



## Children's Engagement in All School Has to Offer

We have, for some time now, been witnessing a significant shift in our children's engagement in their daily learning and with the opportunities on offer. As teachers we are certainly aware of this and, we have sensed this change, but it can be difficult to really understand the magnitude of this shift. As a head teacher, I too am aware of it and proud of it, but once again it can be difficult to judge until you see comparisons with other schools.

In recent weeks we have had other head teachers from Crofty schools examining the work we do. I have been in schools in Truro and in Crofty in my School Improvement role and Governors have been in school carrying out their monitoring responsibilities. What is quite evident is that our children are very engaged in their lessons and by that, I mean that they listen carefully to their teachers, they settle to their work enthusiastically, show resilience when learning gets 'hard' and are confident in being able to use the resources around the classroom to help them with their work (and not immediately seek adult help). They work confidently with their peers and have a growing vocabulary to help them explain their work and they reflect upon their learning quite naturally now and, therefore, are thinking ahead about what they need to do to get better.

The shift in their growth as young people is also evident in their behaviour around the school. There will always be the occasional 'blip' on the playground where children have not made the best choices and these situations are used as learning opportunities but the general behaviour is incredible. Children are empathetic, reflective, kind, thoughtful, solve conflicts, and are organisers. They are responsible and respectful and relationships between children and the relationships between children and adults are very healthy.

The shift in our children's attitudes and outlook, can also be marked by the numbers of children who are so keen to take part in clubs and teams and events outside of school. We have never had so many children taking part in clubs and those children are turning out so regularly now and clearly benefiting from these opportunities. An example of this is the fact that there are two clubs that take place on a Friday night and involve 45 children and the attendance each and every week is amazing. The popularity of netball has grown so much that we have now scheduled two evenings to cater for the numbers. Similarly, the numbers of children wanting to take part in cross country is simply great and the success we had at the recent Redruth Cross Country has been the best yet.

All of this does not happen overnight and, it is not down to one person, or to one approach, but it is the efforts from the whole school community that has helped raise children's aspirations and, as a result, we have children who see themselves as learners with the resourcefulness to overcome challenges in their learning and, the in-built resources, to be able to shape their future, regardless of the challenges that are thrown at them. Staff at the school work incredibly hard and have an amazing determination to deliver and the partnership that exists now between parents and teachers is clearly having a huge impact but, what is also a huge factor in this shift, is the fact that our parent body are echoing those aspirational messages at home.

**Thank you and let's keep it going.**

## Please note

**All** After School Clubs have now finished. Look out for the new lists that will be sent home before Christmas for the Spring Term.

General Data Protection Regulations. The information being collected will only be used within the guidance of the GDP regulations. More information can be found on our website.

**Check out our Website!** [www.pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk)

# What's for lunch?

**Children In Need**—A massive thank you to everyone who gave a donation to Children in Need. We raised an incredible £219.77.



Monday	Italian Pasta Bake (V) Parmesan cheese Bean enchilada (V) Mango mousse & homemade mini fruit cookie
Tuesday	Pasty pie, gravy Seasonal Mixed vegetables Vegetable curry, mango chutney & naan bread (V) Creamy Rice pudding
Wednesday	Local Roast pork, apple sauce Gravy Cornish roast/boiled potatoes, Cornish carrots ,cabbage Homity pie (V) Cappuccino cake
Thursday	Beef curry & whole grain rice Samosas (V) Tomato chutney Vegetable couscous Sweetcorn /green beans Fresh fruit salad
Friday	Oven baked battered fish, lemon slice Greek crispy filo spinach & feta tart (V) Chips/focaccia bread peas/mushy peas or baked beans Florentine crispy

## 5/6 Teeth day!

On Wednesday 28th November, all three Y5/6 classes participated in a special teeth day where they learnt new and exciting facts about their teeth and also how to look after them properly. The children labelled a diagram with the different types of teeth as well as discussing their functions. Additionally, the children made some interesting instructions for a younger child about how to keep their teeth clean and healthy. The children worked sensibly and calmly with a partner and used the Chromebooks to find out more top tips for keeping their teeth healthy.

**Remember to always brush your teeth for at least 2 minutes, twice a day.**

## Governors at Pennoweth

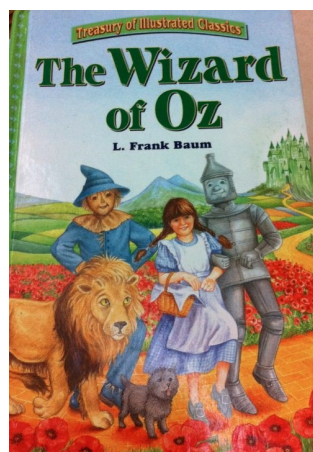
The Chair of Governors report for the last year has been printed in the blog on the website; just click on the 'About Us' tab and select 'Governors' from the drop down menu.

The governors are working really hard at monitoring the progress of the children, making sure that money is well spent, that our children and staff are safe and working with the Crofty Academy Trust. Recently we have been finding new ways to do this and I have found some of the meetings and visits quite fascinating and very helpful, I particularly enjoyed the 'Reading Café' for year 3 and speaking to children and parents. It was great to see so many people enthusiastically involved. The teachers were delighted!

We have just had to say goodbye to our Clerk, Wendy who has done a fantastic job for us for which we are very grateful. Crofty Trust are appointing new clerks and we hope we will have someone just as efficient and knowledgeable. If you have good administrative/secretarial skills and a hunger to learn about education it is a career worth training for. Wendy began doing a few hours a week and it built into a full time job covering many schools. Clerks are always needed. If you want to know more contact me via the office.

