

SMART LEARNERS, SMART LEADERS, SMART COMMUNITIES

Annual Newsletter 2022: Back to the new normal!!?

Each year I ask the Headteachers from across the Trust to select the best news stories for us to share in this annual newsletter. We all know that like the graceful swan working extremely hard below the surface, the huge amount of effort that has gone in to this year to make it as 'normal' as possible for children has exhausted all of us and has required us all to dig deep... again! Thank you on their behalf and for all the support you have offered myself and others in your teams throughout the year. I feel incredibly fortunate to be working with such talented people and know that one of our key roles as a team is to make sure as much compassion is saved for yourself as given to others.

One of the highlights for me this year has been getting back into classrooms to see learning taking place 'live' again and hearing the experiences of children first-hand. When I asked a group of year two children at Dobwalls if they could tell me about their amazing 'friendship bench' (this is where any child can go and sit if they feel a bit lonely so others can come and chat to them), they kindly sat me down and explained someone would be along soon!

Amongst the many other highlights, some are described in more detail below including our new nursery; Kate Williams' national recognition award; the remarkable progress of the Trust Student Council; the wide engagement in forming our new five year plan; wide student and staff consultation leading to action inspired by the 'Everyone's Invited' national survey results; the exciting new appointments we have made throughout the year and the remarkable success of SMART day despite it being partly online. Our new idea of a 'Concept Review' involved Geography subject leads visiting all schools to see children grappling with the same concept from year 1 through to year 13 talking to children about their developing understanding and their misconceptions. It was such a remarkable and enlightening piece of research to be involved in and I'm really looking forward to conducting similar reviews alongside subject leaders in Science, Art and Computing next year.

Finally, I would like to thank the amazing TSST (Trust Shared Services Team - formally called the CBU). It amazes me that such a small and skilled team under Jo Lumbard's leadership achieves so much including: Kate's knowledge organisers supporting our even more excellent Governors and Trustee teams, Steve Green's weekly risk assessments seeing us through Covid;

Andy Sanders's nursery project; Anton's progress to a single ICT service including sharing his time between schools; Jo Lumbard, Seth Gent and the whole finance team who once again achieved an unparalleled clean audit report; Chloe Callard for managing the complexity of HR and untangling statements of employment; Diane Corrigan for managing the complete redesign of our new websites that are soon to be published and Rachel Yelland for being the true organisational core powering the whole team.

It isn't possible to describe all of the excellent work done this year by all staff across the Trust in support of children and staff nor to summarise the numerous letters of support from parents and really positive feedback through the student council, but once again thank you for all you have done this year and please do make sure that you get a real and totally deserved summer break.

Take care

Dan

Dan BuckleyChief Executive









South East Cornwall Multi Academy Regional Trust clerk recognised for outstanding governance practice

Kate Williams of South East Cornwall Multi Academy Regional Trust based in Liskeard was a finalist in the outstanding clerk to a governing board category at the National Governance Association's (NGA) Outstanding Governance Awards 2021 on Thursday 9 September. The category celebrates the integral role of the professional clerk in providing administrative support and legal and procedural advice to have a significant impact on the effectiveness of their governing board.

Kate was among 15 governing boards and eight governance professionals who received awards presented by Baroness Berridge (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the School System). The awards celebrate the best of school and trust governance in England. They aim to recognise the achievements of volunteer school governors and trustees as well as governance professionals for their substantial and valuable contribution to education and their impact on the lives of children and young people.

Inviting Kate Williams to receive their finalist award Charlotte Harding, Head of National Leaders of Governance Support at NGA said that Kate "has quickly become a trusted voice for governance within her trust". Clerking both the trust board and the committees of the trust's six schools, Kate was commended for being "adept in supporting and balancing the priorities of each school, the trust board and senior leaders". Judges also commented on how Kate "employs strategies to ensure the ideas and passions of individual volunteer governors and trustees are respected".

