

The logo for SMART Multi Academy Trust, featuring the word "SMART" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a black background that is part of a larger graphic consisting of a grid of squares, some of which are black and some are white.

SMART LEARNERS, SMART LEADERS, SMART COMMUNITIES

Thank you for all your dedication and hard work creating excellent opportunities for the young people of South East Cornwall.

Our second full year as SMART and even more good news stories to tell than last year. For this newsletter, I have asked Headteachers to share achievements and opportunities they are most proud of that really illustrate how we have worked together to benefit young people. You can see from the items they have chosen, that collaboration between staff and students remains one of our core principles and has been a really big feature of the past year. Highlights of the work we have achieved together must include:

- Setting up our JCNC involving union representatives from all the schools
- The opportunity to talk to all our excellent support staff and setting up an appraisal system with their help that now has the support of over 85%.
- Our shared SMART day in February in which over ninety presenters shared their ideas and over 95% of these ideas inspired people to try something new.
- Our first full year of STAR projects of which 75% worked so well that staff report they plan to continue using the ideas in their own work in the next academic year.
- Working together with all six Heads in our MSLT (MAT Senior Leadership Team) to conduct peer reviews in each other's schools and agree a common curriculum intent.
- Appointing two new Headteachers and five new Deputy Headteachers to the team
- The MAT Student Council designing their own leadership scheme and launching it
- Bringing all our maths leaders together for five days to review all of the research and come up with a model for how we will work together to help children learn maths
- Double the number of joint trips adding to those from last year such as the London trip for children from all three primary schools requested by the student council
- Being asked to train CEOs as part of the national programme and using the money gained from this to enable 5 staff to take up NPQH, NPQSL and NPQML qualifications
- MAT funded senior leadership afternoon, middle leadership afternoon for all middle leaders and collaboration days for leaders of English, PSHE, Science and Maths
- Excellent business management assessing and address all of the urgent maintenance tasks across the MAT whilst being one of the few MATs to remain deficit free.
- One of the first MATs to achieve living wage and fair increments for all support staff

Before I hand over to the articles proposed by each school I want to pass on my thanks for all your work this year, for all of the feedback and ideas, all the inspiring work you do on behalf of the children of South East Cornwall but most of all the high level of professionalism I see on a daily basis. I hope you have an excellent summer and look forward to working together in the coming year.
Regards,

Dan

Dan Buckley

Chief Executive

SMART Multi Academy Trust

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SMART Primaries in London again!

Year 6 children from across all of the primaries in the MAT enjoyed another great residential trip to London, once again meeting Sheryll Murray, MP for South East Cornwall, at the Houses of Parliament.

Other memorable highlights included visits to St. Paul's Cathedral, the London Eye, the Natural History Museum and an amazing performance of Aladdin at the theatre.

Year 5 children from across the MAT are already looking forward to next year's residential!



Leadership at every level

MAT Student Councillors from all six schools have met each half term again this year, taking it in turns to visit each other's schools. It was staggering to hear the number of excellent leadership challenges that staff had set them as well as those that they devised themselves and then found staff willing to support them.

Examples included setting up student led shops, lead learner projects, running lunchtime clubs, conducting green campaigns and running a safe space for students at lunchtime. Each of these projects contributed to children earning a leadership qualification and badge devised and run by the students themselves. As well as reporting back on the excellent work taking place in their school, they also worked together to appoint our new Headteachers by asking them challenging leadership questions and collectively wrote the guidebook to student leadership which will be used by MAT student councillors next year.



We have outstanding young leaders in all the schools across the MAT and now their peers have a way of awarding them a badge.



SMART schools - achieving together

SMART Leadership Badge

Year 6 children at Dobwalls Primary School have been working hard to earn a SMART Leadership badge. At the beginning of the term they were challenged by their headteacher to run clubs for younger children during the lunch hour and they have certainly succeeded. Every lunchtime for the past four weeks they have successfully run two clubs, ranging from computing to dodge ball!

Almost all of the year 6 children have taken it in turns to deliver a club, demonstrating excellent leadership skills and acting as superb role models in upholding the school's Diamond Rules - showing good manners at all times; following instructions with great care; and caring for everyone and everything.

'It has been a real delight to see these young leaders demonstrate so much dedication and energy and make such a positive difference for the younger children in our school. Well done Year 6 you have certainly earned you leadership badges!' - Tim Gray, Headteacher.



