entertainment; for both children and their parents. This overreliance on electronic media is often further compounded by the poverty of ambition in terms of exploring outside their own environment. They do not leave their local area and, given that the vast majority live in cities, they rarely, if ever, venture into the great outdoors. Some of our colleagues reported that their children had never seen a sheep or cow, or had set foot on a moorland or a beach.

Part of the course identified the benefits of educational visits and, for your information, I have listed these here:

- Enjoyment
- Building confidence and character
- Health and well-being
- Developing social and emotional awareness
- Developing environmental awareness
- Learning and improving activity-based skills
- Developing personal qualities
- Gaining skills for life
- Increasing motivation and appetite for learning
- Broadening one's horizons
- Learning to work with others

These advantages, I am sure, are well known to you and I am well aware that your children benefit enormously from the hobbies that they follow under your guidance during evenings and at weekends. They also profit from the wide range of co-curricular activities and trips that form the basis of the Truro School Prep curriculum and I know that you are well informed as to the wide range of activities and opportunities that take place during the regular school day. But when one considers the number of walks, trips, matches and activities on offer, one realises the breadth of opportunity and experience that the children enjoy.

And, of course, not only do the children benefit from the school and your support and encouragement, they are also fortunate in that they experience these many activities in this beautiful and inspiring county. I am reminded once again of the words of the elderly gentleman who I met on one of my early morning runs back in the spring. Upon my commenting on the fact that it was a lovely day, he simply replied, "They are all lovely when you live here". I could not agree more with the sentiment, particularly when we have the opportunity to live, breathe and explore the outdoors daily.

I hope that you all have a super weekend – outside where possible, of course! With every good wish,

Rob Morse Headmaster



Calendar

Monday 16 October

Year 5 Learning Progress Meetings

Maths & English with subject teachers (Dining Hall) 4pm-7pm

Tuesday 17 October

Nursery visit to Healey's Cider Farm

(apple juice production) 9.30am-2pm

Wednesday 18 October

U11/10 Rugby at Mount Kelly

(A) 12pm-5.45pm (2.30pm ko)

U11/10 Girls' Hockey v Mount Kelly at TS astro

(A) 1.30pm-4pm (2.15pm start)

Learning Support Coffee Meeting

Library 3pm-4pm

Year 3 Learning Progress Meetings

Maths, English & Pastoral with Subject Teachers Dining Hall 4pm-7pm

Thursday 19 October

Year 6 Art & English Trip

Tate & Hepworth galleries, St Ives 9.10am-3.45pm

Cancelled 6JL BMX Cycling

(due to St Ives trip)

5SL Sailing & Kayaking

Stithians Reservoir 1.15pm-4.15pm

Friday 20 October

FTS Coffee Morning

(Dining Hall) 8.45am

Prep House Music Competition

(Pupils and Staff) 2.10pm

Pre-Prep Talent Show

(Pupils and Staff) 2.10pm

Saturday 21 October

Oktoberfest

(Truro School Senior Assembly Hall) 7.00pm https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/

MON 23 OCT - FRI 3 NOV

HALF TERM

MON 6 NOV - FRI 11 NOV

Please note that some details may change – please check next week's bulletin for updates

Monday 6 November

Year 5 & 6 Football v Bosvigo

(H) 3.45pm

Tuesday 7 November

Peninsula Independent Schools Judo League; Truro, Mount Kelly & Kingsley Schools

Sports Hall 10am-2.30pm

Year 6 Transfer Information Evening

Assembly Hall 4pm-6pm

Wednesday 8 November

Year 6 Girls' Hockey at Truro High

(A) 2.05pm-4.15pm (2.45pm start)

Thursday 9 November



Calendar

Continued...

