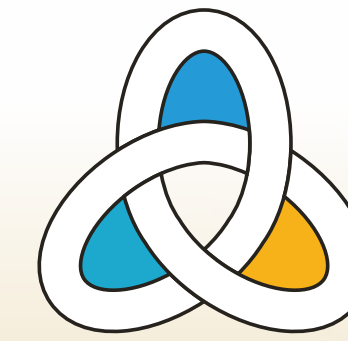


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MAGICAL EVENING OF EPIC VERSE



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# MAGICAL EVENING OF EPIC VERSE



The first Rambunctious Festival of Epic Verse was held in July at Brannel School. The event was a collaborative project by the CELT Creative Partnership and brought to life something that gave every child involved a memorable experience and a chance to shine.

The pupils performed with confidence and professionalism to a packed theatre, a testament to the dedication and commitment of staff from across the Trust.

This was the first CELT Creative Partnership event and it has sparked joy, ignited creativity and given children a platform to showcase their performances. We look forward to future projects and continuing this collaborative approach to creativity within our academies.







## CELT SPORTS EVENT

Over 50 children from four CELT academies visited Poltair School for the second CELT Sports Event of the year. Pupils from Lostwithiel, Mevagissey, Mount Charles and St Mewan participated in Dance, Fitness, and Gymnastics sessions.

Studio 4 Dance choreographed a group dance, followed by a circuit session with 10 fitness stations. In small groups, the children created Gymnastic performances involving balances and varied travel methods.

It was wonderful to see children from Lostwithiel, Mevagissey, Mount Charles, St Mewan working together in small groups and enjoying each challenge.

Thank you to Poltair's Sports Department and their brilliant Sports Leaders as well as teachers from Studio 4 who all helped to provide our pupils with such an enjoyable and memorable experience.





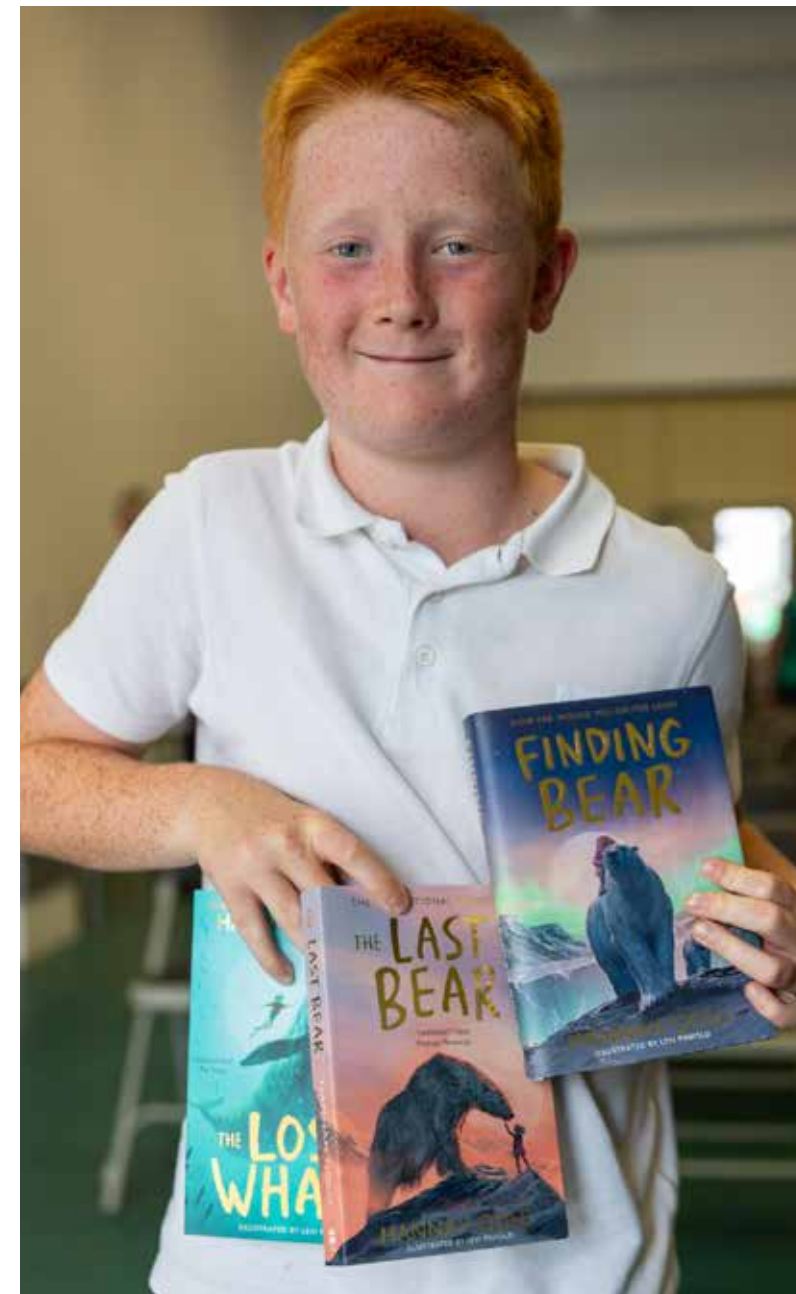


## PAGES COME ALIVE AT THE FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

St Austell was brimming with excitement as hundreds of local pupils from across the Trust gathered to meet their favourite authors at the St Austell Festival of Children's Literature.

Simon Pollard, Headteacher and the driving force behind the festival, envisioned the event as a way to foster a love for reading among families and build a community centred around books. Along with a dedicated team of volunteers, Mr Pollard is committed to inspiring the local community to embrace reading for pleasure.

"We've had a blast, and I think it's safe to say that overall, the festival was a HUGE success. Together, we brought St Austell and Cornwall alive with the magic of reading," said co-organiser Julie Sykes.