SMART schools - working together,

Operating Theatre Live provides unique scientific opportunity for students

Students from Liskeard School, as well as those from SMART member schools Looe Community Academy and saltash.net community school, had the unique opportunity to gain hands on experience of anatomy and physiology as Operating Theatre Live visited the school.

The students, drawn from across Year 8 to 11, got a taste of working in the clinical profession with the visit, which is the UK's leading dissection-based surgical experience.

Students started the day by learning how to assess and communicate with their patient and then prepare them for surgery, before independently calculating the required concentration and dosage before anaesthetising their patient. Once anaesthetised, students looked at the structure, role and physiology of the brain and eye. They were able to remove the brain from the cranial vault and identify structures such as the cerebellum. Following this, students learned to intubate their patient and dissected the lungs and heart.

Mrs Michelle Inger, who had worked with Operating Theatre Live to organise the session, was delighted with the students' response. "The buzz and excitement in the room throughout the session was absolutely amazing, with students embracing the fantastic opportunity. Students were communicating in clinical terminology and were able to experience something truly unique. They had a brilliant time and left with a whole new world of opportunity. It was also great to invite our friends from Looe and Saltash to join us and take part," she said.



SMART schools - achieving together

YOGA AT SALTASH.NET'S 'BE WELL' DAY

Three Year 10 students from Looe Community Academy; Sioux Kehoe, Zoe Carter and Kerensa Tolley, have been part of a pilot project looking at the benefits that yoga can have for teenagers. They have been practicing it over recent weeks with Mrs Kyte.

In addition to being a DT teacher at Looe Community Academy, Mrs Kyte is a British Wheel of Yoga and TeenYoga qualified teacher. She has taught the girls calming breathing methods and yoga postures, concluding each session with a guided relaxation. The students have all very much enjoyed the sessions and are already reaping the benefits of attending. The techniques learned are transferable to other aspects of the girls' day, either at school or home, and are especially useful when feeling anxious or unsettled. At the girls' request, Mrs Kyte delivered a tailored session to help with a bedtime routine of postures, breathing and relaxation to improve sleep.



When an opportunity arose for the girls to take what they had learned and help deliver it to others, they jumped at the chance. They visited Saltash.net Community School in February as part of its 'Be Well' event. This is a collapsed curriculum day where the students experience a range of different activities they may not normally have access to, like boxing and martial arts, which help with their health and wellbeing.

Situated at the front of the classroom, supporting Mrs Kyte, the girls confidently demonstrated to the Saltash students how to safely and accurately perform the poses. Some sixty Saltash students took part in four separate sessions, for whom the majority were experiencing yoga for the first time. Students used words such as 'lovely', 'peaceful', 'calming' and 'very relaxing' to describe the experience.

Miss Clarke, our Student Support Advocate who runs our Integrated Health Centre, has been a part of the programme from the outset and was able to accompany the girls on their visit. She commented 'It has been amazing to see the confidence in our Year 10 Yoga Mentees grow. They have developed strategies to help them to reduce anxiety and cope better in class. The best thing has been to see them support younger students within the school. Going to another Secondary School was a brave thing to do; they are superstars.'

SMART Languages Day at Liskeard School and Community College

On 5th October, Year 10 MFL students from Looe, Liskeard and Torpoint gathered together to collaborate on a Languages Day. The day was organised with the aim of giving current GCSE students an insight into the importance of language skills in the workplace and of inspiring them to take their language studies further.

Students were involved in a number of real life scenarios and worked in teams to complete research, interpreting, marketing and translation assignments in French or Spanish. They learned how further study of modern foreign language can positively impact on their futures; including exciting opportunities for travel during their year abroad at university, meeting new people from different cultures and starting to network a fulfilling and successful career.

SMART schools - working together



Looe Community Academy Students Sign Brightly

Twelve Key Stage 3 students from Looe Community Academy delivered an hour-long workshop to 40 Key Stage 5 students at Saltash.net Community School in British Sign Language (BSL).

The aim was to boost an array of skills for both sets of students, developing memory, communication and interpersonal skills while offering the Looe students a fantastic leadership opportunity and a chance to consolidate their learning.

Since September the Looe students have attended a weekly workshop where they have learned the basics in BSL across a range of subject areas including basic greetings, the weather, numbers, emotions, animals, questions and colours.

Keen to challenge themselves further and to spread their new knowledge to others they offered to share their new-found skills and knowledge with the senior students at saltash.net.

