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Annual Newsletter 2023: Progress in a time of change

Each year I ask the Headteachers from across the Trust to select their best news stories from the year to share in this annual newsletter. It is an excellent way to really celebrate all the amazing work that serves to inspire children and adults in our community. It also provides me with another opportunity to say a massive thank you to all the staff who make this magic happen, day in and day out.

This year's news items cover a wide range of academic, cultural, sporting, and artistic successes as well as stories that show how much each of our schools really are at the heart of their communities. I am particularly proud of how our schools, in response to the cost of living crisis, have come together with the local foodbanks, local church groups and charities to provide a hub for support. This has included food parcels at Christmas delivered by volunteer staff, continuation of breakfast and after school clubs, and in-school community cooking events that have reached well over a hundred families. Over one hundred schools and organisations are now linked to our TAS (Team around the school) regular meetings enabling us to share good ideas and connections.

This year saw the launch of new websites for all of our schools and I would certainly recommend visiting them if you have not done so already, to see the video messages the staff and students worked so hard on as well as to read numerous further good news items from across the year. Well done to Diane and the working group involving staff from all six schools and the nurseries for such high quality work.

Finally, this year, outcomes for pupils have begun to be published once more, enabling us to start seeing the picture of how well the schools in the Trust have done over the years of the Pandemic. It is excellent to see all of our primaries achieving above the national average combined score at KS2 this year for the first time and to see that both Saltash Community School and Liskeard School and Community College were in the top ten in terms of improving the progress of children at GCSE. We are looking forward to our latest results this coming summer.

I'm certain that next year will bring its own significant challenges but all our staff deserve enormous praise and recognition (and a relaxing break!) for responding with such energy, positivity and passion to the challenges of this year and for providing a rich set of opportunities for our young people, a small slice of which, you can read about in this newsletter.

Regards

Dan

Dan BuckleyChief Executive

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Student Leaders across the Trust

It is certainly the case that the world needs great leaders. Once again, this year, we have been privileged to work with some amazing student leaders from across the Trust as they develop their skills and abilities. These have ranged from year five and six primary leaders devising and running clubs for their peers, through to secondary leaders independently raising thousands of pounds for local charities.

This July in an event hosted by Trewidland Primary School, we brought together the students responsible for the four most inspiring student led projects from each school to recognise their achievements with a day of celebrations, and cakes! We were able to recognise a very wide range of leadership examples ranging from students who had supported family and friends reliably all year through to students who had organised single outstanding events.

We were also able to reward reliable student council members who had diligently asked questions each half term to their peers and feed these views back through the Trust student council to the Trustees, the Headteachers and the Governors. A full account of each of these discussions appears in the student leadership section of the SMART Trust website. These discussions directly impacted on the work of the Trust and challenged our thinking about what motivated achievement at school. Trust Student Councillors also devised and ran excellent student led conferences in Dobwalls and in Looe, bringing together representatives from all schools in the Trust.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have had such excellent student leaders not only providing role models in their school but also in the opportunities they provide







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for others. To illustrate this, a primary child spent most of a term finally convincing staff to let them set up and run a club for teaching computer coding. You might think this was so they could find somewhere to do their hobby at lunchtime but since the club started, they have not had time for coding themselves as they have spent the entire time teaching the younger members, a role that has inspired them even more than coding.

















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Collaborative Innovation in Education: Sharing Ideas for Enhanced Learning Experiences - A Case Study

Introduction:

In the ever-evolving landscape of education, the power of collaboration and knowledge sharing cannot be understated. Across schools and educational trusts, education practitioners are coming together to share ideas and best practices, leading to enhanced learning experiences for students. This article explores three inspiring initiatives presented at SMART Day 2023, where education practitioners with a multitude of different skill sets showcased their ideas and the impact on their own work as well as the broader education community.

Idea Sharing for Practical Science Experiments - Debbie Drinkell:

Debbie Drinkell, science technician at Liskeard School and Community College, presented a session titled "Simple Science Experiments," focusing on simplifying and reworking practical experiments in science for teaching assistants (TAs) and support staff. By breaking down experiments into manageable steps and providing hands-on activities, Debbie aimed to improve the quality of practical lessons and boost the confidence of staff members. Her goal was to ensure that students received accurate information and build their confidence and understanding of the subject. Debbie's inspiration came from her personal struggles with physics and her desire to make practical lessons more accessible to all staff members. She plans to continue sharing her ideas at future SMART Day events, fostering confidence-building sessions for support staff..

Innovative Solutions for Practical Experiments - Eunice O'Connell:

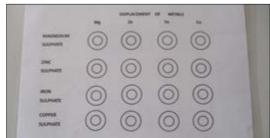
Inspired by Debbie Drinkell's session, Eunice O'Connell, science technician at Looe Community Academy, introduced an innovative idea to replace traditional dimple trays with laminated sheets for practical experiments. The laminated sheets offered advantages such as larger size, easier observation of reactions, and cost-effective replacements. By implementing this idea, Eunice experienced significant time saving, improved efficiency, and enhanced learning experiences for students. The positive impact of this idea has led Eunice to consider further development and the potential for sharing her findings with colleagues. The introduction of laminated sheets revolutionised practical experiments at Looe Community Academy and exemplified the power of collaboration and knowledge sharing within the scientific community.







Laminated Sheet



Reverse Side of Laminated Sheet

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Streamlining School Admissions: A Collaborative Approach - Clare Knapman:

Clare Knapman, data manager at Liskeard School and Community College, recognised the need for a standardised admission process across schools within the Trust. By facilitating a knowledge-sharing session on SMART Day, Clare aimed to develop a collaborative effort to streamline admissions. Her project involved working closely with a dedicated working group and external contributors to identify and implement best practices. The impact of Clare's initiative was already visible, with reductions in printing and postage costs, improved efficiency in distributing admission packs, and enhanced cohesion among staff members. Clare plans to continue her collaborative efforts, exploring additional projects and engaging in discussions to streamline complex assessment processes.

Conclusion:

The initiatives presented by Debbie Drinkell, Clare Knapman, and Eunice O'Connell highlight the importance of collaborative innovation and knowledge sharing among colleagues in education. By sharing their ideas and experiences, these colleagues have positively impacted their respective fields, enhancing learning experiences and streamlining processes.

These examples demonstrate the power of collaboration, the potential for continuous development, and the significance of community and teamwork in achieving common educational goals. As education practitioners continue to embrace the spirit of collaboration, they empower themselves and their colleagues to drive positive change and improve educational outcomes for students.