Emma Knights, chief executive of the National Governance Association said: "The story of success demonstrated by Kate underlines how governance professionals truly contribute to the sustainability of our schools and the educational achievement and wellbeing of children and

young people. Kate showed us her passion for improving governance and for improving outcomes for pupils. We are very proud to recognise her achievement."

In a speech before presenting the awards Baroness Berridge, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the School System said: "These awards recognise both the excellent contributions that each of you are making and the importance of working together as a team. That collective endeavour ensures that children are receiving the best education possible, giving them the best start in life... You are driving relentless ambition for the young people served by our schools system, whatever the circumstances. I would like to convey my deepest gratitude to you today."



SMART schools - working together

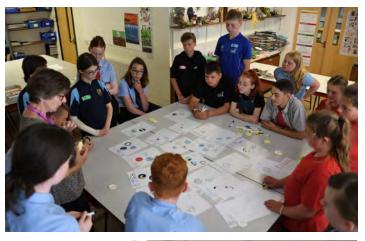
Student Council Conferences

Thank you to Rachel Yelland, Lu Gallie, Adam Saberton, Diane Stoneham, Kathryn Pipe, Karen Ball and Vyv Lovell for the strides forward made by the Trust Student Council this year. Four representatives from each school co-ordinated the collection of opinions from across their school about six key questions each half term. Their responses were fed back to the Trust Board, Local Governors and Senior Teams, impacting on decisions taken particularly in formulating our response to the 'Everyone's Invited Agenda' which was largely shaped by them.

In the second half of the year they bid to provide student led conferences. The first of these took place in Saltash in Spring, then one in Landulph and finally we have just had one equally expertly designed and led at Liskeard. Thank you also to all the staff in Saltash, Landulph and Liskeard who the students persuaded to help them deliver the conferences. All staff without exception created spaces for the young leaders in which they could genuinely learn and take responsibility. The students and staff are already planning how they can make next year even better.













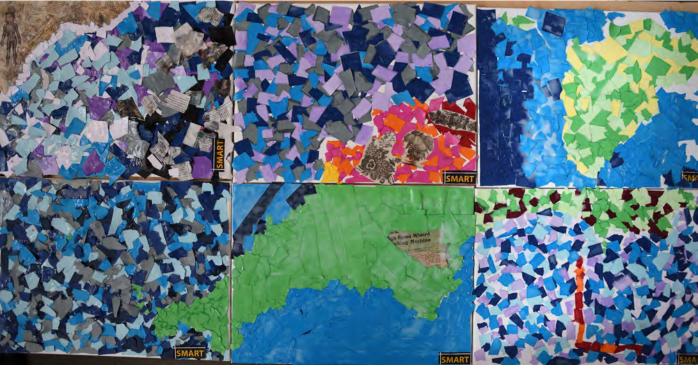




SMART schools - achieving together









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Saltash Community School Students Attend Royal Garden Party at Boconnoc House

Both Leon Strike and I were nominated and chosen to celebrate Her Majesty the Queens' Platinum Jubilee and the anniversary of HRH Price Charles' accession to the Dukedom of Cornwall at a garden party at Boconnoc House recently. We were both invited to this event due to the nomination Mrs Gallie kindly made, highlighting our leadership skills as part of the Saltash Student Leadership Team and the impact we have had on Saltash Community School as former Head Students. Within the process of choosing the guests to the Garden Party, many nominations were sent in and Leon and I were lucky enough to be successful.

The event was amazing. As we arrived at Boconnoc we were served drinks and platters of food were being brought around. Leon and I had the opportunity to meet lots of wonderful local leaders who have all had such a positive impact on our Cornish community, for example volunteers through COVID and people who have set up different organisations in order to help those in need. Prince Charles and Camilla attended this event where they spoke to different groups of people and also to us individually. As young leaders, we were fortunate enough to shake Prince Charles' hand and talk to him about our involvement in student leadership and our future plans. What an experience! Prince Charles then went on to make a speech and cut the cake.