"These students have shown so much energy and enthusiasm with learning a new language and were able to devise and deliver an outstanding workshop providing the saltash.net sixth form students with a fantastic experience and a taster of a new skill" said Sam Day, their teacher.

Participants in the workshop were amazed at the level of confidence, knowledge and patience that the younger Looe students demonstrated.

A Year 13 student was able to put her new skills straight to practise "It was brilliant to learn all the animals in sign language. I used it that afternoon in pre-school club with a group of under 5's. They loved it."

Given the success of this project, the Academy's talented students will now share their skills with many other students, both in our local community and in our SMART partner schools.



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A Clean Sweep for Liskeard Students!

Liskeard School and Community College challenged all their students in KS3 to enter the County competition on hate crime for National Holocaust Day. Students could either enter in the short story or picture category.

The uptake from students was overwhelming, and a selection of the entries were taken to Truro Cathedral to compete against other Cornish schools.

In the overall competition the school swept the board coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both the short story and picture categories. A fabulous achievement! The winning students were then invited to the cathedral to receive a prize, presented by PC Geoff Turner-Moore.

Isobel Coleflax from 8K, had the following to say about the competition:

"Last term, I was one of the students that won the County Hate Crime Competition, run by Devon and Cornwall Police. I created a

storyboard on the theme 'Torn from Home'. 'Torn from Home' was the theme for National Holocaust Day which was celebrated on the 29th January 2019. As a winner of the competition I was given the opportunity to visit Truro Cathedral in April. Whilst I was there I received a 'Winner of the Hate Schools Competition 2019' certificate and a voucher for Waterstones. All 6 of us engraved a slate which will be eventually placed on the cathedral roof, which will mark the event. The overall experience was something to remember, and a really enjoyable day."

Politics Experience

Liskeard School Sixth Form have been working closely with Exeter University to increase the political interest of young people and to improve their understanding of our political system. They have delivered a series of activities which has also involved Skyping the House of Lords and inviting local councillors and members of parliament in for a Q&A session.

Gill Prichard, Director of Sixth Form, said, *"This has been a really interesting project. Both staff and students have really enjoyed looking at various aspects of politics."*

Students posed a series of questions to the Deputy Speaker Lord McFall when he spoke to them via the internet from his chambers. They also had the opportunity to host a debate with local councillors and our MP Sheryll Murray.

Josh Conway, Sixth Form student, said *"It's always great to have a variety of political positions represented in Liskeard. We really appreciated the chance to query Sheryll Murray and learn about her views."*

Round the World Challenge a Great success

MENCAP: The voice of learning disability, Sport England, the National Lottery and now Liskeard school, have teamed up to provide a fabulous set of experiences for children with learning disabilities. Children register the time spent on any type of exercise each week and this is then used to calculate the distance travelled around the world.

From the many volunteers, ten Liskeard children were paired up with children with learning disabilities and together they completed 20 hours of activities which is equivalent to a round the UK challenge. One student noted that *"I think RTWC has helped me learn to work with different people that may not be the same ability as everybody else... so there are people that you can help but also people that can help you."* Senior leaders have already decided to repeat the project and build on the successes, *"I think what TRWC has done is to enable us to continue our thinking around our inclusivity. It's been a real win-win situation."*



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BAFTA Star Inspires Students

Jessica Hynes, star of W1A, Spaced, Years & Years and recent BAFTA winner, spent the day at Liskeard School and Community College working with students and discussing the benefits of studying drama at school.



Jessica is the patron of National Drama and is heading up a campaign to ensure schools keep drama as a valued part of their curriculum. Jessica had heard of the great work at Liskeard School so spent the day working with GCSE and A Level drama students as well as talking to students about how drama has helped them and why it is an important subject to do.

Headteacher, Alex Lingard, said, "A massive thank you to Jessica for giving up her time, travelling all the way from Kent to be with us. When she arrived she said to me that it's not about finding the next Orlando Bloom, but about ensuring students have the ability and confidence to express themselves and communicate effectively. I couldn't agree more. In times where some schools are cutting creative arts from the curriculum, we are embracing them because of what they have to offer to our young people."

At the end of her visit Jessica was asked what she thought about the day. She said, "I was so impressed with how expressive, articulate and perceptive your students were. Incredible, alive and full of creativity, passion and energy - what an inspiration to us all! I enjoyed today so much, I wish I could come back tomorrow!"