ShelterBox Talk for Year 4

10.40am-11.50am

6AG BMX Cycling

BMX Centre, Blackwater 1pm-4pm

6JL Swimming

SBA pool, Truro School 1.30pm-3pm

Friday 10 November

Act of Remembrance

10.55am

ESFA U11 Open 7-A-Side Football

Biscovey Primary, Par (A) 12pm-5pm (1.30pm ko)

FTS Christmas Pudding Making

Dining Hall 7pm-9pm

Saturday 11 November

U10 Rugby Festival

Queens, Taunton (A) 7.30am-3.30pm (10am start)





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Senior School Open Morning 2023

Wow! A huge thank you to all the Prep families who joined us for our Senior School Open Morning. The atmosphere was electric and it was a delight to welcome so many new faces and witness such a strong interest in our school.

Hats off to all our current pupils and students who acted as super tour guides and department helpers – they were wonderful ambassadors for our school and looked after over 200 families throughout the morning.

Fantastic Reactions in Chemistry

Some Year 6 pupils were exploring a range of different reactions in Chemistry this week including the exciting exothermic "elephant's toothpaste" experiment. The experiment occurs when yeast is mixed into hydrogen peroxide which breaks down into oxygen and water. By adding washing-up liquid, the oxygen bubbles are trapped and create a fast-moving foam which looks like a giant tube of toothpast being squeezed.

A huge thanks to Mr Piper for making chemistry lessons so engaging, purposeful and fun.









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Rewards and Reflections

There were certificates and commendations galore in Friday's Prep Assembly, with recognition for hard work, courage and determination given for fantastic work in Art, History and Maths and for outstanding attitudes from this week's Form Champions.

As our children reflected on a busy week of trips, activities and fixtures, positive choices were once again on the agenda. Mr Morse encouraged pupils to be courageous in the choices they make. He told them that often, the choices that make the biggest difference are the hardest to make. However, these choices are also often the most exciting and lead us in new directions and towards positive outcomes. Mr Morse finished his message with the poem, 'The Road Not Taken' by Robert Frost.



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The Value of Play at Pre-Prep

Time outside of the classroom is a valuable part of our children's school day. Playtime provides learning opportunities for children to develop emotional, physical, cognitive and social skills. Play supports their imagination, language and creativity, while pupils learn important life lessons such as teamwork, following rules and compromise.





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Year 2 Roman Day

Year 2 had a memorable Roman day, to celebrate their topic learning. The immersive day included an exciting presentation led by Mr Skinner learning about all things Roman, before participating in Roman-themed games and activities.

















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Notes from the Wild Woods

Every half-term we will share with you what Citizen Science projects we have been up to in Forest School so you might also get involved in helping nature at home.







Nursery and Reception have been creating habitats for our Woodland Animals and have been inspired by The Gruffalo.

We are also helping hedgehogs by creating hedgehog homes so that they may hibernate successfully. As we approach the bonfire season it is a good reminder to start building a new pile on the day of your bonfire to avoid harming any animal that may be sheltering or hibernating there.

We also made a creature corridor in our school fence, use no pesticides and have left a few areas wild. The Wildlife Trust have created Operation Hedgehog Appeal and have a helpful list of things you can do to help them:

how-to-build-a-hedgehog-house cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/hedgehogs

Year 1 are involved in a ladybird hibernation survey with The Buzz Club and The Natural History Museum having created our own ladybird hibernation houses www.thebuzzclub.uk.

We are also making traditional ink using oak apples for their Tudor topic.

Year 2 are making a new Mini-beast Hotel. These can be big or small using materials you might be recycling and you can access plans <u>here.</u>

Go Wild! If you have any good ideas or want to share your nature successes, please get in touch <u>vls@truroschool.com</u>

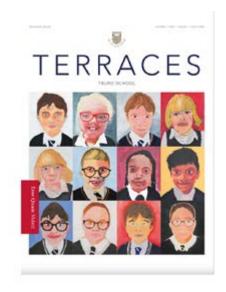


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Terraces Magazine 2022-23

The latest issue of Terraces Magazine is out now featuring 148 pages celebrating the past year and the pupils and students whose young minds epitomise a Truro School education.

Copies have been handed out throughout the week, and you can view the publication online here.

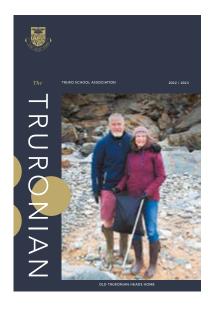


The Truronian 2022-23

We are delighted to share with you the latest issue of the Truronian – the official alumni magazine for former pupils and staff of Truro School. A huge thanks to all who have contributed to this fantastic edition.