By being given this opportunity it has made both Leon and I very proud of our achievements and it feels lovely to be recognised by our school, the MAT and Cornish

community. This opportunity has meant that both Leon and I have been able to meet Prince Charles and gave us the chance to meet with a network of other young leaders within Cornwall.

Both Leon and I have said how amazing this whole experience was and one memory we won't ever forget.

By Amy Kowalski, Year 13 student, Saltash Community School.









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Dobwalls Nursery

We were delighted to be able to extend the Trust this year and launch a new Nursery in Dobwalls. A team of twelve staff worked together to respond quickly to the closing of a former nursery and managed to get a newly refurbished, fully staffed nursery back in place in less than two terms.

Andy Sanders led on all the refurbishment and building work to completely transform the internal and external space involving lots of his team. Hearing Steve Eveson talk with such pride about their work and the importance of getting it operational again for the children I found particularly inspiring.

Chris Pickles, Jo Lumbard, Steve Green, Chloe Callard, the Nursery committee and Rachel Sharman worked intensively at the start of the project to find ways through the maze of regulations and paperwork in setting up SMART Nurseries aligned to the already successful nursery team in Liskeard.

Further involvement included Anton connecting them into the Trust, Diane to set up a website and signage as well as Kathryn Pipe, Katie Grinsted and Anne Bull to align educational practices and policies.

The staff of the existing Liskeard School Nursery under Rachel Sharman's leadership effectively doubled in size whilst retaining the incredible ethos that parents regularly praise so highly. It is exactly this ethos that inspired the whole team to work so hard to extend the number of children who will now benefit.

Well done to the whole team.









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Year 7 Careers Speed Networking Event

Year 7 students were delighted to take part in the Careers Speed Networking Event at Liskeard School. Each student prepared questions to ask nineteen different visitors about their job.

Questions included: 'Can you describe a typical day in your job?' 'What is the most important skill you have in order to succeed? And 'If I wanted to do your job in the future what qualifications and experience would I need?'

Year 7 were excited to hear about a wide range of career pathways from a paramedic, a solar solutions energy expert, an agronomist, a representative from GCHQ, a robotics engineer, a musician, the army and a construction manager, to name but a few.

It was wonderful to see so many students engaged in in-depth conversations and asking really thoughtful questions. One Year 7 student summed up the experience by saying 'I never knew there were so many jobs to choose from. This has made me think a lot more about what I would like to do in the future.'







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ARTiculation Speaking Competition National Final

Sixth Form student Maddie Chinn, represented the South West of England at the national final of the ARTiculation Speaking Competition which recently took place at The National Gallery in London.

Despite not being placed in the final three, Maddie presented a strong and compelling piece of research on the Manga illustrator Juno Ito.

Neil MacGregor, adjudicator for the day's presentations thanked Maddie for taking them into the world of Manga and for sharing a presentation with them that was all about narrative, and about the evocations of horror and fears, and looking at how horror can unsettle. He additionally thanked Maddie for taking them all into an area few of us would have explored and congratulated her on focusing on a limited set of particular images to explore those themes.

Well done Maddie for representing the South West of England and LSCC at this event.



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London Democracy Trip

Just after 5.00am on Thursday 10th March, after two years of cancelled trips and events not attended, 50 students set off from the coach park for the Year 9 London Democracy trip ready for two days of jam packed activities.

After a few stop offs at motorway service stations, our first activity was the Houses of Parliament, Here students had the opportunity to tour the Parliamentary Estate and view the debates going on in the chambers. Unfortunately, we didn't get to see the Prime Minister or members of cabinet, but we briefly saw a debate on the National Shipbuilding Strategy. Worlds away from the rowdiness of Prime Minster's Questions, students commented on the calmness and politeness of the debate, as well as the language used, although some were not impressed with MPs being on their phones when in the chamber! After the tour, students took part in a workshop, introducing them to the process of campaigning and voting.