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Young Magistrates from Liskeard School and Community College Travel to Wales for Regional Finals

This year, myself and a group of girls entered a County Magistrates' Court competition – with no previous experience. We got through two rounds of the three, surprisingly, against schools who had been doing the competition for many years.

We were all very excited to hear that after winning the first heat in Plymouth, we were going to Wales, and staying in a hostel in the centre of Cardiff for the second heat. So with the help from Caunters, fundraisers at school and financing from the school, we were able to pay for all the travel expenses.

After practising our roles in the Court case for many weeks, it was time to go to Wales. We were all nervous, knowing that if we won this heat, we would be going to London. We did very well in the two courtroom sessions. However, we unfortunately weren't able to get through to the next round in London as only two of eight schools got through – even though we tried hard and enjoyed every bit of it!

"The whole experience has taught me about how the law works and how court cases are so complicated and yet so fun at the same time." - Minnie Bauer, Year 8.

"The Magistrates' mock trial in Newport was a unique opportunity that allowed me to delve into the world of law and further develop my knowledge and understanding of our law system. As a magistrate, I had to watch over the court case and then discuss the details of the case to decide on a verdict. The whole trip was a fun experience from the actual trial to staying together in the youth hostel and taking the long journey up to Wales." - Melissa Zalick, Year 8.

"It was a very good idea to have this competition, because it helps prepare young people from ages 12-13 to build confidence talking to people we don't know, because we will need those type of skills in the future. It was obviously nerve-wracking being in the Court and the dock itself, but as soon as I got into it I felt more comfortable talking in front of all those people. It was extremely fun standing up there talking about the case with the Magistrates and the Prosecutors, it felt like a real court case. Unfortunately, we did not win but that was okay because we had great fun and it was a new educational experience for everybody in the team. We were a bit disappointed, but not upset and very proud of our achievements. It was an amazing time and I would definitely do it again." - Luisa Gould, Year 8



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Looe's Dazzling Dancers Inspire Raiders Win!

The future's bright for the Looe Raiders Dance Squad as the contingent that travelled with Mr Deacon, Mr Sheer, Mrs Day and Miss Rose to the Plymouth Pavilions were largely made up of entirely new members of the team.



The students have been working hard recently rehearsing their two dance performances for the sell-out crowd of almost 1,500 Plymouth Raiders Basketball fans at the game, helping contribute to a great afternoon for all, which resulted in the Raiders Basketball Team storming to a comfortable 108-89 win over the Surrey Scorchers.

Mr Deacon was not only impressed with how well the newest members of the group performed under the pressure of their first Raiders experience, but also how well they were supported by some of the older students, in particular Demmi Guild and

Amiera Gorgulu who led by example in rehearsals and on the day.



The Plymouth Raiders Basketball Club were equally impressed with the students in general, and as a result, they have been invited back to perform during the season finale game with some of the older students, also invited to audition for the main Raiders Cheerleader Group.

Following the auditions in May, Ameira Gorgulu and Demmi Guild were selected for the official Plymouth Raiders Dance Team for the 2019/2020 Basketball season.

The girls recently completed their last performance as part of the Looe Academy Raiders Dance Team, who perform regularly at the Plymouth Pavilions for the Raiders games, this has been a fantastic opportunity for the girls to make the step up to performing at each home game in front of round 1,500 spectators.



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ROTORUA'S SCHOOL HEALTH CENTRES MODEL PROVING EFFECTIVE IN CORNWALL

Cornwall has just completed a 10-year trial of School-Based Integrated Health Centres first developed in Rotorua. Six SBIHC's have improved adolescents' capacity to self-manage their health before leaving school. The trial measured improvements in general health and well-being, and in sexual and mental health. It found that the SBIHCs also lowered youth offending, unwanted pregnancies and suicide rates, while improving academic achievement.

Dr Barbara Vann, Chair of the Cornwall Foundation Trust, explained that "Our SBIHCs were based on Rotorua's model, refined to bring in health professionals and programs requested by students, and fully integrated into the life of each school. HRH The Prince of Wales provided a planning grant and the first three SBIHCs were built in 2009 by the Duchy Health Charity. Another three were established in 2016 by the Cornwall Foundation Trust. Schools met operational costs."

"We contracted Professor Reynold Macpherson to research the establishment, management, and sustainability of the centres," she said. "He published two evaluations in international research journals. The joint working party has just commissioned him to conduct the third and final evaluation of the effectiveness of the six SBIHCs."