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The First Christmas Concert of 2023

A musical extravaganza greeted a long awaiting audience in Liskeard School and Community College on the evening of Wednesday 11th January, with the very first Christmas Concert of 2023!

Having had to postpone the previously arranged date in December due to poor weather conditions, students and staff were still on form and produced a fabulous evening of musical entertainment. A number of talented performers (including a harp soloist) graced the stage, performing an array of musical ensembles.

Mr Mark Bond and Miss
Jane Warwick, who both
lead Music at the school,
commented that the
evening was a great success
despite being a little late,
and that although it is
now January this hasn't
dampened the Christmas
spirit!

On display during the concert was the Soul Band, the Year 7, 8 and 9 instrumental group, a Key











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Stage 3 singing group, the Zalick family band and the Year 10 GCSE Music group. Many soloists and duets complimented the programme of music, and parents'/carers were left astounded by the standard of musicianship displayed throughout.

Music at Liskeard School continues to flourish. The appetite for creativity has never been stronger, and students are already looking forward to their next opportunity to perform.













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Liskeard Students Explore their Future Green Careers

Liskeard School and Community
College held a Green Careers Day on
Monday 6th February, where all year
8 students enjoyed a whole day of
sessions and workshops run by some of
the South West's leading environmental
organisations.

Janine Bisson, Education Projects
Manager from the Cornwall Education
Business Partnership commented:
"It was a great day working with
students from Liskeard School. I was so
impressed with their engagement, their
imagination and creativity. Students
were able to meet different employers
from across Cornwall, in areas such as
tourism, farming, engineering and the
music industry, and got a real insight
into what careers in the green sector
look like."

Part of the day was taken up by an enterprise workshop organised by Falmouth University, with the aim to produce designs for an Eco Festival and present their ideas to the class at the end of the session. Students got into teams and battled against each other in a fierce competition, the final decision as to the winners of the competition was made by the visitors from Falmouth University and Cornwall Council.

Paul Russell, Course Leader in Sustainable Tourism and Sustainable







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estival Management, at Falmouth University commented: "It was great to see such enthusiasm from the students for the activity and I was genuinely impressed by the level of understanding that the students had about a range of current sustainability challenges that we face in tourism and festival management."

Well done to the two winning teams with their fabulously thought out designs and ideas, who designed the 'Fun in the Sun' Festival and the 'Soul Food' Festival. Excellent attention to detail was displayed by both winning teams. The winning designs will be displayed in Liskeard School Reception.

Mrs Hydes, Career Lead at Liskeard School commented "At Liskeard School, we are continually looking for motivational ways to support our students in preparation for their future career. 'Green Careers' reach into every aspect of our lives and offer young people an exciting array of opportunities. As always, our students were inquisitive, enthusiastic, and incredible representatives of our school community. These opportunities for our students don't happen without the support of all the brilliant Cornish businesses and organisations that attended on the day and to them we are incredibly thankful."





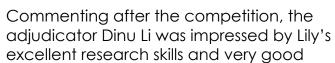


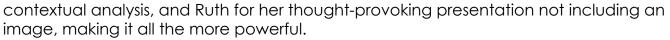
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LSCC wins again at ARTiculation Regional Finals

Run annually, the ARTiculation Prize is a public speaking competition on the arts for students aged 16-19. Students deliver a ten-minute presentation on a work of art, architecture or artefact in front of a daunting live audience and adjudicator. This year two of our students Lily and Ruth took to the stage at the Box in Plymouth on the 1st February.







Remarkably, this marks the third time in four years that students from Liskeard School & Community College have emerged victorious in the regional finals. Ruth, representing the Southwest of England, proudly advanced to the prestigious Grand Final held at the National Gallery in London—a truly remarkable achievement. Although she presented exceptionally well during the final, securing a place proved challenging in the face of fierce competition and difficult decisions made by the judges. Nonetheless, we extend our best wishes to Ruth and express immense pride in all our students who participated in this passionate arts competition, supported by the exceptional Mrs. Schooling. Ruth's journey to the Grand Final stands as a testament to her dedication and passion for the arts, and we commend her for representing the Southwest of England with excellence.





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Year 8 Students' celebration of International Women in Engineering Day!

10 Year 8 girls joined forces with 200 other talented students from across Cornwall at Truro High School. Together, they immersed themselves in a day dedicated to highlighting the amazing opportunities for women in engineering. It couldn't have come at a more crucial time, as we work towards addressing the shortage of engineering skills.

The main goal of the day was to ignite curiosity amongst the next generation of girls, encouraging them to explore the vast array of careers that await them in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM).

Throughout the day, our students participated in an array of exciting workshops and activities, from constructing towering paper structures to trying their hand at the fine art of chocolate welding! Their enthusiasm was contagious, and they left feeling truly inspired after connecting with accomplished women currently working in the engineering industry, who shared their experiences and revealed the countless opportunities that lie ahead for these ambitious young minds.

We're immensely proud of our students' exemplary behaviour throughout the event, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Truro High School for hosting this fantastic day of empowerment and education. Together, let's continue to break barriers and create a brighter future for women in engineering!







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London Democracy Trip 2023

47 Year 9 students from LSCC embarked on a two-day trip to London to learn more about British values. The trip was a resounding success, with the students displaying excellent behaviour throughout.

The group began their day by visiting the London Central Mosque, where they were given a tour of the impressive building and a talk on Islam. From there, they headed to Parliament for a tour of the iconic building and to witness MPs debating in the Houses of Common and the Lords discussing amendments to current laws in the House of Lords.

The students then participated in a workshop on Law and Power, where they channelled their inner MP. Sheryll Murray MP for South East Cornwall joined them at the end of the workshop to answer any questions they had.

The day ended with the group checking into their Youth Hostel and enjoying a dinner before heading out to watch the incredible West End production of Wicked. The show included themes of self-esteem, diversity, and identity.

The following day began with an 8 am start and breakfast at the Hostel before heading to Kidzania, where the students explored different careers. After lunch, the group visited the London Eye, which provided one of the best views of London's skyline.

After a quick ice-cream and souvenir stop, the group crossed the river to catch the Clipper to Putney. Their coach met them at Putney, where they settled in for the ride home.

The staff received several comments about the excellent behaviour displayed by the students during their time in London and would like to thank them for making the trip an absolute pleasure to be on.