Our next activity took us to the London Central Mosque, which gave students the chance to learn about Islam and its part in British culture. Students were given a presentation, before again having a tour and further talk in the prayer hall. It must be noted how impressed staff were by the attentiveness, politeness and respect shown by all students.







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The evening saw us have a meal in Frankie and Benny's, before heading off to arguably many student's favourite part of the trip, the Lyceum Theatre to watch the Lion King where students and staff had a thoroughly enjoyable time – even if (or maybe because!) Mrs Carlin did get pushed over by an elephant!

After a night's sleep typical of a school residential (not helped by some ladybirds and an open window...) and a wonder goal scored by Mr Aird whilst waiting for the coach, we headed off to Kidzania for a 'world of work' experience. Being at the top end of the age limit, many of the usual 'we're a bit too old for this sir' comments ensued, only to see two hours later students engaged in a number of activities including presenting and producing a news bulletin, designing clothes in a fashion studio and arresting Mrs Ball as part of the police department.

No trip to London is complete without a bit of sightseeing and before heading back, students had the opportunity to see the views of London Eye, before starting the first part of our journey back to Liskeard by taking a Thames river cruise to meet up with the coach.

The staff would like to say well done to all the students involved and hope they found it as informative and enjoyable as we did.





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Space Talk

We had the absolute pleasure to host astronomer Dr Heidi Thiemann, to talk to us about the future of space and aerospace technology here in Cornwall. Dr Thiemann is project manager for Cornwall Space and Aerospace Technology Training (CSATT) - the first dedicated space training centre in the south-west.

She also co-founded the Space Skills Alliance to address skills shortages in the space sector, and previously led SpaceCareers.uk providing young people with opportunities to work in the sector.

Dr Thiemann enlightened a select group of students from Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 about the training opportunities available locally and the ambitious plans of the Spaceport and Kernow Sat, aiming to launch 'green' satellites next year with the aim of measuring ocean plastic pollution, mapping tree planting and deforestation, and monitoring coastal erosion.





Dr Thiemann fascinated the audience with her knowledge of space, the current issues that need addressing such as 'space junk' and who will 'own' the moon or Mars if we ever colonise them.

We were also joined by Chloe Rikard from the Digital Skills Partnership and Frances Brennan Vice-Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership who gave their thoughts on how the space sector in Cornwall will provide almost unlimited employment and career opportunities for our young people.

At only 25 years' old, Dr Thiemann was a visual demonstration that the space industry is open to anyone. Indeed, it turns out that almost the entire current workforce at Cornwall's spaceport have backgrounds in business or IT, rather than in astronomy or physics.

A massive thank you to sixth formers Tom Young and Oli Dennison for filming and editing the session so that it can be shared with the wider student population.

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Y7 ESB Qualification

Students across Year 7 worked extremely hard before the Christmas holidays on their English Speaking Board exams. This was something brand new for Liskeard School and Year 7 were the first year group to go through the process. Students were placed in groups and asked to choose a poem and write a story. They were then given lesson time in both English and Drama to memorise their material plus a short introduction to both and create a performance to highlight their eloquence and articulation when speaking. The entire exam lasted almost twenty minutes for each group - speaking from memory for that long is no mean feat! As a year group, they really are to be commended as every single student passed the exam with some even achieving a merit or a merit plus (a very difficult level to achieve).