The joint working party of the six schools and the Cornwall Foundation Trust (pictured) includes Dr Barbara Vann (CFT), Anna Clarke (Looe Community Academy), David Barton (Cornwall Association of Secondary Headteachers), Kate Jackman (Looe), Kyla McAlpin (Treviglas Community College), Tina Yardley (Wadebridge Community School), Lizzie Brock (Budehaven Community School), and Dr Macpherson.

"At a time when youth suicides are spiking in New Zealand, our research findings are suggesting that secondary schools with integrated health centres might serve as an important part of a national solution to acute health and wellbeing issues", said Dr Macpherson. "SBIHCs can help children and young people learn how to self-manage their health for the rest of their lives."

The national media in the UK and other research projects are pressing for such reforms. Fiona Millar in The Guardian (12 March) asked "A pioneering scheme in Cornwall shows how the NHS and schools can work together. Why not everywhere?" Professor Mike Depledge at the European Centre for Environment and Human Health has recommended Blue (water-based) and Green (land-based) life choices for curriculum and teaching development in schools. The Times editorial on 6 June urged "social prescribing" by health professionals to help patients reduce levels of the stress hormone cortisol, by reconnecting patients with their bodies, fellow citizens and the natural environment.

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Success for Saltash.net Football teams at the County Finals



Saltash.net Community School U15 boys made it a hat trick of County titles after beating a very strong Penryn side 1-0. The only goal of the game came in the second half from Captain Jensen Bryan.

This was the boys' 4th successive county final and 3rd consecutive win. They are on an incredible run, having remained undefeated in County football for 3 years.

Saltash.net's U16 girls' have also been crowned County Champions for the 5th time in 6 years after beating Richard Lander School 2-1 in a closely fought final. Having also beaten both Liskeard School and Bodmin College on the way there.

The goals came from Ellie Maunder and Hollie Congo, supported by a fantastic team performance and a great debut game in goal for Alesha Adams, who replaced injured regular Merryn Richmond.

Alesha, having never played in goal before, stepped up to the position where mistakes can be very cruelly highlighted and pulled off a string of great saves to keep saltash.net in the lead.

Mr Budd who coached both teams was delighted with their performance:

"To win any of these titles once is a fantastic achievement, but for the same team to win three in a row is a real testament to their commitment and quality. I am exceptionally proud of them. I would like to give special thanks to the community support we receive. Parents, grandparents and their local football coach all supported us at the final and it was a pleasure to share the success with them."



"This is a team that encompasses everything we encourage in terms of core values, sporting values and positive attitudes and they fully deserve their success. They are an absolute pleasure to work with," he said.

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Saltash.net Sixth Formers progress to Youth Speaks regional final

Saltash.net's Sixth Form team have progressed to the District final of the Youth Speaks competition, where they will face schools from across Devon and Cornwall.

In the District semi-final, the team of Lucie Jones (Chair), Tommy Williams (Main Speaker) and George Seymour (Vote of Thanks), all of whom are in Year 13, spoke on the importance of the Arts, covering how they are an important part of our culture, as well as elaborating on their numerous health benefits.



The team explained how the Arts can help mental health; how they are scientifically proven to release endorphins and boost your health; how they can promote a platform or a voice for equality and how they prepare you for interviews and build your confidence. To demonstrate these points, Tommy performed a song as part of the speech to showcase the importance of the Arts.

Judges noted that the team's performance was superb and that they worked really well together, highlighting an important topic.

Saltash.net was one of five schools competing, with the others being Devonport High School for Boys (who also proceeded to the next round), Plymouth High Schools for Girls, Heles School and Torquay Academy.

English teacher Gemma Watson explained how proud she was of the team. "Not only did they perform with confidence and fluency, proceeding to the District final against some tough competition, but they showed unbelievable teamwork and friendship. They are incredible representatives of saltash.net community school," she said.



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World Challenge 2019 - South India

This July, 16 year 9 and 10 students from Saltash.net will be heading off to Kerala in South India for 15 days along with Mr Budd, myself (Mrs Mawson) and our World Challenge Expedition Leader. The team will fly to the southern Indian state of Kerala where they will be involved in building work within a local school, a trek in to high altitude tea plantations, kayaking and a trip on a house boat on the backwaters of Kerala along with a spot of sightseeing.