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Literacy Workshops at Plymouth University

Our Year 7 tutor groups had a fantastic opportunity to participate in engaging literacy workshops at Plymouth University. They took the lead in writing and illustrating a book called "Cub's Adventure," aimed at younger readers.

Guided by the book's author, students constructed the text and brought the story to life with their own sketches. They worked in teams, demonstrating problem-solving, creativity, and communication skills. This immersive experience allowed them to learn about the process of book creation, while developing their literacy skills.

The workshops were a resounding success, enjoyed by both students and staff. They provided a platform for students to explore their creativity and collaborate effectively. We are immensely proud of their active participation and enthusiasm.

We extend our gratitude to Plymouth University for this invaluable opportunity. Congratulations to our Year 7 students for showcasing their talent and passion for storytelling. Your journey in book creation will have a lasting impact on your educational growth.









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Exemplary Sports Leaders: Fostering Inclusivity and Achieving Success

Our Year 10, 11, and 12 sports leaders have made a lasting impact on our school community through their outstanding achievements this year. With professionalism and remarkable skills, they have received praise from staff and attendees at various events.

Guided by Mrs. Kellaway, our Physical Education coordinator, our sports leaders have embraced inclusivity as a core value. They organised events for primary schools, introducing younger students to the joys of sports, and hosted successful events for students with disabilities and special needs.

Their respectful and composed handling of events in East Cornwall and beyond has been consistently commended. The smooth execution of these county-wide activities reflects their unwavering dedication and exceptional teamwork.

We take great pride in the accomplishments of our sports leaders, who exemplify the transformative power of sports through their commitment to inclusivity.

As we conclude the school year, we extend heartfelt congratulations to all the sports leaders involved. Their contributions have fostered unity, empowerment, and inclusivity within our school community.

We applaud our sports leaders for their exemplary performance and unwavering dedication. Their achievements reflect their abilities and the collective spirit of our school community.

Well done to our incredible sports leaders for making a difference!







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Female football success and Outstanding Sports Leadership

What a year it has been in PE with a range of achievements to celebrate. The growth of the girls' football team has been a particular area of pride for our PE team due to its sustained success and attendance throughout the year.

Our girls' football teams across the year groups have been galvanised by the Women's Euros success and as a result it has been the most well attended sports team of the year. With achievements in winning the 'Under 16's County Cup' for the second year running, coming runners up in the Year 7 County Cup and Year 8 Torpoint Girls Football Festival we are incredibly proud of their dedication and talent!

In addition to their weekly training and busy match schedule, a range of players have taken part in Mrs Kellaway's additional initiative 'A Game of Our Own' which focuses on the promotion of female sports leaders. Students have taken part in nationwide training with Olympians and professional female footballers. This exciting project culminated in the planning and delivery of their own football training session in July which was incredibly well received by the participants.









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Celebrating a Successful Year with the Brilliant Club!

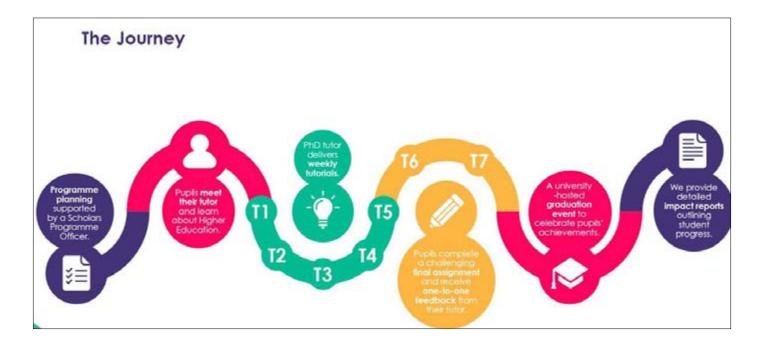
We are proud to highlight the achievements of our students in their inaugural year with the Brilliant Club at Saltash Community School. Their hard work and dedication have yielded exceptional results.

As part of the Brilliant Club, the students take part in The Scholars Programme, this has empowered our students to develop essential knowledge, skills, and confidence for their future academic endeavours. Through the guidance of PhD tutors, small groups of students engaged in university-style learning, with a focus on poetry. This experience not only deepened their subject understanding but also honed university-preparedness skills.

We are delighted to share that all our students successfully completed the programme, and two students received a remarkable 'First' grade for their essay submissions. Their outstanding achievements underscore their commitment to academic excellence.

In recognition of their accomplishments, our students will attend a graduation event and receive personalised feedback on their essays from their tutors.

Congratulations to our students for their exceptional performance in the Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme. These achievements serve as a strong foundation for their future academic pursuits. Well done, everyone!



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Seren's essay:

"Both the poem and the quote invite conversation around the idea of negative theology to depict what is. God is so wildly incomprehensible that it is difficult to use words, conceivable to the human brain to describe Him, especially as His existence is so wrapped up in uncertainty that any word placed on His being feels either too adoring or too small."

Ella's essay:

"The first stanza of the poem, suggests a deep sense of inner peace and balance. The image of the "dove" is often associated with peace and purity, while the idea of "centering" oneself suggests a focus on finding balance and harmony within."

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Thriving Performing Arts Department: A Year of Spectacular Productions

The performing arts department at Saltash Community School has had yet another phenomenal year, filled with exceptional showcases and a grand whole-school production. Led by the talented Mrs. Venner and her dedicated team, the department has been buzzing with activity, showcasing the incredible talent of students across all year groups.

The year kicked off with two captivating music showcases, where students displayed their musical prowess and entertained the audience with their impressive skills. The energy and enthusiasm on stage were palpable, showcasing the immense dedication and hard work of the students.



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In December, the school was filled with the joyful sounds of the annual carol concert. Students came together, lending their voices and musical talents to create a memorable evening filled with festive cheer.

The highlight of the year, however, was the whole-school production of 'Into the Woods.' Students from all year groups collaborated, both on stage and behind the scenes, to bring this beloved musical to life. Their collective effort, from front of house, to performers and production crew, resulted in a series of remarkable performances. They captivated over 300 students from local primary schools during special showings and performed to packed audiences of friends and family for three consecutive nights. The commitment and support shown by the students towards their roles and each other were truly remarkable.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Venner and the entire performing arts team for their unwavering dedication and countless extra hours spent to ensure the success of these productions. Their passion for nurturing student talent and creating memorable performances is truly commendable.