However, in the spirit of ESB, it is only appropriate to hear the students' voice: "Looking back at ESB we found it enjoyable. We each had to memorise a part of the story and the poem that we chose so that we could perform in front of the examiner. To decide what story and poem we did we practised our argument skills and did a vote to make sure it was fair. We found working in a group really fun as we each pulled our weight and split up the workload. We also enjoyed having a small break from writing because we got to use different techniques and







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skills. At the start of the exam, we found it quite a nerve-wracking experience as we didn't know who the examiner was going to be. Lucky for us, Trevor (the examiner) was really lovely, kind and helpful and supported us throughout, meaning our nerves quickly went away. Our advice for any future ESB students would be: don't worry about performing, as the examiners English Speaking Board Qualifications are really supportive and make it very difficult to fail. As long as you work hard, learn your lines and go in with a smile you will be amazing!" - 7E

"We were all really nervous for the 6th of December as this was the day of our ESB exam.

However, when we met Trevor (the examiner) all our nerves dissolved. We had to perform our story and poem with very strict timings, we couldn't be over and we couldn't be under. Despite the nerves, we were also excited as we were the first group to go through the exam, this actually helped our nerves as we got it over with first. After we walked out, everyone felt exhilarated and like they had conquered a massive challenge. Miss Hammond was really supportive as were the other members of our group. Although we did find it a bit of a challenge working in a big group because everyone works in different ways and we had never worked in groups of this size before. This was made more difficult because of Covid and various people were often missing, however we pulled together as a group and showed our resilience to overcome these obstacles. Our advice for future students doing the ESB exam would be to never give up, try your best, and believe in yourself as you never know what you can achieve." – 7L

Well done Year 7, you have done your teachers, your school, and yourselves proud!





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A Level Art

On Friday 17th June our Art Department hosted a Private Viewing of our A Level students' artwork. Parents, governors, fellow students and staff gathered to view some amazing pieces created by the talented artists in Years 12 and 13. We are really proud of the pupils and the outcomes they achieved during 2 really difficult years.

Our students have worked extremely hard, and their efforts are obvious from the quality of the pieces. We wish all our students well in the future and to be able to celebrate the work this way was a great way to end to the A level course and showcase the amazing art.













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Double Delight for Saltash - County U16 Football Champions!

U16 Boys' Football

The Year 11 boys became Cornwall County Champions, winning 1-0 against Richard Lander. It was a closely fought battle against a very strong and physical team. It was a game of very few chances but midway through the first half Ellis scored a delightful goal against the run of play. The boys dominated the second half embodying our TEAM ethos with sheer grit and determination. Every player was phenomenal and



even the substitutes shared their fantastic attitude. The team only conceded one goal throughout the whole tournament and were never behind at any point!

U16 Girls' Football

The U16 Girls County Final followed straight after the boys' triumph. Bolstered by the boys' victory, the girls went into the match full of confidence, even though they were playing a strong Penryn side, who were the reigning champions. Saltash took the match to Penryn and dominated play throughout. Charlotte scored the only goal of the match as Saltash recorded a solid 1-0 win!



Every girl involved had a fantastic

performance. Charlotte scored the winning goal! Jess was outstanding in defence and Hannah was a perfect role model as captain with her tireless work ethic! I am extremely proud to have guided these girls through their County Cup journey. This is the Saltash's 6th win of the U16 county cup since 2014.

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Visit to Plymouth Argyle

A group of 10 students (and 5 staff) from the ARB went to watch Plymouth Argyle play Rotherham United at Plymouth Argyle. One of our Year 11s is an avid Rotherham United follower so when we knew they were coming to Plymouth, we just had to go.

It took months of planning between us, Plymouth Argyle and Rotherham to make the day as special as possible. We arrived and were greeted by members of staff who stayed with us throughout the day. Scotty took us on a tour of the stadium and had the students engaged, taking time to learn names and how best to communicate with them.

The visit coincided with the beginning of 'Level the Playing Field' fortnight nationally. One of the charity representatives joined us throughout with two photographers. Our students have featured on their Twitter as well as Argyle and Rotherham. All the students stood at the side of the pitch to wave flags at the start of the match for level the playing field.

Archie was the away team mascot and loved every minute of the fuss they made of him.

The students were amazing! They were polite, supportive of Archie and so well behaved despite being under the camera lens most of the time. It was a very proud moment for everyone with the group, PAFC, staff and spectators.