The saltash.net students have spent the last 2 years raising funds to pay for their trip. They have organised pub quizzes, cake sales, bag packing, craft stalls and a sponge the teacher event, among other things.

This is an amazing opportunity for our students to experience a completely different culture to our own. They will meet and engage with the local school children where they will be working and will organize games and songs to share with them at the end of their school day.

The trek into the Western Ghats region will be challenging, particularly during the rains of the monsoon, but the wildlife and scenery will be a spectacular reward!

All in all we are expecting to be challenged but also to be changed by the experience which is certainly a once in a life time opportunity

World Challenge runs trips with our school every two years. The next destination will be revealed at the start of the new school year and will take place in 2021. Look out for the special launch assembly in September.



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The Children's University Passport

We have had another superb year on the passport scheme, with 100 students in Years 7 and 8 taking part in the scheme and recording hours in their passports of clubs and activities that they have attended both in and out of school. In addition a number of our students have had the opportunity to visit Plymouth University to experience what it is like to be a University student.

I have been incredibly proud of the amount of hours our students have collected throughout the year and I have given out over 25 gold certificates to students who have achieved over 100 hours which is incredible. Special mention to Tobe Fielding and Sophia Whittam who have been on the scheme since being in primary school and have gained nearly 500 hours, which is Outstanding.

Thank you to all of our students who are willing to go above and beyond to take the opportunities given to them.



Entrepreneurs in the Making

Integrated learning classes at Saltash.net have been learning about social enterprises and how they work, with the end result being them creating their own social enterprise.

They had to think of a logo and a company name, plan and create something they could sell to make a profit, therefore they also had to ensure there was a good business plan financially too! They created business cards, stall backdrops/banners and a wealth of goods. It had to also cover the three P's ... people, planet and profit and both 7MY and 7ET excelled themselves with their selling pitches and statements!

The stalls were divided up onto different days and the groups 'sold' their goods to the rest of their class, and anyone else that was free to come and see at the time. Each student group's stall had decided on a social enterprise that they would like their profits to go to initially, however, rather than split so much money in so many different ways they decided to put each classes total to a democratic vote to decide where the classes money would go. 7MY and their total of £58.67 went to WWF and to adopt a turtle for a year and £57.77 from 7ET went to the RSPCA.

Some of the plentiful photos of their stalls ... from homemade shakes and cookies, candy and 'bees' honey cakes, to rubbish in the form of crisp packets shrunk and made into keyrings and flick rugby where you had to 'score' to win a cookie! Far too many brilliant stalls to show all of them.



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Landulph Primary School

World Book Day 2019

World Book Day was a huge success this year with the whole of Landulph immersed in books for the day. All the children and staff joined in, resulting in a wonderful appreciation of reading across all the ages.

A particular success was the hat parade where the children strutted down the catwalk, showcasing their magnificent creations, to the soundtrack of Matilda the Musical!



A New Headteacher for Landulph Primary School

Karen Ball was successfully appointed to the position of Headteacher at Landulph in January.

She has quickly familiarised herself with the children and parents; she is facing all the challenges that come with a small school and is bringing about positive changes. She is particularly experienced in outdoor learning, promoting community involvement, sport and music.



Long Service Award for Doreen

Doreen Darke, a very longstanding member of the Landulph Community and a Meal Time Assistant, has achieved her long service award for working with the children of Landulph for forty years.

She has seen generations of children come through the doors and is dedicated to ensuring that lunchtimes are safe and happy for the children.



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Our Trip to Bude! – by Blossom

Our amazing trip to Bude started with a goodbye from our parents and a long hours journey to Bude!

We arrived at Adventure international around lunch time and got into our groups and into our rooms. After, we got to know our instructors the year 5's had Struan and the 6's had Bronte. Later on in the day we did our first activity which for the year 6's was abseiling and climbing and for the year 5's, high ropes and then after we had free time to unpack and play on the astroturf. In the evening we had the team trail which (at the end) we go to go to the Dunk Tank (Miss Colebrook-Clark got us soaking) and had to run in for the shower. We also had the 5-side football and the talent show. We went to bed very late!!



On Thursday we woke up and went for the morning run around the beach. We had breakfast and got changed for kayaking and had lots of fun! In the afternoon we got our wetsuits on and went surfing we had enough time to go in the sea pool!! We walked back to the garage where we had to get out of our wetsuits and had a shower. In the evening we had presentation evening where we presented Bottle, Joker and Superstar! Hollie won joker, Isaac won superstar and Lexi bottle!