As we reflect on this extraordinary year, we eagerly await the next endeavours of our performing arts department. Their creativity, dedication, and passion continue to inspire us all. Well done to all the students involved, and thank you for bringing the magic of the performing arts to our school community.





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ARB Highlights in 2022/2023: A Year of Growth, Learning, and Success

As the academic year comes to a close, we look back on the incredible journey we've had here at the ARB (Alternative Resource Base). It has been a year filled with exciting learning opportunities, enriching experiences, and tremendous growth for our students, all set in our newly refurbished building. Our commitment to fostering a supportive environment has extended beyond the walls of our classrooms, as we steadily developed our outdoor space, providing our students with a holistic learning experience.

One of the notable achievements of this year was the integration of swimming lessons into our curriculum. Each half term, our students enjoyed one week of lessons at the Saltash leisure centre. Witnessing their progress has been truly heartwarming. From timid beginners to confident swimmers, many students overcame their fears and developed a love for the water.







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Before the Christmas holiday, a group of students had the extraordinary opportunity to attend a production at Stiltskin's Soapbox Children's Theatre in Plymouth. They were enthralled by "The Christmas Mouse," an enchanting play staged in a big marquee outside the theatre in Devonport. Laughter and joy filled the air as the students immersed themselves in the magic of live theatre.





Throughout the year, our students embarked on various educational trips to different places, enriching their understanding of the world around them. The ELC History group had an insightful visit to Launceston Castle, where they explored the medieval ruins and delved into the history of the castle's construction in the 11th century. It was an opportunity for them to connect with the past and witness history come to life.





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ARB Highlights Cont.

As the penultimate week of the term arrived, we participated in the school sports day. The bustling atmosphere of this event can be challenging for our students, but they rose to the occasion, showing incredible determination and courage. Throughout the day, they not only participated in various events but also supported each other wholeheartedly. The display of teamwork and sportsmanship was commendable, and the enthusiasm of our students left a lasting impression on the staff and fellow students from the rest of the school.

Reflecting on the year as a whole, we can confidently say that it has been a resounding success for all our students in the ARB. We take great pride in witnessing their personal growth, academic achievements, and the friendships they have formed. Every step they take brings us closer to fulfilling our mission of creating an inclusive and nurturing learning environment.

As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming year, we also look forward to welcoming new students joining us in September. The ARB community is built on a foundation of support, compassion, and continuous improvement. We are excited to embark on another year of learning, exploration, and accomplishments together.

Here's to a bright future and more unforgettable experiences in the ARB!



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Student Showcases Creative Talents in Designing the Looe 10 Miler Medal

In an exciting competition held at Looe Community Academy, students were invited to submit their designs for this year's highly anticipated Looe 10 Miler medal. The response was overwhelming, with a plethora of fantastic entries flooding in from the talented participants. After careful deliberation, the judges made their decision, and a design crafted by Poppy, a year 7 student, emerged as the winner.

Poppy's winning design beautifully encapsulates the essence of Looe while prominently featuring the iconic bridge that serves as the starting point for the race. The creativity and thoughtfulness demonstrated in her artwork truly impressed the judges.

To bring Poppy's vision to life, the esteemed Little Cornish Creative Co. was entrusted with transforming the winning artwork into a stunning final design. Their expertise and attention to detail ensured that every nuance of Poppy's creation was faithfully rendered. The next step involved the collaboration with Zero Waste Medals, who expertly transferred the design onto eco-friendly slate medals.

Congratulations to Poppy for her remarkable design. The finished medal is a true testament to her artistic talent and serves as a cherished memento for all who crossed the finish line.





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A Successful Collaboration between Looe Community Academy and Cornish Tea

Throughout the academic year, the dedicated Year 8 students at Looe Community Academy in Cornwall poured their heart and soul into creating stunning still life artwork. Their efforts have culminated in an upcoming exhibition within their community. Under the guidance of Miss Welch, the Art Teacher at Looe Community Academy, the students explored the intricacies of color mixing and worked towards fulfilling a design brief. In September, Miss Welch approached Cornish Tea, a local business, for a collaborative project that would provide the students with an authentic experience of working as commissioned artists.

Working closely with Duncan Bond and Jess Rudd from Cornish Tea, a comprehensive design brief was developed. Titled "Everything's better with Cornish Tea," the project challenged the students to produce still life pieces to be entered into an exhibition bearing the same name. Additionally, their artwork had the potential to be utilised for various media and marketing purposes. Generously, Cornish Tea sponsored the project by contributing £450 worth of materials and frames. This support not only underscored the significance of the task but also reaffirmed the students' dedication and the value placed on their hard work.

Throughout the process, the students honed their skills in intricate detailing, color mixing, and composition, with the ellipses of cups proving particularly challenging. Nevertheless, the students met the challenge head-on, surpassing expectations by producing exquisite





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finished pieces. Duncan and Jess were immensely impressed with the quality of work and contemplated showcasing the pieces as a celebration of the students' talent. Subsequently, four exceptional artworks were chosen to grace the sides of 2000 Cornish Tea boxes, while an additional selection of four pieces will be made in the upcoming autumn.

The collection, featuring a total of 60 captivating images, will be displayed at DUNK, a new café in Looe associated with the Cornish Tea franchise. The exhibition, open to the public, will take place over the summer. Additionally, a special private view opening night will be held exclusively for the students and their families.

Miss Welch, expressed her immense pride in the outstanding work produced by her students, describing the outcomes as "simply beautiful." She also conveyed her gratitude towards Cornish Tea for their generous sponsorship, emphasising the incredible opportunity it provided. Miss Wood, Assistant Headteacher, echoed these sentiments, highlighting the exceptional support offered by the local business and the immense benefits reaped by the students. Keith Simmons, Chair of the Local Governing Committee, shared in the enthusiasm, exclaiming, "Wow, what incredible work!"

Duncan and Jess from Cornish Tea were delighted to collaborate with the Year 8 Art Students from Looe Community Academy, finding it both inspiring and enlightening to witness the evolution of their pieces. They eagerly anticipate featuring selected works on their tea boxes and hosting a gallery viewing for all the students at the end of the term.

The collaboration between Looe Community Academy and Cornish Tea has undeniably provided the Year 8 students with a remarkable opportunity to enhance their artistic skills and gain invaluable experience in commissioned work. The extraordinary finished pieces are a testament to their dedication and hard work, serving as a testament to their promising futures in the art world.