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Rainbow Flag Award

As you will be aware, we have been working towards the FLAG Award to demonstrate how LGBT+ inclusive our school is.

I am pleased to report that we have now achieved an additional two badges which means we are half way to completion.





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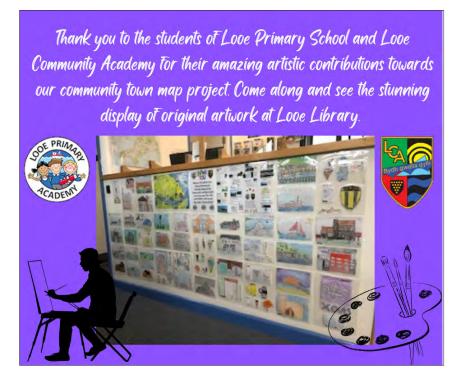


Looe Community Academy's project with Looe Library

One of our Year 8 English classes worked with their English teacher, Miss Oldham to design 'business cards' for a plethora of local organisations and landmarks.

The students' work was sent to Looe Library where a fantastic map has been produced, one side has a picture by students from Looe Primary Academy and the other with information researched and presented by LCA students. The library staff were extremely happy with the students' work and they all received their own copy of the finished map.

It was great for students to see their own work in print and know that the map is now available for all residents and visitors to Looe to use.





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The Looe Academy Dance Team

The Looe Academy Dance Team at Looe Community Academy was formed many years ago now by Mr Deacon and the late Mrs Hingley. The team has regularly consisted of students from several year groups who rehearse twice a week.

The team has been performing for several years during timeouts at the Plymouth Raiders (now Patriots) Basketball games at the Plymouth Pavilions in front of over 1,000 spectators!

They travelled to the Plymouth Pavilions in April, where they completed their final performance of the season, and possibly their last ever performance at the Pavilions, due to the Patriots being scheduled to leave the venue at the end of the season, in search of a new home. It was a fitting end as the performances were superbly received by the sell-out crowd.

Everybody involved wished the Dance Team well for the future, where they will hopefully link up with the Patriots again in the future. The team are also scheduled to perform at Plymouth Argyle and the Plymouth Gladiators Speedway.

The students have gained great confidence and resilience throughout their time involved with the team, and some of the students are now involved in the leadership side of the group too.



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Year 9 Art inspired by realist artist Sarah Graham

The Year 9 Art students at Looe Community Academy have had a gloriously colourful year inspired by the amazing realism work of Sarah Graham. They have each produced a little sweet study, working with acrylic paint and focussed on colour mixing and attention to detail. They started the unit looking at pop art and iconic images developing through the unit with artist studies and section copies. They were incredible lucky to have had Sarah Graham send them a direct message, wishing them luck with their work having been impressed with

their section copy study pages. Sarah Graham has recently been a guest judge on BBC's Young Artist of the Year and to have such a popular, successful and talented artist message the students was mindblowing.

'This created a real aspirational atmosphere in the classes and students were really engaged with this challenge and it was a pleasure to see so many of them really pleased with their outcomes' Miss Welch, Art Teacher.

The work has created an outstanding and truly striking display in the art room and has already receive wonderful feedback.











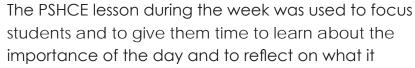


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Looe Community Academy Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On Friday 27 May, Looe Community Academy celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Students from Key Stage 3 were invited to wear red, white and blue and some even dressed up following a 'Best of British' theme. Students were off timetable during period 5 to participate in a whole school British Quiz and celebrate with a cream tea with their form. Many of the form groups had decorated their rooms with bunting and flags. Lots of fun was had and there was a lovely buzz in the air. The day was able to happen due to the amazing generosity of local businesses who provided refreshments, prizes and contributions towards activities.



means to be British.
The work has been put together to create a colourful display in the Academy's foyer.