On Friday we woke up had breakfast and got changed for dragon boating we had so much fun and got so wet but enjoyed it!! We had a dragon boat race against the year 6's, they won!! We came back and then we had to go straight to caving it was so dark and Struan gave us sweets!!



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Trewidland Primary School

Creating Musical Stories

During the year Trewidland was fortunate to be selected to be part of a project to bring classical music out of the concert hall, giving our pupils a sense of ownership and showing them that this music is written for them.

The Florian String Quartet are a group of professional musicians who came to our school over the three terms to deliver a workshop to our Key Stage 2 children. As we are a small school the Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils were treated to a short performance on each visit. During the workshops the pupils were introduced to a piece of music by a different composer, including Haydn and Beethoven, and then broke it down. The pupils worked as a group to construct a story based on the music. The music was played in small sections, giving them an understanding of how the music is structured as well as engaging their imagination and curiosity.

The project has helped our pupils to further develop their skills in listening, concentration and teamwork and to think imaginatively about sound and musical structure.

The pupils have really enjoyed the experience and if funding allows we hope to be part of this project again next year.



Trewidland Pupils learn to play the Ukulele

One of the benefits of being part of SMART is being able to access the wealth of talent and expertise across the six schools. An example of which is when, during the Spring Term, Mr Richards from Looe Secondary School came to Trewidland for a number of weeks to introduce to Ukulele to the pupils in Class 1 and 2. All the pupils and staff had great fun learning to play this instrument.



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The Great Get Together

On Friday 21 June Trewidland proudly held its 3rd annual Community get together in our hall. This was also the first year we were able to hold this event on our School site following the construction of our new car park. The event has been inspired by the life of Jo Cox, the politician whose life was taken under tragic circumstances 3 years ago, and celebrates kindness, respect and all that we have in common. Pupils in Year 6 told the story of Jo's life, reminding our audience of parents and the wider community that 'we have more in common than that which divides us.' During the afternoon the pupils sang two of the songs they will be performing in the end of term whole school performance and 3 pupils played individual guitar pieces to wide applause.



Celebrations all round at Trewidland Primary and Preschool

Staff and students at Trewidland Primary and Preschool celebrated the opening of their long awaited new car park by holding a special harvest festival assembly, followed by a grand 'cutting of the ribbon', declaring the car park officially open by Liskeard Town Mayor Christine Whitty.

The school has been desperately in need of a larger car park for many years and after lots of hard work and effort from all involved the scheme has finally been realised. The project involved several local businesses; it was managed by Ray Clarke of Project Design Consultancy in St Neot and the works were undertaken by DJW Build Ltd from Pensilva and Topan Fencing from Doublebois.

Special thanks go to SMART (South East Cornwall Multi Academy Regional Trust), for helping to back the project and all of the local residents of Trewidland village who have been very supportive of our new car park.

The school operates a non-official one way system during school drop off and pick up times and this actually has worked very effectively for many years and whilst this remains the schools' suggestion to parents, the car park will help during times of high numbers of people coming to the school such as for sports days, parents evenings, shows etc.

In addition, the celebrations were also highlighting the new superfast broadband, which the school has also gained through the summer holidays as well as the new car park, and both will be invaluable assets to the school.

Trewidland hope to be able to entice newcomers to the school, who may have previously been out off by too few parking spaces. The school has a wonderful preschool and toddler group and are promoting their excellent outdoor learning space by holding upcoming open days over this academic year. The Wild Tribe curriculum is used across many aspects of the school, and staff love that the children get to experience the environment, and are particularly lucky to be located in such a stunning spot, on the edge of the Looe Valley overlooking some breathtaking scenery.

Written by Rebecca Morley – Vice –Chair of Governors at Trewidland Primary and Preschool



News from our Schools

Dobwalls Community Primary School



Academic success

Phonics sessions for parents have been a big success at Dobwalls! 64 parents took the opportunity to attend open house phonics sessions this year, with some returning for several days in a row to see how phonics was taught to their children.

Of those who completed our questionnaire at the end of the sessions 61% said they were now moderately confident with phonics and 33% said they were very confident with phonics.

Engaging parents in understanding how phonics is delivered in school is one of several initiatives that staff at Dobwalls have used during the year to ensure children are confident readers by the end of year 1.