### Turning the page on another chapter with smiles and cheers! Year 11 Celebration Day 2024

Our Year 11 students commemorated five years of achievement with a fun packed Celebration Day of signing shirts, taking photos, glitter, and delivering heartfelt speeches, followed by the very best silent disco EVER! Miss White, Head of School, commented by saying, "This was a fantastic celebration that allowed students to come together and celebrate their accomplishments over the past five years at Bodmin. We are extremely proud of this year group; they have all demonstrated great resilience and determination. Miss White, Mrs Cloke, and Miss Gregan led the event by delivering heartfelt speeches. It was heartwarming to witness the Year 11 students appreciating each other as well as expressing gratitude towards our dedicated staff members. The students gathered with their tutor team and other staff members for speeches and pasties,

before and joining a Silent Disco in the Studio. Our arts technician put on his sunglasses under the persona of 'DJ Arthur,' and soon the Studio was filled with students and teachers wearing flashing headphones, singing classics like 'Mr. Brightside' and 'Don't Stop Me Now' at the top of their lungs! A fantastic afternoon was had by all. Mrs Cloke, Assistant Headteacher wanted to say "Well done, Year 11, for all that you have achieved on your Bodmin College journey. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you!" Miss Gregan, Head of Year 11, said that "Nothing can take away the hard work and effort that you've all put into your education. Being your Head of Year was a pleasure and I have enjoyed getting to know you all. Wishing you all the luck for the future"

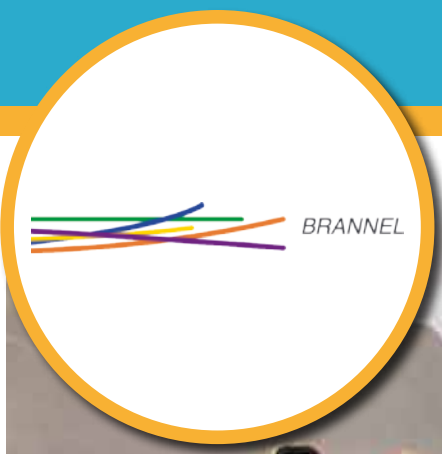


### It was a night of glamour and glitz as Year 11 celebrated their Prom

On Friday 21st June our Year 11 students of celebrated their prom at the Atlantic Hotel in Newquay. It was a night filled with elegance, joy and boundless energy as students celebrated the end of five years at Bodmin College. Students arrived making a grand entrance on the red carpet, having their pictures taken and then a welcome drink, allowing students to mingle and create lasting memories with friends and teachers. The sit-down dinner that followed was well-received. As the night progressed, the dance floor became the focal point, with students dancing and enjoying each other's company. Miss White, Head of School commented by saying, "We couldn't be prouder of the Class of 2024 and want to wish them the best of luck as they embark on their exciting next steps and bright futures! The Bodmin College Prom was a huge success and a night that many will cherish. A few of our Year 11 said; "It was the perfect way to celebrate the end of the school year and the friendships students made along the way." "It was such an amazing experience; I wish I could do it again. The vibe and energy everyone brought was the perfect way to end our journey at Bodmin College" "I'm genuinely so thankful to all of the Bodmin College staff, teachers and students for making it such an enjoyable experience. Everyone was focused on having fun and making it a perfect evening." Miss Gregan, Head of Year 11 also wanted to add "We wish you happiness, health, and success in all your future endeavours. Well done, Class of 2024 – you have made us proud! We look forward to seeing you on results day on Thursday 22nd August 2024". Everyone had a fantastic evening, and we wish our Year 11 students all the very best for the future. A special mention to Miss Gregan for organising such a wonderful event.







### Year 11 Leavers Day and Prom.

Year 11, in the words of your Head of Year, Mr. Harris: "We're so proud of the young adults you've become." All the students looked fabulous at Prom and had the most amazing time. It was great for staff and students to get together, celebrate all the students' amazing achievements from their time at Brannel, and say a final farewell.



### Learning Lifesaving Skills - Year 9 Students' Workshop with Paramedic Greg Marsden

It can be sad when our students leave us and head off into the big wide world, but it is always great to hear from our ex-students, especially when they come back to run workshops with our current students. Year 9 participated in a workshop led by paramedic and former Brannel student Greg Marsden. Students practiced the recovery position and CPR using dummies. The absolute highlight of the session, though, was sitting in the first response car and trying out the blue lights and sirens.



### Tall Ship Sailing and a French Cultural Exchange to Binic, Brittany.

The opportunity to sail a tall ship across the widest part of the English Channel doesn't come up very often, but even more rarely is the chance to incorporate it into a French cultural exchange. Our Year 9 and Year 10 French students got to experience life in the small town of Binic, meeting and working with local students, playing boules, and taking part in many events throughout the week. The only sad part was having to say goodbye to all these newfound friends.



### Cornwall Schools Mining Games.

South Crofty was the last tin mine to close in the UK in 1998. This closure also marked a sad farewell to all metal mining in Cornwall. However, a Cornish mining legacy lives on with the Camborne School of Mines and the King Edward Mine Museum's Mining Games. Brannel had two teams competing this year, and across all the events, they placed a respectable 3rd overall against some very stiff competitors from schools all over Cornwall.







## Literature Festival Draws Excitement

We were delighted to welcome not one, but three authors, to a special afternoon at Carclaze as part of the St Austell Festival of Children's Literature. Louis Stowell, Katie Kirby and Jenny McLachlan are all children's authors who create their own illustrations and were given a fun drawing challenge by pupils as part of the event. Carclaze pupils were able to ask the authors anything and challenged the authors to a draw-off!



## Year 6 leavers 2024

We want to wish our Year 6 Leavers all the best as they prepare to start their next chapter at secondary school in September. The pupils performed their end of year pirate production with plenty of ohhs and argggghhs all round. We will miss them (and their families) but know that they will go on to do some incredible things in the future.



Louise began her time at Carclaze as an ECT, teaching Year 6 where she has been an integral part of consistently good outcomes. For the past 2 years she has also been English Lead developing a strong whole writing curriculum. We wish her all the best as she begins her sabbatical in Dubai, teaching Year 6!



