

CEO Newsletter April 2019

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a really enjoyable Easter break.

Many of you will have heard that Ofsted are re-emphasising the wider curriculum in schools. I am pleased to say that the wider curriculum has never disappeared from our schools and our children enjoy a wealth of learning experiences. However, we are never complacent. Teachers from across the Trust, both primary and secondary, are going to be working together on key subject areas to enhance the overall curriculum offer for our children. The first area we will focus on later this month is Science but for now here is a small sample of some of the wonderful opportunities on offer to our pupils across a breadth of curriculum areas: RE, Science and Technology, History, Music, Citizenship, sport and much more ...



As part of their Lent celebrations, children and staff from Breage C of E School went on pilgrimage to Truro Cathedral. The classes engaged in three workshops: Signs and Symbols of Truro Cathedral, the Easter Experience trail and an Easter arts and crafts session. They rounded off the day by coming together as a school and performing hymns in the cathedral. They sang beautifully and filled the cathedral with joyous music. It was a wonderful experience for everyone.



The Headteacher of Crowan Primary School, Paul Hunkin, recently challenged the children in KS2 to design a special 'drop-box' to protect an egg when dropped from a height of two metres. Little did he expect there to be so much interest as 42 different entries duly arrived to be put to the test! Many (but not all!) of the entries managed to successfully protect their precious egg cargo so the judging also took into account the quality of the design, quality of build and the children's presentation of their work. It was lovely to hear how the children had experimented to find the best solution and evaluated their designs as they went along (with just a little help from their folks at home). There were four eventual winners and, not surprisingly, they each received a chocolate egg as a prize!

Children and staff from Mullion Primary have taken part in two World War 2 topic days. The first day involved an immersion day at school with a visiting author called Paul Nolan. He led an action-packed morning of the battle on Dunkirk beaches and the life on the home-front followed by a writers' workshop in the afternoon to apply their experiences into narrative. The second day was held at Flambards - continuing the school's tradition of visiting as evacuees. They left the school, after being delivered by family members and experienced a snippet of what evacuees sent from Britain's largest cities would have felt.



Sithney school started the first day of term with a brilliant launch to their new topic 'Dig for Victory' with an interactive whole school assembly from Ryan, a World War 2 expert. Pupils explored a timeline of events leading up to the outbreak of war in Britain and then each class continued the theme with an exciting workshop. There was a focus on historic artefacts, including field telephones, helmets, signalling lamps and gas masks; the construction of air raid shelters and practice drills; and the inventive ways people managed on war time rationing. Pupils are now enthused to find out more in the weeks ahead.



Crowan's School Council organised their 10th Annual 'Concert Evening' in April which enabled the children to showcase their emerging talents to an appreciative audience of parents, staff and the local community. There was a packed programme as usual and the children were encouraged and supported by their peripatetic music tutors. Pupils from all age groups across the school were able to perform, whether playing an instrument or as part of the school choir, and the children were able to see where their practicing might take them with pieces performed by past pupils and the music teachers. Miss. Judge (peripatetic music teacher with the Cornwall Music Trust) also supported the event leading the ukulele group and the children performing pieces from the recent 'Songfest' event. The event, which was compered by Sam (Y6) and Oliver (Y5), raised over £150 for School Council projects.



It is also important to help our children develop to become well-rounded citizens who take a real interest in our communities and the world around us. Porthleven children did us proud on this front taking part in the Surfers Against Sewage 'Summit to Sea' Big Spring Beach Clean.

Each class covered a different area of the village and it was great to see the enthusiasm with which they conducted their clean. As shown in the pictures a huge amount of litter was collected. A big thank you to all staff and parent helpers. Mr Autie at Porthleven School, a regional rep for SAS, went home for Easter with the hugest smile on his face knowing how invested the children are in dealing with pollution in Porthleven.

Porthleven School also officially opened the 2019 Porthleven Food Festival last Friday. The whole school paraded down to the festival site accompanied by pupils drumming. Once there, they sang, 'Food, Glorious Food' and other songs in the big tent. It was a spectacular sight as they paraded with their banners and flags.



And finally, Sport! Across the Trust we have a wealth of sporting talent from team players in football, rugby and netball, to swimmers, sailors and runners. Congratulations to Libby and Meredith from St Keverne who ran as part of a 15 strong team for Peninsula region in the Year 6 girls' race. This team got the most points out of the four teams so came away with a gold medal!



We look forward to more exciting curriculum opportunities in the month ahead.

As May unfolds, on behalf of the whole Trust, we wish every success to all the students in our Trust's Sixth Form taking their A level exams, to Year 11 sitting GCSEs and to Year 6 doing their SATs. We know your hard work will pay off. This is a great opportunity to show off all you have learnt. We hope you will be pleased with your results in the Summer. We will certainly be proud of you.



Kind regards

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