Year 7 art during the spring term was dedicated to creating flag designs which included elements of British'ness' which were then put up around Looe town centre creating a







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community Art Exhibition. This was set as a competition which created an exciting challenge for the students. The exhibition was sponsored by The Sardine Factory which allowed the art department to purchase specialist materials to be used in this and future projects. The feedback from local residents was lovely and comments were made about the humour involved in the pieces that 'made them smile'.







Landulph Primary School

Throughout this academic year it has been wonderful to see all the children work together and develop their communicative skills in a range of different activities and opportunities. During the year Landulph have promoted their school values through; theme days, residentials, visits around the local community and much more. Below are a few highlighted examples of how our school has thrived over the course of the academic year.

Shoeboxes

At the start of the academic year all of the children were given the challenge to create their own Story Shoebox. The efforts were exceptional, and it was a perfect end to the Autumn term. Once all of the shoeboxes had been handed in, the school created a magical environment using fairy lights, torches and other sources of light. All of the students, and a vast majority of the parents, visited the exhibition and it was a wonderful chance for the school to showcase the effort and work that happens at home and not just in the classroom. Many of the parents and children continue to talk about this as one of their favourite moments of the year.

The exhibition was incredible, it included some well-known literature, including; Snail and the Whale, Harry Potter, The Gruffalo









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and many more. The photographs highlight how amazing it was.





Themed Days

One thing that Landulph always prides itself on is collaboration and teamwork across different year groups and house groups. Throughout this academic year there have been many opportunities for the children to develop their team building skills as well as their chance to work alongside others from different classes. The theme days have included; number day where the children focused on different topics based on numeracy and maths.









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Book day – here the children were read a book and given different art-based tasks to complete. The displays in the school looked amazing and they have been spoken about positively by the children as well as visitors who have entered the school.

During these theme days the children work in their house groups and it is a great chance for the older children to work alongside the younger children. By doing this it promotes a wonderful sense of unity and respect.



Junior Ten Tors

It was Landulph's inaugural Junior
Ten Tors this academic year and the
children were able to develop their
skills and complete an expedition
across the rugged, yet beautiful terrain
of Dartmoor National Park. For the
children to compete and complete
their expedition they needed to
develop their navigational skills; their
ability to erect a tent as well as use a
Trangia to cook their own food.









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These skills were built up throughout a sequence of lessons that were taught after school.

During the event, that happened on the 17th and 18th June, it was fantastic to see the children exceed, despite the hot weather. The views were glorious, and the landscape is one of a kind.

There is nothing better than watching the world go by whilst sitting on a Tor having your lunch. The children made us so proud and it was lovely to be part of such unique experience. They even have a t-shirt to remember the day.







Trewidland Primary & Pre-School

A Wonderful SPACE Day

Children at Trewidland Primary & Pre-School started the day learning about the Spaceport being developed in Newquay.

Spaceport Cornwall is working towards launching the first satellites into space in 2022. It will be a horizontal launch site where modified aeroplanes will be used to launch small satellites into orbit above the Earth

Further interesting and insightful talks & videos live from Goonhilly Satellite Earth Station, Virgin Orbit, UK Space Agency were also enjoyed by the children. The morning concluded with an exciting 'Our Place in Space' workshop in which the children had fun building scaled models of our solar systems - led by the Space Detectives.

In the afternoon, the school was treated to a visit from Space Odyssey & their fascinating planetarium presentations which kept them enthralled and educated until home time. Thank you to Simon Ould for his wonderful presentations which linked so seamlessly to our current topic work!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.











Trewidland Primary & Pre-School

Spring Show Eggstravaganza

A lovely afternoon was had by all at the Trewidland Primary and Pre-School Spring Show; parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, and uncles flocked to wander around the display of fascinating entries which showed the amazing talent of the Trewidland children.