Alisa Shopland has been part of Carclaze for nearly 20 years. She started in the office at Carclaze Infant School in 2005 and has seen her role develop over the years, recently evolving into Attendance Officer. She has been fantastic at fulfilling this job. As well as her paid work she has been an integral part of the PTA and a founding member of Carclaze Voices Choir. Alisa is taking "early" retirement



Michaela Ford has supported children throughout Key Stage 1, and early Key Stage 2, during her almost 10 years at Carclaze. She was one of our original TIS practitioners and has worked closely with children who have social and emotional needs. She has also been keying in the teaching of Read Write Inc, leading groups and running catch-up sessions. Michaela is taking voluntary redundancy.



Sophie Goldsworthy (previously James) joined Carclaze as an ECT and has been with us for 3 years. During this past year she was part of the first cohort of 3rd year teachers to complete the CELT exceptional Teaching & Learning course. Sophie is leaving to make the next stage of her career nearer to home.



Lesley Yates joined Carclaze Junior School in 2001 and during her time has held a variety of roles including cleaner, lunchtime supervisor and wraparound care assistant. Her welcoming manner and cheery disposition gives the children a great start and end to the day. Taking voluntary redundancy means she can spend more time with her family. We are sure to still see her at school events but in her role as grandma.



Daphne is retiring, a little early, after starting at Carclaze Junior School in 1993. She worked for a number of years in the old Area Resource Base before it closed. As an HLTA she has worked in every year group and had an impact on hundreds of children in her 30+ years of service. She is looking forward to finally experiencing term time holidays.



Sharon Jago began work as a teaching assistant at Carclaze in 2014. For 10 years she has supported a number of children who need specialist care, undertaking a lot of additional training. As well as this she has used her artistic talents to brighten the school and create lanterns for St Austell Torchlight Carnivals. Not pictured, but also taking voluntary redundancy is Leanne Rickson who has also been with us for 10 years. We are so grateful to each and everyone of them for all that they have done for the children, families and staff of Carclaze and wish them all the best for the future.



Roxy Aitken joined us in 2018, initially working across Carclaze and Mount Charles Schools, before moving across to Carclaze the following year. Her drive and passion are an inspiration to us all and her legacy will include greatly maths outcomes, superb singing assemblies and cake





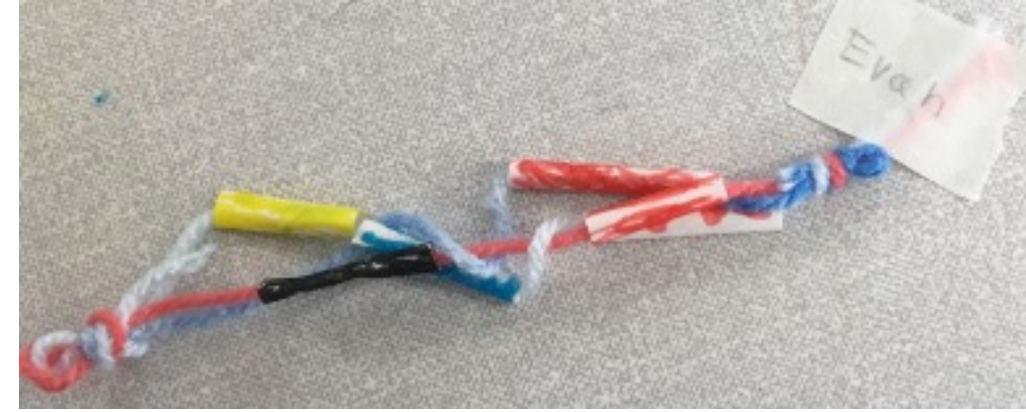


## Time to say goodbye

Year 5 at Fowey have had a fantastic year. The highlight of which has to be our kayaking sessions on the Fowey estuary. This was thanks to the funding received from the European organisation ProBleu. Our final session on the water was in beautiful sunshine and was simply glorious. The perfect way to say goodbye!



Lantic Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a pirate and explorers' day towards the end of term! The children in reception enjoyed making pirate telescopes, writing stories about pirates at sea and singing pirate songs.



Year 1 enjoyed making pirate plaits and tying knots, breaking pirate codes, pirate phonics, creating a pirate/ explorer's profile and pirate counting!



The children found a pirate in a rug! They had to solve clues to find the pirate's belongings!



Year 2 - As we are approaching the end of term, Cannis class are getting ready to say goodbye, not just to Year 2, but also to Key Stage One! Consequently, we have been preparing a Key Stage One graduation assembly. In the picture below, you will see us practising our graduation song! We really enjoyed



looking back over the year and thinking about the lyrics which could go into our song. We enjoyed our transition day. Year 2 were enthusiastic about their morning in Year 3, and they are ready to move into their new class in September!

Year 6 at Fowey are feeling many different emotions right now. They are both excited and nervous about moving onto secondary school, whilst feeling sad and nostalgic about leaving primary school. They have recently had their residential, which was extremely fun and time spent with their friends was just what they

needed. Year 6 were super pleased to have received their Leavers hoodies, which were gifted to them from the Fowey Fundraisers, thank you! Good luck Year 6 in your transition to secondary school. Be amazing, achieve great things and have the most awesome time!







As we say goodbye to the end of our third year at Newquay Primary Academy, our teachers and staff have been busy preparing our pupils for the next step in their academy journey. They have ensured that each class have made some amazing memories to take away with them. We have had beach trips, lifeboat visits, sporting events and a lot of singing and dancing!



All three classes embraced Wellbeing Week a few weeks ago, taking part in so many fantastic activities from yoga, a healthy taste challenge to a dance class and Diversity Day. They even raised over £130 for the NSPCC by taking part in a fun run.



NPA Sports Day was held as part of Wellbeing week, and we were lucky enough to have the Sun come out, allowing us to have a fantastic day. It was exciting to see the event growing as the academy grows and adding another class into the mix really made for a brilliant atmosphere. All the children shone and put so much enthusiasm into each of the individual events. We cannot wait to hold this event with four classes next year.