The magazine can be viewed digitally via the link <u>here</u> and our Alumni Team can supply physical copies upon request.

If you are an Old Truronian or have any news from our Alumni network you would like to share for future editions, we would encourage you to please get in touch with our Alumni Department at tsconnections@truroschool.com.





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Plymouth College U9 Girls' Hockey Festival

Well done to all of those selected to play in the U9 Hockey Festival, hosted by Plymouth College, on Thursday 12th October 2023.

Other schools attending included Maynard, Exeter, Mount Kelly and Stover, meaning each team played five matches during the afternoon.

Although normal hockey rules applied, the emphasis was on making the matches flow as much as possible. This also made it a great learning experience for all teams.



Results were promising – our team had several draws with experienced teams from Plymouth College and Maynard School, as well as some closely contested games with Mount Kelly, Stover and Exeter School.

Congratulations to Sienna and Audrey, who were both awarded with medals for their attitude and progress at the event. Sienna was chosen because she worked extremely hard in every match and impressed everyone with her incredible speed. Audrey was selected for her progress with her defending skills, which allowed the team to regain possession of the ball on numerous occasions.

Our next step for player development is to encourage as many children as possible to join us at the after-school hockey training on Fridays at Truro School. Playing regularly on an astroturf pitch is essential for developing technical skills and tactical awareness.



the team grow further as the year progresses.

Success for Year 6 Boys' Football

Congratulations to our Year 6 boys for a triumphant 6-1 victory at Threemilestone School this week.

The team worked brilliantly together to deliver some fantastic goals and to keep the opposition from scoring.

They showed great determination, courage, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Well done to everyone who took part, we look forward to seeing



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An Update on Sport

Dear Parents,

With the Rugby World Cup moving into the knockout stages, it is a pleasure to write to you on the subject of rugby here at Truro School Prep.

You may have noticed a number of matches in the calendar and we will continue in our efforts to source further fixtures for later in the season; for instance, I am pleased to inform you that we already have a number of additional U8 fixtures for after half term.

Looking at the wider picture, whenever we have a fixture (in any sport) and teams are picked, consideration is given but not limited to, who the opposition are, the amount of game time available and most importantly what is best for player development.

As outlined above, we are always trying to expand the range and quantity of fixtures offered to our children and I would be interested to hear of any potential connections that you may have, via your own clubs or otherwise.

With regard to communication, please remember that the school calendar is a live document and that additional fixtures may be added at any point throughout the year as we take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

If you have any queries regarding sport at the Prep School, please do not hesitate to contact myself <u>JLO@</u> truroschool.com or Mrs Luxton <u>SL@truroschool.com</u>

Yours sincerely, Josh Lord



Achievements

Pre-Prep



Golden Awards for going above and beyond in Pre-Prep

Tom C

Vanessa

Gold Commendations

Will S, 5CD

Subject: The Bigger Picture

Title of Work: What is Happiness?

Comment: For such a well-researched and presented project

revealing the secrets of happiness!

William 5LJ

Subject: The Bigger Picture

Title of Work: My Roots

Comment: For a fabulous clay map showing all the countries

related to your heritage – beautifully presented!

House Point Form Champions

Ella 3ME

Christopher 3SM

Ashleigh 4LL

Audrey & Samuel 4SC

Sophia 5CD

Rozalia 5LJ

Arthur 5SL

Lilou 6AG

Daneil & Mia 6DG

Lexi 6JL



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Gold Commendations

Rozalia 5LJ

Subject: The Bigger Picture

Title of Work: My Roots

Comment: For a beautiful 3-D family tree showing the members

of your family!

Digby 5LJ

Subject: The Bigger Picture

Title of Work: My Roots

Comment: For your creative an innovative representation of

your family tree!

Tristan 5LJ

Subject: The Bigger Picture

Title of Work: My Roots

Comment: For a wonderful representation of your family tree –

beautifully and clearly presented!