With so many exceptional entries throughout all categories it was an incredibly difficult job for the judges to choose winners. But of course, it is not all about winning prizes, but























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providing such a lovely display for visitors, and to show off the phenomenal skills of the children who took part.

With thirteen Spring-themed categories to choose from, the children were spoilt for choice and the show gave them the opportunity to apply SMART's SECRET Skill this term:

Reflective River – Always has a clear direction and clear goals. If something blocks its way, it always finds a way round the challenge. Everyone is invited to come, take a drink, and reflect.

Well done to all the children who worked so hard (assisted and supported by their wonderful families) on these gorgeous creations and demonstrated their skills – over the last four weeks! All the entries were truly magnificent, and you are all Reflective Rivers!

The PTA had been busily baking and creating too and everyone enjoyed their delicious cake sale. As well as scrumptious cakes, they also sold hand-made helicopter story books which were created by the Gruffalo Class, beautiful felt bookmarks created by the PTA members and second-hand uniform – thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this wonderful afternoon. It was lovely to have see the ever-growing school community together for this very special occasion. Trewidland Primary & Pre-School hope to make this an annual event to celebrate in their school calendar!













Trewidland Primary & Pre-School

The Power of Reading

In March, Trewidland pupils took part in a 'Ready, Steady, Read' sponsored read as part of the World Book Day celebrations. A target was set of £100 and overwhelmingly the wonderful school community at Trewidland Primary & Pre-School raised a massive £850!

Local Usborne partner, Lisa Wooding, took the book order and confirmed that Usborne books would add a further 60% of free books to the total! Therefore, the grand total to spend on new books was: £1360!!

Staff at Trewidland School took pleasure in to totalling up the number of reading hours put in by all the children across that week: 102 hours!! Which was incredible – what wonderful school of book worms!!

Once the new books arrived, the children began enjoying the wonderful array of new guided reading book sets, school English and Maths dictionaries, grammar and punctuation guides and a whole host of other wonderful books!













Dobwalls Community Primary School

Carnglaze Caverns Concerts

Dobwalls Community
Primary School children
took to the magnificent
stage at Carnglaze
Caverns earlier this year.
Being able to provide
the children with such an
amazing opportunity to sing
to their families in such a
stunning setting, was a truly
momentous moment for
Dobwalls, a memory made
for life!

Due to Covid, this was the first concert for over two years and definitely one that won't be forgotten.

The infants performed songs from Disney, nursery rhymes and Easter songs whilst the Juniors in the evening delighted the audience singing a selection of songs including This Little Light of Mine, Happy, Wonder and a superb finale of A Million Dreams from The Greatest Showman.















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Fancy Dress Marathon

Dobwalls School Council children, who are always looking for ways to raise extra funds for the school whilst having fun, came up with the fantastic idea of holding a sponsored fancy dress marathon.

During the event, class 3 teacher, Mr Jones ran a whole marathon and more! Whilst Mr Jones was running, everyone took part too! The Infants ran 3 miles and the Juniors ran a 5k run!

Through sponsorship, the children have raised a whopping £3,000! As voted for by the children, this will be used to fund new outdoor gym equipment.













Dobwalls Community Primary School

Burying of Covid time capsule

Children from Dobwalls Primary School felt it was important to recognise the strange times we have all been living in over the past year or so as a result of the Covid pandemic - a significant time in history which they felt should be marked.

Each class created a page which was hidden in the time capsule, which including memories, poems and more!

The Dobwalls School Council did a super job at burying the capsule underground. It is intended for the capsule to be uncovered in 20 year's time, hoping that Covid will be a distant memory at that point!









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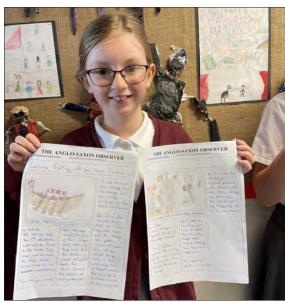






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