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Looe Community Academy Celebrate Cultural Awareness and Inclusivity

Looe Community Academy recently held a day dedicated to embracing diversity and promoting cultural awareness among its Year 8 and 9 students. The event was a resounding success, offering valuable learning opportunities and fostering an environment of celebration and reflection.

InspirAsian, a cultural organisation from Truro, led Year 8 students in exploring the rich traditions of Sikhi and Sanatana Dharma (Hinduism). Students enthusiastically participated in various dance sections, culminating in a collective dance performance during the reflection and celebration session at the end of the day. Charlotte, the session leader, expressed her excitement, stating, "I am still buzzing from being at the school yesterday. It was a real success."

The students also delved into the realities of hate crimes and developed digital literacy skills, learning how to fact-check stories from the internet. Additionally, guest speakers from Bude visited the academy to promote opportunities for women in STEM fields, providing students with valuable insights and inspiration.

As the following day marked the Jewish festival of Purim, which commemorates the triumph of good over evil persecution, students had the opportunity to make delicious Hamantaschen, a traditional Purim treat. This activity connected to the broader theme of antisemitism and the Holocaust, with students fortunate to hear the poignant story of Holocaust survivor Solly, shared by Johnathan Marshall MBE, a pioneer of the Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity.

Throughout the day, the creative spirit of the academy flourished. In Textiles, students created a vibrant "Diversity quilt" inspired by the "Some People Are" campaign, which recognises and celebrates our differences within the school, local, and national communities. Additionally, a captivating mural influenced by the renowned LGBTQ+ rights advocate Keith Haring was crafted. Led by Art specialist Lesa Welch, Year 9 students worked together to create a mural that celebrated diversity and shed light on the experiences of communities subjected to hatred.

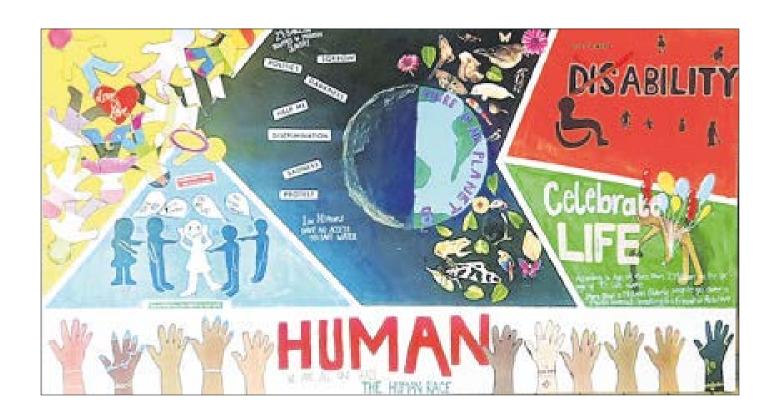
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The impact of Diversity Day was evident in the students' reflections. One Year 8 student shared, "Before, I would have done nothing" if confronted with a hate crime. "Now I will call someone out on it or stand up for them." Another Year 9 student highlighted the importance of respect and tolerance, stating, "The most important thing I've learned today is to be respectful and tolerant."

Organiser Liz Fowkes shared her delight with the event's success, emphasising the invaluable experience students gained by seeing the world through a different lens. She expressed hope that the skills and attitudes fostered during Diversity Day would empower students to confront prejudice and discrimination in the future.

Looe Community Academy's Diversity Day served as a powerful reminder of the importance of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity within the school community. The impactful activities, enlightening guest speakers, and creative projects all contributed to a memorable and transformative experience.



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Looe Community Academy Inspires Creativity with Coronation-Themed Art Workshop

Looe Community Academy recently hosted an engaging art workshop centred around the theme of Coronation. Students had the opportunity to create stunning artwork using iconic images and pre-prepared stencils, allowing them to focus on design and composition. What made this workshop even more extraordinary was the inclusion of family members, who were invited to participate alongside their children.

Participants received guidance on effectively utilising the materials and achieving outstanding results before diving into the creative process. The atmosphere was brimming with enthusiasm as everyone wholeheartedly engaged in the activity, producing remarkable pieces of artwork. The artwork created during the workshop is anticipated to be displayed in the local area, showcasing the talent and creativity of the participants.

The Creative department at Looe Community Academy has been diligently working to foster community connections and collaborate with families on various projects throughout the academic year. Initiatives such as using Instagram to showcase students' artwork and organising community exhibitions have contributed to building stronger bonds within the community. The department is excited to further develop this collaborative approach, nurturing a sense of collective creativity and pride.

Miss Welch, expressed her delight at witnessing the students' thoughtful design process and collaborative efforts. She stated, "I was delighted to see the students truly considering their designs and working together to create outcomes they can be proud of."







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Miss Wood, Assistant Head Teacher, shared her enthusiasm for the pioneering nature of the Art department's collaborative initiative. She looked forward to witnessing more of this collaborative work in the future, as it was a great success.

Parents also had a positive experience, actively participating in their children's learning journey. One parent commented, "It was great to be involved in the children's learning and to experience some of their school day."

The Coronation-themed art workshop at Looe Community Academy served as a testament to the school's commitment to inspiring creativity and fostering collaboration. By involving family members and providing a platform for collective artistic expression, the workshop created a memorable experience for all participants. The artwork created during this workshop will undoubtedly add vibrancy and creativity to future events, further strengthening the bond between the school and the local community.















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.

A Memorable Adventure: Class 3's Residential Trip to Bude

After what had been an incredibly busy term, Class 3 were delighted to have enjoyed an absolutely fantastic trip to their annual residential location - Bude! It was the first time ever that both groups were paired together for activities, allowing them to witness each other's successes and cheer on their friends as one big Landulph team.

The adventure began on Wednesday, 3rd June, around 10 am. The moment they arrived, their feet didn't touch the ground. They had a quick tour of the centre and met their incredible tutors before heading down to the beach for some ice-breaker games. Following lunch, they squeezed themselves into wetsuits (which proved to be a challenge) and returned to the beach for a few hours of attempting to catch the non-existent waves. However, true to Landulph fashion, this didn't dampen their spirits in the slightest. Smiles and laughter were abundant, and everyone managed to stand up on their boards, even if it was just for a millisecond. In the evening, they enjoyed a feast, built human pyramids, and joined in with the centre's talent show. It was clear that Landulph definitely had talent!