Our amazing choir took on their first public performance this month and sang beautifully at the Killacourt. They gave Oasis a run for their money when they sang a brilliant version of Wonderwall. We are all so proud of them and look forward to seeing where they perform next, hopefully with some new members from September.



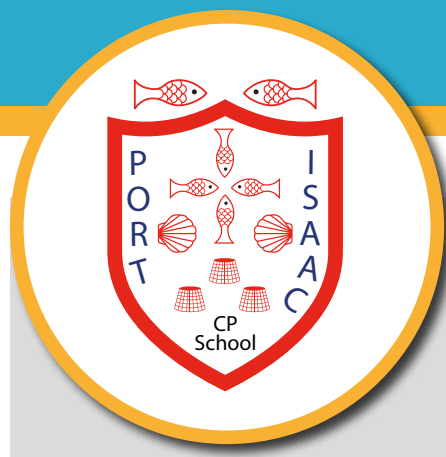
We can't believe how quickly the year has flown by and our youngest cohort in Joshua Class will soon be making the transition to year one. Sticking with tradition, Joshua Class took to Porth beach to finish off the year with a very rainy and wet beach school. They had an amazing day playing beach games, learning about the RNLI flags, rock pooling as well as completing a beach clean.



With the end of the academy year in sight, our pupils have also been preparing to say goodbye to their class teachers and getting to know their new ones. On their second transition day, they were all invited to join superhero school! Everyone came to school dressed as superheroes, even the staff. All classes got involved in lots of activities, including mask making and a hero's assault course, allowing them to get to know their new teachers and support staff. All our teachers are sad to say goodbye to their current classes, but excited to get to know their new pupils and see how they take on the next challenges thrown at them. We have had a fantastic year at Newquay Primary Academy and hope to continue to go from strength to strength.







Our School motto at port Isaac is Kara Dyski- Love Learning, here are some of the fantastic things that have been happening, we are very grateful to all of the adults who work with us to give us these opportunities and motivate us to love learning.

## Time to say goodbye

As we reach the end of another school year, it's time to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements, and bid farewell to those moving on to new adventures. This year has been filled with aspiration, community, respect, resilience and joy and we are grateful for the support of our school community in making it a success.



## Goodbye Cornwall, Hello London!

Dolphins Class cheerfully said goodbye to Cornwall and hello to London! They enjoyed three fun-filled days exploring the city's wonders: visiting museums, riding the London Eye, dining at fabulous restaurants, watching "Matilda" at the theatre, and taking a sightseeing tour of Westminster. It was a truly remarkable experience, and they represented Port Isaac splendidly.



## Election Day Excitement

Election day at Port Isaac was an exciting event as students participated in their very own general election. Pupils studied each party's manifesto and voted for who they wanted to lead the country. Port Isaac bid farewell to the Conservative Party and welcomed the Green Party. It was wonderful to see the pupils engaging with our democratic system and discussing what matters most for their future.



## Fond Farewells

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the departure of Mr. Darren Hoare, our Puffin Class teacher. Mr. Hoare has been with us for two terms and has made a significant impact on the children and colleagues. While we will miss him, we are excited for his new opportunity at Bodmin College in September. We wish Mr. Hoare every success in his new role.

## Farewell to Our Wonderful Year 6!

Dolphin Class is both proud and sad to bid farewell to our incredible Year 6 students. This exceptional group has brought so much joy, energy, and enthusiasm to our school. They have consistently represented Port Isaac with outstanding values, showing kindness, respect, and a strong sense of community.

Throughout their time here, they have demonstrated an insatiable thirst for learning, eagerly engaging in every lesson, project, and activity. Their curiosity and determination have been truly inspiring, and they have set a high standard for their peers.

As they embark on their next chapter, we are confident that they will continue to thrive and achieve great things. We will miss each and every one of them dearly, but we take comfort in knowing that they are well-prepared for the exciting adventures ahead. Good luck, Year 6 – we know you will make us proud!



Nippers and Seal Pups are ready to say Goodbye to a year full of fun and friendship, laughter and learning and exploration and enquiry. We have made lots of memories together!

Mo "I liked Mermaid day".  
Sadie "I like doing bubble wrap fish".  
Harrison "I liked doing the castle challenges".  
Ellen "I liked finding crabs at the beach".  
Leonard "I liked the sports day"  
Sonny "I like seeing the octopus ink".





**Farewell Year 11 – A Wonderful Prom Night**



**New Student Leaders at Penrice**

Introducing our new Student Leadership Team! Meredith and Barnaby become our new Head Students



**New Arrivals on the Farm**

We have two new arrivals on the Penrice Farm! Meet Bert and Ernie, the pygmy goats. These two old boys have moved over from the Bodmin College farm for their retirement with us.

**Inaugural Sports Awards Evening**

Congratulations to all of our award winners at this month's inaugural Sports Personality of the Year Awards Evening! A big thank you to our guest speaker, Ben Hammersley from Exeter Chiefs Official, for inspiring the next generation of sports stars. One very proud Penrice Academy PE department.



**Year 6 Welcome Day**

We had the best day with our new Year 6 students on Monday 1st July. We look forward to welcoming them all full time in September!







## A Final Poltair Assembly for Year 11

On 12th June, our Year 11 students met for their last ever Poltair Assembly. It was an emotional gathering, for students and staff, as they reflected on the past 5 years.

As is tradition, our Year 10 students gathered to form a guard of honour as the Year 11s made their way off the school site – a fitting exit for a fantastic Year group. We are so proud of all that they have achieved, we hope that each and every one of them go on to be successful in whatever comes next for them.



## A Night to Remember at the Poltair Prom

On Friday 28th June, Year 11 gathered for the highly anticipated Leavers' Prom at The Alverton Hotel, Truro. The hotel provided a stunning setting for the event, and our students certainly looked the part.