I am looking forward to the Christmas productions in the coming weeks and speaking to parents in the new year. Please be a little extra understanding of school staff in these last few weeks of the year which are very tiring with all the extra organisation, especially when they are battling through all the germs and bugs that children are so good at spreading! Staff do their jobs joyfully and, as a grandparent of children in the school, I am sure I speak for all of you in thanking them.

Jim Seth



## Pennoweth Library News

Every day in the school library between 8.00am and 8.30am  
\*everybody welcome\*

Next week we will be reading - The Wizard of Oz by L Frank Baum

**Certificates this week go to - Gabriel, Harry, Cacee, Leon, Ivy, Modestas, Preston, Ivy, Leo, Gracie-Mae**

**Gold Certificate awarded to Miss Dunstan's class—well done!**



## Important Information from Cornwall Council

### Starting Reception in September 2019

If you have a child born between 1st September and 31 August 2015, you must apply for a place in a reception class. **The deadline for applications is 15th January 2019.**

Visit the council's website for an application form:

[Www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)

Tel: 0300 1234 101

Please note that attending a school's nursery does not guarantee your child a place at that school, you **still need to apply**

## LOST PROPERTY - LABEL IT OR LOSE IT!

Please, please, ensure that ALL items of clothing etc. are clearly named, as these items can then be returned to your child promptly.

ALL unnamed lost property will be placed in the clearly labelled containers in the Main Reception.

Please note that ALL unnamed items will be donated to the clothing bank on a regular basis.

Dates tbc in the Newsletter when this will be happening.

## We Need Your Help

The Government are changing the rules which in the long term will adversely affect money coming into our school. In 6 years time, Pupil Premium Funding will cease, BUT, we have a chance to secure money for the next 6 years, only if EVERYONE allows us to check whether you are eligible. If you have been eligible for even just a week, you are still entitled to access this funding. Please help us by completing and returning a Pupil Premium form, which may be sent home with your child next week.

**We thank you for your continued support.**

## SCHOOL CAMPS PAYMENTS

Reminder - the next instalment for camps is due by the 20th December.

## IMPORTANT CORRECTION

The blue token voting system at Tesco begins on 1st January, NOT February as stated in last week's Newsletter.

## Data Protection

A reminder to parents, following new GDPR rules, class teachers are not able to give out a list of class names for birthday/Christmas cards etc.

## **Pupil of the Week**

FS1/LK: Joshua  
FS2/1FM: Zach  
1/2CHT: Thea  
1/2SH: Lily  
2SD: Dovydas  
3NS: Marisa  
3/4RT: Oliwia  
4DS: Jayden  
5/6MW: Zachary  
5/6MD: Aidan  
5/6PB: Chloe



## Blue Cards

FS2/LK: Khian, Poppy, Sienna  
2SD: Jenny, Isabelle, Ben, Ellie, Izzy, Ethan, Sam, Jack, Amelia, Henry, Kay-cee  
3N/S: Dominic, Christian, Emelija  
3/4RT: Chloe, Saqib, Dylan, Sophia, Preston, Maddie



### Weekly Diary Dates

Monday 3rd Dec - Stay and play in school hall  
Tuesday 4th Dec - Mr Williamson's class swimming  
Wednesday 5th Dec - Miss Tully's class swimming - last session  
Thursday 6th Dec - Yr 5/6 to attend Christingle Service  
Tuesday 11th Dec - Netball tournament at Redruth School 3.00 - 5.00pm  
Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th Dec - Reception Children Christmas performance at 9.15am on both days  
Wednesday 13th Dec - Transition 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas performances at 2.00pm & 6.00pm  
**Wednesday 13th - Nursery Christmas Performance at 9.15am all children are invited, regardless of their session times**

### Advance Notice of Forthcoming Events

#### **December**

18th - Christmas Lunch - whole school  
19th - Transition 3 (Years 5 & 6) Carol Concert at 2.00pm

**February** - 12th - Parents evening

14th - Parents evening

**March** - 7th - RLG Dance Event at Regal Theatre

13th - Transition 2 Dance performance

**May** - 8th - 10th - Porthpean residential camp Yr 3/4

13th - SATs week

**June** - 10th - 14th Isles of Scilly residential camp Yr 5

17th - 21st London residential camp Yr 6

**July** - 8th - EYFS sports

9th - KS1 sports - am

9th - KS2 sports - pm

10th - Reports being sent out

12th - Summer fayre tbc

22nd Whole school awards evening

23rd - Yr 6 leavers and presentation evening

24th - Thank You assembly

### Term Dates

**Autumn term - 6th September-20th December**

Christmas holidays - 20th Dec (school finishes at 2pm) - 4th January

Spring term - 7th January - 5th April -

**Training day - 25th February - NOTE date changed from 11th** - After School Care will be available, please book in advance.

Half term - 18th February - 22nd February (school finishes at usual time)

Easter holidays - 8th April (school finishes at 2pm) - 22nd April

Summer term - 23rd April - 25th July, please note that the 25th July is a Training Day - NO After School Care available on that day.

Half term - 27th May - 31st May (school finishes at usual time)

Training day - 3rd June, After School Care will be available, please book in advance

**24th July - School finishes at 2.00pm - After School Care available until 6.00pm. Please book in advance.**

The class with the highest attendance this week is Mrs Hitchens\_Todd's Class.

Well done!

Position	Class	%
1st	1/2CHT	99.1
2nd	5/6MD	98.3
3rd	FS2/LK	98.2
4th	1/2SH	98.1
5th	2SD	98.0
6th	4DS	96.4
7th	5/6MW	96.3
8th	3/4RT	94.4
9th	5/6PB	93.5
10th	FS2/1FM	92.2
11th	3N/S	87.1

Throughout the year, we will distribute fliers and magazines offering family services or post details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not endorse these services.