The following day, pupils woke up before their alarms, brimming with enthusiasm for





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the morning swim/run. The sky was picturesque as they traversed the Bude coastal paths at such an early hour, relishing the refreshing sea air to invigorate them for the day ahead. Thursday's plan consisted of caving and dragon boating, both of which turned out to be great successes for all the children. Class 3 particularly impressed during the caving sessions. Each student overcame their fears and reservations, displaying exceptional resilience, determination, and camaraderie. The way they supported one another to achieve their goals filled everyone with immense pride and served as yet another example of the true kindness of Landulphians. That evening, they enjoyed their own personal presentation night, where they belted out karaoke and danced the night away before receiving their final awards. Congratulations were in order for Mawgan (superstar), Ruby (joker), and Barney (bottle) - well-deserved accolades.

Friday marked their final day, and the teachers were pleased to find their students much more tired than the previous day, no longer awake at the crack of dawn. After a hearty breakfast, they engaged in thrilling sessions of high ropes and bodyboarding, ending the trip on a high note. Once again, the children amazed everyone with how they tackled obstacles and fully embraced the experience during the high ropes activity. From the leap of faith to Jacob's ladder, there was something for everyone, and the staff had the privilege of sitting back and proudly observing the sheer brilliance of the children. Bodyboarding served as the perfect finale to their true Cornish experience. We all acknowledged how incredibly lucky we are to have this all on our doorstep and cannot wait for next year...

As always, our children were a credit to us and we could not be any prouder of all that they achieved. They made this trip a pleasure for us all. Well done Class 3.







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Landulph School Hosts Successful Careers Fair, Inspiring Future Career Paths

On 28th June, Landulph School opened its doors to visitors from 14 different professions, marking the inaugural Careers Fair held at our school. The event proved to be a tremendous success, providing our pupils with valuable insights into various career paths across a wide range of job sectors. It also gave them the opportunity to engage with professionals from different occupations, learning about their educational backgrounds and employment journeys.

The thoughtfulness of our visitors in preparing activities was truly commendable. Every age group within our school, from our youngest 4-year-olds to our nearly 11-year-olds, was taken into consideration. Pupils had the chance to dress up in police, army, and firefighter uniforms, gaining an appreciation for the weight of the equipment carried within each service. This hands-on experience allowed them to imagine themselves in those roles and sparked their curiosity about the responsibilities and challenges associated with them.

STEM careers were also showcased during the fair, with representatives from fields such as engineering, geology, and medicine (both human and animal) providing valuable insights. One of the most









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engaging sessions was led by a personal trainer who put the children through their paces using battle ropes, kettlebells, slam balls, and various other exercises. Additionally, representatives from physical and mental healthcare professions joined us throughout the day, enriching our pupils' understanding of healthcare and well-being.

The fair successfully achieved its aims, as children left inspired and with a great deal of food for thought regarding their future career aspirations. Exposing them to such a diverse range of professions broadened their horizons and encouraged them to consider paths they may not have previously contemplated. The firsthand interactions with professionals allowed them to ask questions, gain insights, and envision their own journeys towards their desired careers.

Landulph School is dedicated to providing our students with comprehensive guidance and support in shaping their future paths. The Careers Fair was a crucial initiative in this endeavour, and we are proud of its resounding success. We extend our thanks to all the professionals who graciously volunteered their time and expertise to make this event a memorable and impactful one for our pupils.

As we continue to prioritise our students' holistic development, we look forward to organising more engaging and insightful events that foster their aspirations and help them navigate the exciting world of careers.









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Landulph Sports Day: A Rainy Triumph of Determination and Team Spirit

Despite the only rainy day in June, Landulph School's highly anticipated sports day went ahead, showcasing the resilience and indomitable spirit of our students. The weather may have disrupted some plans, but the decision was clear: sports day must go on!

Sports day holds a special place in our yearly calendar, and this year was no exception, even with the rain pouring down. Under gazebos, our children gathered in their classes, showing unwavering support for their friends throughout the afternoon. They competed in various activities, including sprinting, sack races, skipping, egg and spoon races, and space hopper races, representing their houses and year groups. The determination, sportsmanship, and resilience displayed by our students were truly exceptional, and we couldn't be prouder of their unwavering spirit.

As the event drew to a close, all the children participated in thrilling obstacle races, and the day reached its climax with the circular relays led by Key Stage 2 students. This tradition has become a rite of passage for many Year 6 students, and it was a poignant moment witnessing some of them cross the finish line for the last time. Emotions ran high, underscoring the lasting impact of sports day on our students' memories.

The seamless execution of sports day would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication, and teamwork demonstrated by the Landulph team. Working together like a well-oiled machine, the event proceeded without a hitch. It was heartening to see many former pupils return to lend a hand, assisting with equipment setup, manning the finish line, and announcing races. Their presence highlighted the special bond shared at Landulph, where students







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are eager to revisit their alma mater.

Congratulations are in order for Brunel house, who emerged as the winners of this year's sports day. Their victory marks the beginning of training and preparation for the next exciting chapter of sports day at Landulph School.





Landulph School - In the News

World Book Day Delights at Landulph

World Book Day at Landulph School was a joyous celebration of reading, costumes, and parental involvement. Students and staff brought beloved characters to life through captivating costumes, immersing themselves in the magic of literature. Parents joined us in sharing the pleasure of reading and celebrating their children's educational journey. The day reminded us of the transformative power of books, encouraging imagination and broadening horizons. Landulph School remains committed to nurturing a love for books, fostering curiosity and a strong community united by the joy





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of storytelling. As we bid farewell to this memorable World Book Day, let us carry the spirit of the celebration with us, cherishing the wonders of literature every day. Together, we will continue to embark on new literary adventures, inspired by the enchantment found within the pages of a book.



Class 3 Explores Mayflower's Voyage & Wampanog Tribe at The Box, Plymouth

Class 3 embarked on a captivating workshop, diving into the history of The Mayflower's voyage to America and its impact on the Wampanog tribe. They learned about the tribe's life on Turtle Island and how it was affected by the arrival of the Pilgrims. The workshop immersed students in the rich culture and challenges faced by the Wampanog tribe. Alongside the workshop, they had a memorable museum visit, discovering fascinating artifacts. This experience left a lasting impression, fostering curiosity, knowledge, and appreciation for diverse cultures. By engaging with history through interactive workshops and museum visits, Class 3 gained valuable insights, nurturing empathy and a broader perspective.







Grandparents' Lunch

This was a day that we had been looking forward to celebrating for a very long time – after the past few challenging years we were able to welcome our wonderful Grandparents back into school. It was delightful to see so many of them sharing some very special moments with their grandchildren. It was so popular we had to do two sittings!