As always, our proud staff were there, along with proud parents/relatives, to watch the grand arrivals; and as always, our students didn't disappoint. We saw one student arrive in an articulated lorry, while another arrived on a trike – escorted by 68 motorbikes! Our Class of Year 11 had a fantastic evening of food, music, fun and laughter – the perfect end to their 5 year Poltair journey.



## Goodbye Year 6 and Hello Year 7

On 1st July, we welcomed our soon-to-be Year 7s to Poltair for a Transition Day. They spent the day taking part in a range of activities, whilst getting to know the staff and making new friends in readiness for September.

The students returned in the evening, along with their families, for a Transition Evening. In addition to the informative talks delivered by staff, our guests got to hear firsthand, from current students, about life at Poltair – we even welcomed back a former student, Willow, who spoke about her 5-year Poltair journey and the opportunities it has opened for her since leaving.



## Space Camp Adventure

In July, Evie and Alfie, both in Year 8, embarked on an incredible journey to Space Camp USA, an experience made possible by The Jon Egging Trust.

Evie and Alfie participated in various hands-on activities, from simulated space missions to team-building exercises, each designed to prepare them for real-world challenges. Both students embraced the challenge and successfully graduated from Space Camp, returning with unforgettable memories and invaluable experiences.

One of the highlights of the trip was Evie's extraordinary encounter with Charles Duke, the Apollo 16 astronaut. At 88 years old, Duke remains the youngest person to have walked on the moon, a record that stands to this day.

A huge thanks to Miss Spicer and Mr. Martin, who accompanied Evie and Alfie on this adventure.



## Poltair Presents Oliver! JR

In a stunning showcase of talent, our school's production of "Oliver! JR." has left audiences captivated and delighted. From the moment the curtain rose to the final bow, the performance was a testament to the dedication and hard work of every student involved.

The production ran over three nights, each performance playing to a huge audience. Additionally, a special matinee performance was held for over 150 local primary school students, providing a wonderful opportunity for younger children to experience the magic of live theatre.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of our teachers: Mrs. Mills, Mr. Richards, and Mrs. Pearson.

As the final curtain falls on Oliver! JR., we are left with memories of a remarkable production that showcased the incredible talent and spirit of our school community.







We had a very special afternoon last week, celebrating our Tiny Trees Nursery leavers. The graduation ceremony took place on a sunny afternoon in our amphitheatre and was the perfect way to end the children's nursery journey. The children looked the part in their beautiful caps and gowns and each of them received a certificate and a 'Tiny Trees' teddy. We are incredibly proud of all of our Tiny Trees learners and look forward to watching them continue their journey in Apple Class.



## Jumping for Joy!

The Lostwithiel Showjumping Team recently shone at the Cornish Primary School Team competition. Mila, Nell, and Marla represented our school brilliantly. Marla won the 50cm class, showcasing her exceptional skills and dedication. Their combined efforts and teamwork paid off as they secured second place overall in the Best Presented Category. The girls' hard work and sportsmanship were truly inspiring, making their school and community proud. Congratulations to Mila, Nell, and Marla for their fantastic performance!



## Goodbye Mrs. Doney

We say a heartfelt goodbye to Louise Doney, who has dedicated eight wonderful years to Lostwithiel School. Louise is moving to Bodmin College as an HLTA, and she will be greatly missed. Her support in the classroom has been invaluable, and her assistance on trips and residential has enriched the students' experiences. Louise's enthusiasm and love of the outdoors have been a true asset to our school community. We will miss her positive spirit and dedication, and we wish her all the best in her new role. Thank you, Louise, for everything you've done for us!



## Farewell Year 6

We say goodbye to an amazing group of Year 6 pupils who have made us incredibly proud. They have worked hard and played harder, setting a fantastic example as role models for younger pupils. Their conduct on trips and residential has been exemplary, and their presence has brought joy to everyone. We are confident that each one of them is destined for great success in the future. Their departure leaves a significant void, and they will be missed! Thank you, Year 6, for your dedication, enthusiasm, and wonderful company throughout the year. Best of luck in all your future endeavours!



## Fiver Challenge

Conkers Class have had a brilliant final half term at Lostwithiel School. They have completed a 'Fiver Challenge' where each pupil was given £5 for a Young Enterprise Project. The whole class decided to set up 5 different 'biscuit' companies and undertook market research before designing their perfect products. The teams also created sales pitches for their products, alongside bespoke packaging. Demand was so high that they sold out on the day and took a whopping £440! Pupils paid back the initial 'set up' loan to the PTA and then used the profit to pay for their Leavers' Meal at a local cafe and also an ice cream treat at the end of their sailing day on the River Fowey. A fantastic success!



## Go Active!

This half term the pupils at Lostwithiel School have been introduced to some 'Alternative Sports' by 'Go Active' who have been providing extra-curricular clubs at the school this year. Children absolutely loved the 'Zorb Football' where a lot of them spent the majority of their time either bouncing off each other or upside down! Other activities included fencing, nerf wars, archery with cross bows and multi skills team challenges.



## Pesky Pirates!

Our school was overrun with pirates last week as Apple Class held their 'Pirate Day'! The children had great fun walking the plank, creating their very own telescopes and taking part in lots of role play activities including some sea shanty singing with Captain George!







We are so very fortunate to have such an amazing team of St Mewan and we are readying ourselves to say goodbye to two of our longest serving colleagues, whose passion and dedication to education who have inspired so many of our team and helped us to become the teachers we are today. We are sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Vercoe and Miss Stephens but are delighted for them that they are beginning well-deserved retirements after a lifetime of dedicating their lives to education; to developing the full potential of their pupils and to inspiring generations of educators who follow in their wise and well-trodden footsteps.

**Miss Stephens** is our longest-serving teacher. We consider her to be a fountain of professional knowledge; a friend to all; a mentor and the calmest, driest, non-hugging part of the furniture at St Mewan and we can't imagine our school without her. She is hanging up her 'bobble inducing' lanyard and retiring but she leaves behind her a legacy in the teachers and support staff she has inspired as well as the children whose lives she has shaped.