Strong leadership in phonics, alongside the hard work of phonics teachers and the involvement of parents has helped the school to maintain fantastic results; **90% or more children passed the year 1 phonics screening test for the second year in a row compared to a national average of 82% (2018).**

Afternoon of times tables fun!

Year 3 parents and carers of at Dobwalls enjoy an afternoon of times tables fun!

Teachers spent time to show parents how they could support their children to learn important fluency facts at home using games, songs and other useful resources.

With the launch of exciting new online resources over the summer holidays it's an exciting time for maths development at Dobwalls.



News from our Schools

Cricket World Cup comes to Dobwalls Primary



Over 80 children enjoyed a fun packed afternoon of cricket skills in a World Cup festival. Ten groups of children each representing one of the world cup countries, had to parade with their flag and then participate in skill based activities. Some of these involved, catching, throwing at stumps, hitting cricket balls and many more. Points were added and an overall winner announced. The winners were the Sri Lankan team.

Mustafa Shaikh (coach with the Cornwall Cricket Board) said, "This event was a huge success and brought the spirit of Cricketing and Life skills into the curriculum".

Oli Jones (Pe teacher), "This festival celebrated cricket in a fun and active way. The children had a brilliant time and thanks to my Year 5 Sports leaders who helped run the activities"



Making memories...



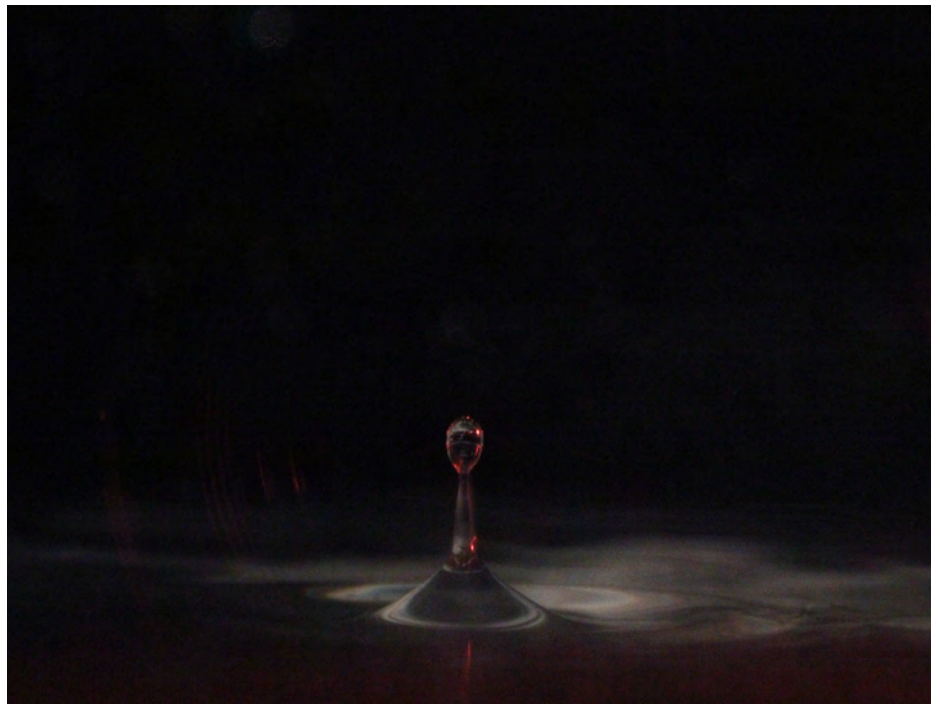
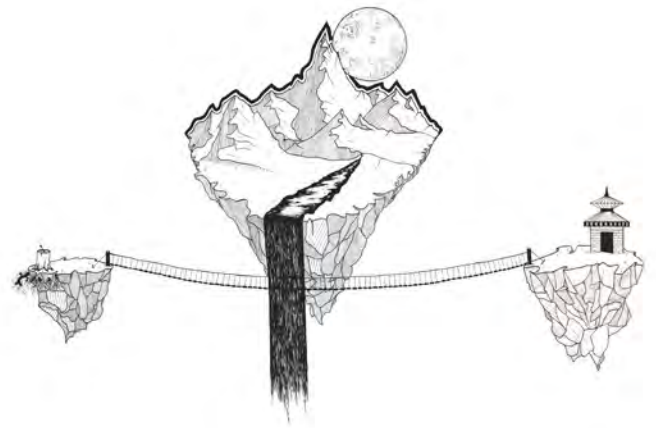
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