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Class 2 Explores Pentillie Castle: Nature, History, and Adventure

Class 2 embarked on an unforgettable journey to the enchanting grounds of Pentillie Castle. With their studies centred around plants, the visit proved to be a perfect fit. The children revelled in the opportunity to explore the gardens and fields, immersing themselves in a nature scavenger hunt and problem-solving activities. The adventure took them all the way to the mausoleum, where they unravelled the captivating and scandalous story of Sir James Tillie, a figure intertwined with the castle's history.

The trip to Pentillie Castle was a hands-on experience that deepened the children's appreciation for nature, history, and critical thinking. It sparked their curiosity and opened their eyes to the wonders of the natural world.

Class 2's visit to Pentillie Castle will forever be etched in their memories. It was a day of discovery, wonder, and valuable learning experiences. We applaud their enthusiasm and inquisitiveness as they continue to embrace the world around them, eager to explore and learn.





Class 1 Soars to New Heights at Zero Gravity Gymnastics Academy

Their weekly visits during the summer term built confidence, improved balance, and taught students to follow sequences. Guided by skilled instructors, they fearlessly embraced challenges and defied gravity. The experience went beyond physical skills, fostering perseverance, teamwork, and self-belief. Class 1 left each session with a sense of accomplishment, enriched by the unique avenue for growth and development. Their journey at Zero Gravity empowered them for future endeavours.





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Spring Show Delights Attendees

The Trewidland Primary and Pre-School Spring Show brought joy to all who attended. Parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, and uncles gathered to admire the captivating entries that showcased the remarkable talent of the Trewidland children.

The judges faced a challenging task in selecting winners among the multitude of exceptional entries across all categories. Thnaks was given to the



dedicated Governors who took on this difficult role. However, the focus was not solely on winning prizes but on providing a delightful display for visitors and showcasing the phenomenal skills of the participating children.

Eleven Spring-themed categories offered the children a wide array of choices to showcase their creativity. The PTA contributed to the event by organising a successful cake sale, featuring delicious treats. Additionally, they sold hand-made helicopter storybooks created by the Gruffalo Class, beautiful felt bookmarks crafted by PTA members, and second-hand uniform. The contributions from everyone involved added to the success of the afternoon.

The event served as a gathering for the ever-growing school community. The support and presence of the wonderful families were greatly appreciated. It is hoped that the Spring Show becomes an annual tradition, celebrated in the school calendar for years to come.







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A Fireside Nativity Christmas performance

In December 2022, our school came alive with the heartwarming performance of 'A Fireside Nativity.' The entire school community gathered for an amazing afternoon and evening filled with joy and Christmas spirit.

The stage was set, and the audience eagerly awaited the magical performance. The atmosphere was electric as students showcased their talent, bringing the nativity story to life with heartfelt performances and infectious enthusiasm.

The event was a true celebration of community, with the stage and audience brimming with Christmas cheer. It was a beautiful sight to witness the unity and togetherness as families, friends, and members of the community joined us for this memorable occasion.

The Fireside Nativity performance served as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas and the importance of coming together in celebration. The shared joy and festive spirit created a lasting memory for all who attended.









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Art Exhibition: A Celebration of Talent and Creativity

In February 2023, our Art Exhibition became a vibrant showcase of our students' incredible artwork. We extend our appreciation to the families who came out to support this special event.

Children and parents alike delighted in exploring the gallery, immersing themselves in the world of artistic expression. The exhibition was a testament to the immense talent and creativity of our pupils, leaving visitors in awe of their skills.

Over 100 certificates were awarded across five different categories: Sculpture, Pencil Drawing, Painting, Photography, and Collage. We extend warm congratulations to Chloe, Lily, and Jacob for their outstanding contributions and winning their respective age categories.

The success of the exhibition was made possible by the unwavering support of our PTA. Their dedicated efforts, including a delightful cake sale, added an extra touch of sweetness to the event and bolstered our community's support.

We are immensely proud of our students' artistic achievements and grateful for the incredible turnout from our families. It is through these celebrations that we nurture and encourage the creative spirit within each child. The Art Exhibition was a true reflection of their talent, passion, and dedication, and we look forward to more opportunities to showcase their artistic endeavours in the future.













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A Grand Royal Picnic Celebrating King Charles' Coronation

In May, we gathered for a splendid royal picnic to celebrate King Charles' coronation. Despite the weather, we enjoyed a feast fit for a king. Ru won the crown-making competition, and Mr. Powell-Jones and Neythen triumphed in the Royal Quiz, receiving special hampers. We thank everyone who contributed and attended this memorable event.

The picnic symbolised unity and respect for King Charles' ascension. The carefully prepared hampers delighted our taste buds, offering a variety of culinary delights.

The Royal Quiz tested regal knowledge, with Mr. Powell-Jones and Neythen emerging as worthy champions. We appreciate the organisers and volunteers who made this celebration possible, ensuring all guests felt part of the royal court.

This enchanting picnic will be remembered for the joy and camaraderie it brought. It reinforced the significance of our traditions and heritage. Let these cherished moments inspire us as we move forward with pride and unity.













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Supporting Families through the Eat Well for Less Campaign

On Thursday 26th January, and Friday 2nd February, our school welcomed John, Lou, and Marcia, who conducted cooking demonstrations. Our participants had the opportunity to learn how to prepare delicious dishes such as Banana Oaties and Savoury Flapjacks. After each session, parents received a bag of ingredients and a recipe card, enabling them to replicate the recipes at home. It was a truly brilliant experience!

Cooking provides an excellent opportunity for children and parents to bond and work together. Children not only enjoy the process but also acquire valuable skills such as communication and healthy eating habits.

During the sessions, John shared valuable insights into the cost differences between various supermarkets. The disparity in prices can be significant, making it important for families to be mindful of where they shop. By being mindful of their choices, families









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can make informed decisions that stretch their budgets further.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Lou and John from Eccabi, along with Marcia from Healthy Cornwall, for their invaluable contributions to our Eat Well for Less campaign. Together, they led two engaging cooking sessions for our children and parents, empowering them with essential cooking skills. Their involvement has made a positive impact on our community, promoting healthy cooking practices and empowering families to make more informed choices.

As we continue our Eat Well for Less campaign, we encourage everyone to explore the benefits of cooking together as a family and to consider the cost differences when shopping. Together, we can create healthier, more cost-effective meal options for our families.