With a hugely successful teaching career of over three decades, she has seen thousands of children, parents, grandparents, colleagues, students... and schemes of work pass through the St Mewan doors. The commitment, dedication and unwavering work ethic that Sara has shown is exemplary. Although Sara would like to leave quietly with no fuss, she should be shouting from the rooftops that she is one of the teachers who has stood the test of time in this profession and is leaving on absolute high. She played a huge part in our recent OFSTED and we will miss her hugely. Starting her career in Early Years and finishing in Year 2 with a passion for her subject of DT, she will be sorely missed by all.



**Miss Vercoe**

Miss Vercoe has been working with young children for a huge part of her career, starting as a nursery nurse in Bodmin and then bringing all those skills over to St Mewan. Sarah has been a member of the teaching staff at St Mewan for over 18 years, with most of those years being in the early years team where she has welcomed countless little people into the St Mewan family to begin their journey through the school in the most capable of hands.

Sarah will never be forgotten by the staff here for her compassion and wisdom and the way she has supported little people and bigger people as a central member of our family. She leaves the school to begin a retirement full of dog walks but leaves us with memories of her being the best pond dipper out there – she's introduced many a child and adult to the Kaddis Fly Nymphs! We have loved our time crabbing with her on Gorran beach and bonding through the bamboos at Lanhydrock. We will continue to say, 'Quick Sticks' and to create amazing small world scenes, that will never live up to the great campervan picnic area! And of course we will never forget her skills in the school production, especially the Morris Dancing scene! We can't imagine our school without her, and neither can the children who had all these lovely things to say about her:

- 'I love Miss Vercoe teaching me and Jack in RWI' Finley K
  - 'I love her making stuff with me, like tying up the string' Freddie R
  - 'Miss Vercoe is really kind to me' – Myla O
  - 'Miss Vercoe helps me' – Aaron P
  - 'I give her lots of hugs!' – Harley R
  - 'She plays games with me' – Ethan N
- Enjoy retirement Sarah and Sara – you deserve every moment!



**Farewell Year 6**

It's time to say goodbye to Year 6! We recently took our Y6 children to the Isles of Scilly on residential where they had a brilliant time away creating lasting memories with their teachers and friends as they approach the final few weeks of their final year at St Mewan. The majority of these children have been in the same class for the past 7 years and what better way to celebrate the end of their primary school experience together than camping on an island 27 miles off the coast of Cornwall. Over the course of the week, we walked nearly 54 miles, coasted, explored the beaches on St Martin's and were whizzed around the islands on a rib ride, spotting seals and puffins. We were even lucky enough to sample the locally produced ice creams on St Agnes and, as a special treat, headed out on the water to watch the inter-island gig racing under the sunset. What fortunate St Mewan leavers we are! Good luck Year 6. We have fond memories and will look forward to seeing what's next for you!







## Ash Class

As we come to the end of the year, Ash Class have finished off their 'On the Move' topic by creating Wacky Races vehicles ready for Luxulyan Feast Week Carnival. The children chose a character to dress up as and then designed their vehicles. We were delighted to win the Gold Award in the school category. Ash class have delayed their time to say goodbye as they will be part of a mixed age reception and year 1 class next year and will have more time with their current teachers Miss Allison and Mrs Barnett!



## Sycamore Class

Wow, what a year! Sycamore class have been amazing. The joy of being a teacher of a mixed age year group is that I get to have my year 3's for another year of wonderful learning. However, it does mean saying goodbye to the spectacular year 4's who have done incredible work this year. When I think back to all the learning and experiences, we have had it makes me feel so proud.

Some of the highlights of this half term are: the year 4's smashing their MTC's, Sycamore class challenging themselves at Porthpean during our residential and showing the staff their how wonderful children from Luxulyan are and our outdoor learning day where we got to do some team building and make a rainbow in a jar. Good luck year 4 next year in Oak class. See you in September year 3, remember you will be the role models in class.



## Beech Class

As we come to the end of another school year, we start to reflect upon our successes and experiences that we shared together. A recent highlight was a lesson about democracy and the importance of the general election. The children then had a choice of four parties to vote from and were delighted to discover the following day that they were in a 'hung parliament' situation! A few days later, the children came to school wearing their PJ's AND had a film and popcorn afternoon. What a great way to end a busy school year. It is going to be an emotional time to say good bye for our year 2 pupils as they move into the junior class and of course we will be saying a very sad farewell to Miss Young who will be leaving to join the Port Isaac team. She will be greatly missed by the whole Luxulyan community.



## The Great Luxulyan Cornish Show

To celebrate another year of being part of the Go Cornish for Primary Schools programme and to share our learning with the community we held the first Great Luxulyan Cornish Show. People aged 3 years and up entered into six categories including art, photographs, models and decorated stones. The entries were judged and rosettes and certificates awarded. At the Show itself the choir sang a collection of Cornish songs and there was a demonstration of Cornish dance. We were delighted that Harry Glasson – writer of 'Cornwall My Home' was able to come as one of the judges and also hear the choir sing.

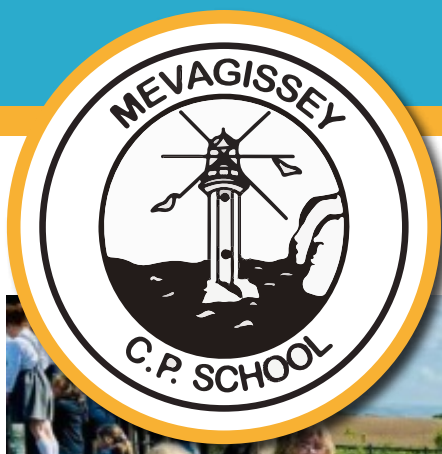


## Oak Class

It is always a mixture of emotions when we say goodbye to our year 6. They are ready to become year 7 pupils and move on into the next phase of their learning journey but they are also going leave big holes in the community. There are still several events for them to look forward to including a day at Adrenalin Quarry, the leavers barbecue and the very emotional leavers assembly. We have a fantastic group of year 5's ready to step up and take on the mantle of school leaders next year and new house captains will be appointed very soon. Good luck year 6!







