

CEO Newsletter November 2018

The last month has been a busy one across the Trust.

The Conference room has hosted an number of meetings and training events all of which help to strengthen the offer to our children in the schools: the SENCo network; the Health and Well-Being group; the Co-operative Spirituality working party; ICT strategy group; Coaching for Leaders training and SKIP (School Kids in Partnership), where two pupils from each of our Trust schools come together to form our Co-operative School Council.

The SKIP Council had an excellent meeting and are planning an exciting project to help provide materials to support the charity 'School in a Bag' which supports sending other children to school in countries affected by disasters and conflict. The children have planned assemblies to share the project with their schools and a series of fund raising activities will follow. The SKIP Council considered how this project demonstrated the Co-operative Values of the Trust. The most amazing discussions took place. One pupil said: 'it supports democracy too because if the children have an education they will have a louder voice'.

The SKIP Council will be meeting again on the afternoon of Thursday 24th January 2019 to further develop this inspiring and very worthy project.

We are delighted to celebrate that one of our teachers, Jo Makin-Isherwood, from Porthleven has been become an NCETM Accredited PD Lead. This means that she has been recognised for her in-depth design and planning of a professional development offer for teachers in mathematics. Congratulations to Jo.

The Strength in Numbers project has been fundamental in the development of maths in the six schools involved in the project. It has been nearly a year since the launch of the project and the opportunities this has opened in our MAT have been significant. The schools have been invited to a number of Maths Hub training sessions, including the resources training in October based on Numicon and other general manipulatives. Work has been focussed on understanding assessment, monitoring, action-planning and developing individual school targets as identified in the termly audits. We are looking forward to continuing the Strength in Numbers initiative next term.



Over the course of recent weeks, Crowan Primary School has had some new outdoor equipment installed for use by their Reception class & Year 1 children. The new resources include a mud-kitchen, new sand-pit, a construction area and tiered dens! Students and staff from the construction department at Helston Community College helped with the necessary ground-works. The school has also taken delivery of some new PE resources courtesy of the Premier League Primary Stars programme. The equipment was delivered following a successful bid from Mrs. Nicky Ellis – one of the Teaching Assistants at the school and keen sports coach.

Children from Crowan Primary School took part in a massed choir performance at New County Hall in Truro on Friday, 21st September to mark 'World Peace Day'. The school was also one of the few Cornish schools – only 5 primaries - selected to appear on the BBC Children in Need show broadcast live from The Tate, St. Ives.



Parc Eglos School recently won the Tesco competition to design a poster as part of the anniversary of the end of WW1. They are very proud of the children who designed this poster, who are all part of the school's HMS Heroes Club. Every name on the Helston War Memorial was written on a poppy and added to the poster. In addition, during an art lesson, the children created their own memorial. They designed poppies from recycled school uniform, with a knitted centre and embellished with recycled pop bottles.



On Friday 16th November, Year 5 at Mullion Primary School took part in a Mayan-inspired day of cookery. This was the practical end to their food technology learning which involved them researching food origins and practices, healthy eating and planning menus to prepare and cook. The day was a busy but exciting experience and would not have been as successful without the support and guidance of a parent, Ash Carkeet, who is also a catering lecturer at Cornwall College. Two pupils, Lucy and Robben, wrote a letter with an extensive shopping list for Tesco's who donated a gift of £15 towards the cost of ingredients

Helston Community College has recently been given £700 from Fugro. Their Falmouth office primarily works in the marine environment, which includes drilling operations from jack-up barges and large vessels. The design and manufacture of such equipment takes place on site in the purpose built workshop. Over 300 locals are employed, covering a wide range of professions, including mechanical design engineers, project managers, fabricators, hydraulic fitters, electricians, welders, and drillers. Fugro's donation will help fund the 'Race for the Line Rocket Car Competition'. All Year 7 students will build and race their own rocket car with Beth Gifford and Nancy Milne trained as race supervisors.



Excitement filled Grade Ruan C of E school when they won a competition to design a Christmas card for the Bishop of Truro. From over 400 entries across the county, Grade Ruan School won both prizes for their amazing designs! Sophie in Year 5 and Elliott in Year 4 won £25 of book tokens each and the school won £100. All the children were thrilled when Bishop Chris came to school to present the prizes, meet the children and take an assembly.



Christmas is clearly on the way. It was super to see Cury School taking part in the Truro Lantern Parade this year. The children and staff braved the very heavy rain and did us proud with their lanterns. I am looking forward to attending a number of school concerts and nativities in the coming weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and support this term and to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Kind regards

Donna

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