Keep up the fantastic work, and let's continue to support one another on this journey towards healthier, budget-friendly eating!







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King's Coronation Celebrations: A Day of Pride and Learning

On Friday 5th May, our school was abuzz with excitement as we celebrated the Coronation in style. The children arrived dressed in vibrant red, white, and blue attire, creating a festive atmosphere throughout the day. In classrooms across the school, students delved into historical facts about the Coronation, deepening their knowledge and understanding of this significant event.

Year 2 students took a creative approach by writing a recipe for the perfect King, showcasing their imaginative thinking. Meanwhile, all students had the opportunity to solve puzzles and engage with historical facts, further expanding their historical knowledge.

To conclude the afternoon, we gathered for a delightful tea party, made possible by the generous food donations from our amazing parents. The atmosphere was filled with joy and laughter as students relished in this special celebration.

As part of the festivities, we held a competition for children to create artwork commemorating the Coronation. Their beautiful creations now adorn our school fence, proudly displayed for the village to enjoy. Congratulations to our talented winners: Mina, Luke, Ella, and Florence. Their artwork truly captures the spirit of this momentous occasion.

As we reflect on this joyous event, we are reminded of the importance of learning about and celebrating our history. The Coronation celebrations provided a valuable opportunity









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for our students to delve into the past, fostering a deeper appreciation for our heritage.

Thank you to everyone involved for making the King's Coronation celebrations a resounding success. We are proud of our students' engagement and their commitment to learning.















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Introducing Our New School Song: "One and All"!

We are thrilled to unveil our brand-new school song, "One and All"! This incredible composition is the result of a collaborative effort between our talented students and Mr. Spencer, our music teacher.

The entire school had the opportunity to contribute their ideas, making this song a true reflection of our school community's spirit. Mr. Spencer worked closely with a group of 20 children to bring these ideas to life. Their creativity and dedication have resulted in a memorable and uplifting song



that captures the essence of our school.

The lyrics of "One and All" can be found below for you to enjoy and appreciate the thought and effort that went into creating this masterpiece. We invite you to take a moment to read through them and experience the magic firsthand.

We debuted our school song in a public performance for the first time during our sports day in June, and it was a truly fantastic experience! The energy and enthusiasm of our students as they sang the song filled the air with joy and unity. It was a proud moment for everyone involved.

Since then, we have continued to sing "One and All" during our school assemblies, and the impact has been nothing short of amazing. The song has become a powerful anthem that unites us, inspiring a sense of togetherness and pride in our school.

We would like to thank Mr. Spencer and the group of children who worked tirelessly to bring "One and All" to life. Their collaboration and passion have created a song that resonates deeply with our school community.



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One and All

One and all, one and all Believing in ourselves and others, Believing in ourselves and others

On my first day at school,
I didn't know what to do.
All the teachers helped me,
Because I was brand new.
And now I know,
We are a community,
With our own identity
Dobwalls School is the place to be,
This is the school for you and me.

One and all, one and all Believing in ourselves and others, Believing in ourselves and others

SECRET skills help us learn,
Dojo's are cool to earn
For the diamond we aim high,
Mistakes are made but we always try
Computing, sketching and writing
too

We like to learn something new R.E, D.T, P.E are fun, Always including everyone.

One and all, one and all Believing in ourselves and others, believing in ourselves and others ONE, TWO, THREE, FAN-TASTIC
EQUIPMENT IN THE PLAYGROUND
A RUNNING TRACK TO RUN AROUND
A MEMORY GARDEN TO THINK AND
REFLECT
IN THE NATURE WE ALL RESPECT..
RESPECT
FEEL THE VIBE IN WILD TRIBE
WE LOVE OUR CORNISH
COUNTRYSIDE
One, two, three, four
We are a community,
With our own identity
Dobwalls School is the place to be
This is the school for you and me

One and all, one and all
Believing in ourselves and others,
Believing in ourselves and others
Believing in ourselves and others
(One and all)
One and all, one and all
Believing in ourselves and others
Believing in ourselves and others



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Celebrating Cross Country League Success!

We are absolutely thrilled to share the outstanding achievements of our cross-country stars this year. Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off, culminating in a successful awards ceremony held in Liskeard.

Throughout the past few months, our students have participated in six exhilarating races at various locations. We couldn't be prouder of each and every child who took part in this challenging series.

The awards evening was a truly memorable occasion, with 25 of our students achieving well-deserved medals. Additionally, we are delighted to announce that our Y3/4 boys secured an impressive 3rd place overall, while our Y3/4 girls claimed a sensational 1st place finish. This achievement is truly amazing and a testament to the hard work and determination of our students.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the cross-country league this year. Your perseverance, teamwork, and resilience have been truly remarkable.

We also want to express our gratitude to the dedicated coaches and staff who have supported and guided our students throughout this journey. Their commitment and encouragement have played a crucial role in our success.









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Loveny Male Voice Choir: A Special Musical Encounter

Throughout this academic year, our musician of the month program has introduced us to a wide range of musicians and composers. However, March was particularly exceptional as we had the privilege of welcoming the esteemed Loveny Male Voice Choir to perform in our school hall.

The atmosphere was electric as their captivating voices resonated throughout the room. We even had the joy of singing cherished Cornish anthems like "Trelawney" and "Cornwall My Home" alongside the choir.

The experience left a lasting impression on our students, showcasing the power of music and the cultural heritage of Cornwall.

We extend our thanks to Loveny Male Voice Choir for their generous visit and inspiring performance. This encounter will be cherished as a celebration of the unifying force and beauty of music.











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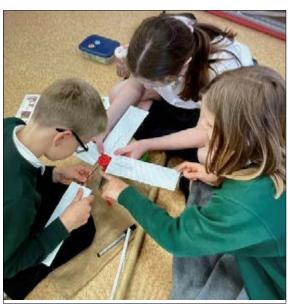






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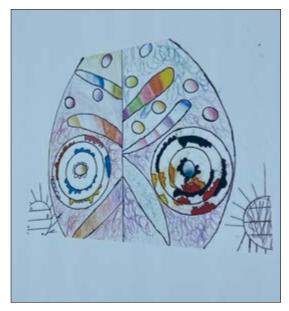








Talent of SMART Students

















Exceptional Creativity &















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Mext there comes more anger, so much you want to burst.

So when your feeling grief you must flury remember this. The pain you del is derived from loves that is why they are so missed.

Although grief feels regative, It comes from deep inside.

You can't control what happens, Just be sure to confide.