## Year 5 and 6 head to London

Year 5 and 6 headed to London bright and early and crammed so many amazing experiences into the 3 days. The main highlights were seeing all of the different landmarks, watching the rehearsal for the trooping of the color and singing our play songs on the London Eye. The children were beautifully behaved and a lot of fun was had by all.



## Time to Say Goodbye and Moving on

Our wonderful Year 6 class are getting ready to say goodbye. They have worked extremely hard this year, overcoming many challenges but remaining resilient every step of the way. They are excited for our end of year production of 'Peter Pan' and we cannot wait to see them shine.



## Feast Week 2024

This year we had our biggest turn out for all our community events during feast week. Flora, The fish festival, our sports tea and many more events. Once again, the children were fantastic and looked the part in their fancy clothes.



## Feast Week Flags

Every year there is a competition to design two flags for Feast Week. One was about an event in school, our new attendance mascot and one about an event in the wider community, celebrating 200 years of the RNLI. This year the designs were fantastic, being brought to life and put on display in the village alongside the previous year's winners.



## Beach schools

Summer is our favourite term where the whole school take part in our beach school curriculum. Weaving different aspects of the curriculum through our outside learning means all children have the experience of learning within our local environment. This year we were lucky to have sessions by 'The Three Bays' group who worked with the children on exploring different ecosystems and habitats alongside educating them on micro plastics.



## KS2 at the Minack.

Our amazing PTFA treated the whole of KS2 to a trip to the Minack to watch Dr Dolittle. The children enjoyed the coach ride, singing with their friends as much as they enjoyed the show. The sun shone and the children had a fantastic day. Thank you to our PTFA for always fundraising to give our children the best experiences.



## Memory Café

Linking to our topic, 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside' starfish class went to the Memory café to talk about what it was like when the older members of our community would go to the beach when they were young, the children compared this to their own experiences of being at the beach.







## Exciting New Outdoor Learning Space

Our eagerly anticipated EYFS outdoor area opened this term and our pupils have been busy enjoying the three distinct spaces: The Shore, The Jetty and the Butterfly Woods.

We invited the families of our EYFS children to play and learn together in our fantastic, new outdoor area. The children and their grown-ups spent time talking, laughing and working together in the sunshine. They explored The Shore, where everyone experienced the sand and water with bare feet and smiles on their faces, they built dens in Butterfly Woods and shared stories and musical instruments together on The Jetty. We loved the opportunity to welcome parents into the spaces that their children have been talking excitedly about at home.

We also invited our Year 2 children to come and explore the new EYFS outdoor space: "Thank you EYFS for letting us explore your fantastic outdoor area! We all had the absolute best time and we enjoyed paddling in The Shore and building dens in The Butterfly Woods! We are hoping to be lucky enough to come down again one afternoon!"



What a year it has been for our Year 6 children; from all they have achieved on their journey through Mount Charles to conquering their fears at their residential trip to Porthpean Outdoor Adventure. The end of their year has been equally busy learning how to put together a musical production. They've thrown themselves into perfecting their lines and honing their acting skills for the show 'The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan.' This end-of-year showcase has been more than just a performance; it's been a masterclass in public speaking, acting and presentation, significantly boosting their confidence and self-esteem.

The children performed their dress rehearsal to the rest of the school, who were thrilled to see clumsy Stanley Marvel transform into SuperStan to defeat Candy King—the Super-Villain! Of course, he was helped along the way by his crazy Gran and some Mad Minions, adding to



## Time to Say Goodbye

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Jo, who returns from secondment to St Mewan, Becca, who will be joining The Hub, and Mr Keast, who is resigning from our team of Governors after more than six years of voluntary service. Thank you to each of you for your valued contributions to Mount Charles. We wish you the very best for your next chapter.



It is with a mixture of sadness and excitement that we say goodbye to Claire Bunting who is leaving Mount Charles to lead the Cradle to Career project across the Trust. We are confident that she will continue to inspire and lead with the same passion and commitment that she has shown here at Mount Charles. While we are saddened to see her leave, we are also incredibly proud of her achievements and grateful for the lasting impact she has made on our school.

Thank you, Claire, for your hard work, your vision, and your unwavering dedication to our school community. We wish you all the best and look forward to hearing about the great things you will undoubtedly accomplish.

Best wishes  
Team MCS.





## Eve Wersocki Morris Forest of Forbidden Magic

Our pupils recently had the opportunity to visit Carclaze Primary School where they listened to author Eve Wersocki Morris talk about her new book Forest of Forbidden Magic.

Eve shared with the children some of the challenges she has faced, such as dyslexia, and emphasized the message that everyone is capable of achieving their goals. The students were inspired by Eve's story and left the event feeling motivated and empowered to overcome their own obstacles.

It was a valuable experience that encouraged our pupils to believe in themselves and their abilities.



## Outdoor Maths

Years 3 and 4 visited Trenance Park and Gardens to work on fractions. They developed super confidence with their equivalent fractions. They then carried out an investigation into the popularity of different car colours.

Years 5 and 6 were down at Tolcarne Beach investigating the link between science and maths. They worked out the swell period and investigated how the depth of water affects the speed of waves. We finished with a biology and maths investigation exploring how the shape of limpets' changes around a rock.



## NJA Buzz – Special Edition

Newquay Junior Academy's editorial team for the NJA Buzz visited Mr Fice-Thomson from Big FT's Shack down at his happy place between Tolcarne beach and Lusty Glaze.

The pupils enjoyed a mini adventure through the caves and a rockpool ramble. We saw nudibranch different crab species, including a shore crab that was still soft from a very recent moult.