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Merit Awards



Bronze Merit Awards

4LL: Maya, Sophia, Oliver G, Freya, Hennie

5CD: Sophia, Cora

5LJ: Miles, Digby, Tilda

6DG: Sienna, Atti, Charlie W



Silver Merit Awards

3ME: Ella D, Greta

3SM: Henry, Henry, Zander, Joseph,

Christopher, Seren, Hugo

4LL: Ashleigh

5CD: Emmie

Art



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

Tom 4SC: For your beautiful painting done to

Vivaldi's Four Seasons

Ethan 4SC: For your expressive and thoughtful

painting done to music



Maths

3 x 5

4 x 6 2 x 8

7 v 2

Times Table Challenge Certificates

4LL: Ashleigh, Oliver G

4SC: Harry, Ollie, Anantveer, Ethan, Arthur W

5CD: Cory, Jesse

5LJ: Aubrey, Rozalia

5SL: Jenson, Eleanor

6DG: Mia, Sylvie

6JL: Maya

Rock Stars



Times Table Rock Star of the Week

Cora Year 5



Top Rock Performers

Year 3: Albie

Year 4: Louis

Year 5: William L





let's celebrate





AT TRURO SCHOOL

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER

7PM

£12 A TICKET TO INCLUDE: BAVARIAN OOMPAH BAND - DIE IDLEBURGHERS, BRATWURST SAUSAGE AND A BEVERAGE

We're excited to welcome the Truro School Community to an evening of festivities featuring live music and food at this year's Oktoberfest. Live music provided by Die Idleburghers - who include Truro School peri teachers James Robinson, Matt Harrison and Dave White, plus our very own Mr Pete Thomson!

events@truroschool.com

BOOK TICKETS HTTPS://BURRELL VBOTICKETS.CO M/EVENTS



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AGM 2023



1 AT 9 - 11 AM

Heseltine Gallery, Truro School

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Please email:

fts@truroschool.com if you would like to join us.



Make friends and enjoy some festive cheer whilst we make our own homemade Christmas puddings.

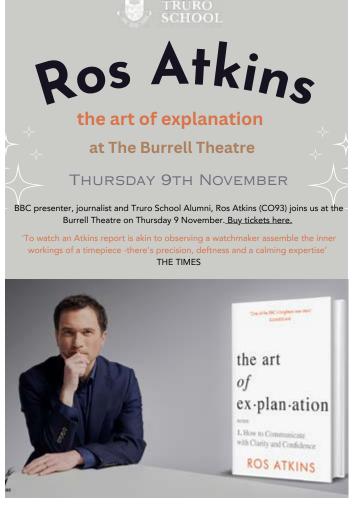
All ingredients and a glass of wine will be provided.

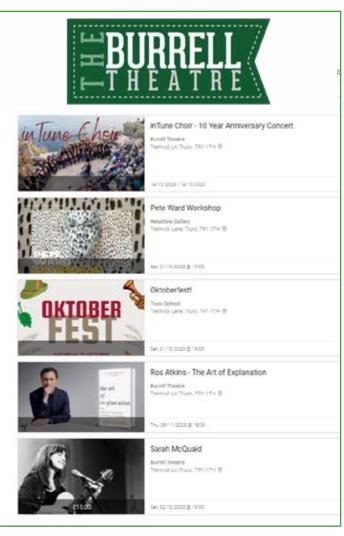
Just bring a mixing bowl, a set of scales, a wooden spoon and an apron.

TICKETS £15 AVAILABLE at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-pudding-making-evening-tickets-728728445397
PASSWORD: FTS









HERON TENNIS OCTOBER 1/2 TERM TENNIS CAMP

FOR AGES 5-10 YRS | 9.00AM-12.00PM FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

£18 MEMBERS/ £21 NON-MEMBERS PER SESSION

BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE AT WWW.HERON-TENNIS.CO.UK OR CALL 01637877555

SESSIONS ARE INDOORS

PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE AS LIMITED SPACES









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Please use this QR code to register your child for Wraparound care or via the Forms link.

https://forms.office.com/e/VZUiYbg1Ff