## NJA Staff Leavers

After 35 years of dedicated service, Mrs Dewsnap has made the decision to retire from her position as Class Teacher and will be leaving Newquay Junior Academy on the last day of the summer term, 26th July 2024. We are also sad to say goodbye to some of our brilliant Learning Supports; Stacey Gilbert (26 years) Angela Yeo (16 years) Nicola Burks (14 years) Frances Binks (6 years) Mia Spry (3 years) Francesca Allen (2 years) Jemma Biggs (1 year) Hilary Walker (2 years) Chelsea Purchase (2 years) Ellie Carter-Crowther (1 year)

## NJA Euros

The NJA Euros kicked off this half-term and has been thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and staff!

32 teams battled it out over lunchtime to take home the biggest prize and bring eternal glory to their chosen countries.

The matches have been very competitive, and we have already seen some amazing goals!



## Year 4 – Newquay Activity Centre

Year 4 pupils, went to Great Western Beach with Newquay Activity Centre and immersed themselves in body boarding, surfing and beach team games. It was a day full of new experiences, excitement, fun, and laughter.



## Year 6 Leavers Performance – The Greatest Show

The year 6 children have been working tirelessly during their rehearsals for their end of year production, "The Greatest Show". With only a few days to go until the performances, they are determined to get every detail just right. The children have been perfecting their harmonies, practising their dance routines, and rehearsing their lines with precision. The enthusiasm is palpable as they work together as a team, encouraging and supporting each other every step of the way. From the leading ladies belting out powerful renditions of "This Is Me" to the energetic choruses dancing their hearts out to "The Greatest Show", every student is giving it their all to make this production one to remember. As the days go by, the excitement grows and the anticipation is building - it is going to be a show like no other







### Time to say Goodbye

We watched with Pride as our Year 11s finished their time at Tretherras. The effort put into the decoration of their shirts was at a new high this year, and the way in which they conducted themselves was outstanding. We couldn't have asked more of these hard-working students, who have consistently gone above and beyond our expectations throughout their time at Tretherras. They have set a standard and were true role models for the younger years. We will miss them.

Jo Lloyd-King - Head of Year 11

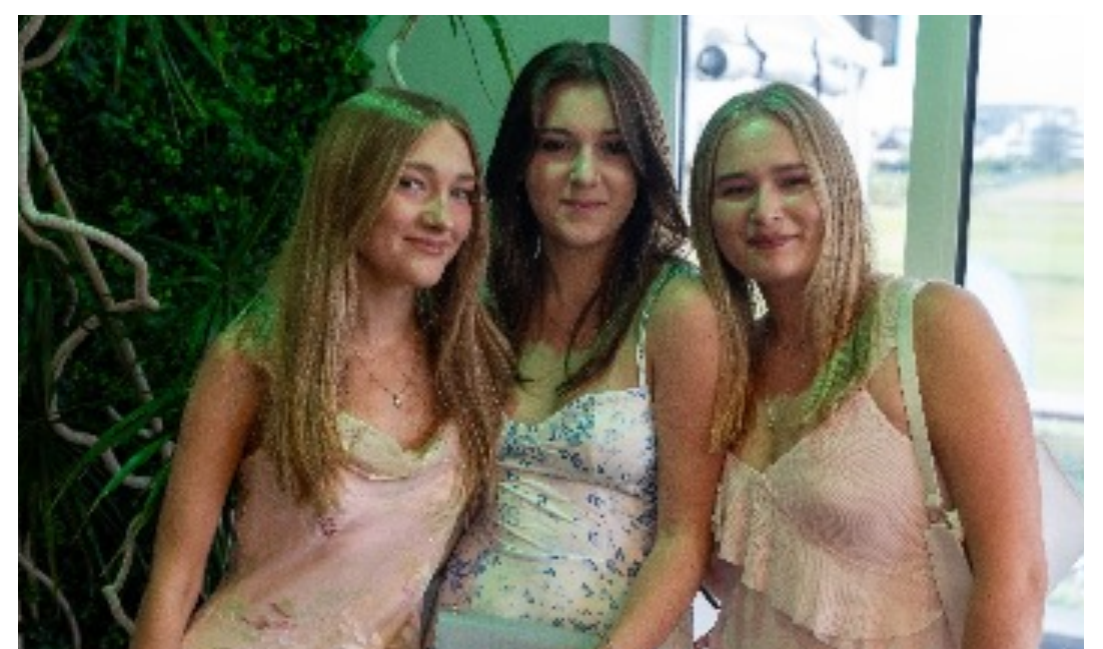


What better way to end an amazing year than with a fantastic Year 11 Prom. 250 of our wonderful young people dressed to impress in their stunning suits and sparkling ball gowns. We had students arriving in vintage cars and campers, modern muscle and sports cars, motorbike gangs, golf carts, and even police cars. These young people demonstrated dedication to their education all year, and for it all to come to an end with a magnificent celebration evening was truly glorious. It has been a pleasure supporting the cohort through their GCSE years, and I wish them the very best of luck for their futures.

Justin Wotherspoon - Deputy Head of Year 11



After 31 years of service, we said goodbye to Ian Tippett, Tretherras' Senior Caretaker, (seen here on the left) who hung up his keys, walkie-talkie, hammer, screwdriver, saw, etc for the last time on Friday 14th June. Staff at Tretherras held a collection so that he and his wife can visit a few of his favourite fish restaurants in his well-deserved retirement. He will certainly be missed by us all!







We are also sad to be saying goodbye to three of our wonderful members of staff (Miss Jen Rowe, Miss Alys Welch, Miss Elissa Blight) who are leaving this term to seek new opportunities including teacher training and teaching in Thailand. We wish you all the best of luck and thank you.



## Pondhu Leavers

It has been a busy last few weeks of term at Pondhu preparing for our Year 6 children to be leaving ready for their secondary schools. We have been looking over their memories of their time at Pondhu for their graduation event and they raised over £500 to contribute to a Year 6 leavers day at Camel Creek. We wanted to take this opportunity to tell them how proud we are of them and remember some of the amazing times we have shared over the years.

