

Youth Speaks winners!

Our Youth Speaks team of Jake, Alfie and Sid took part in the Area Final this week at Penwith College and were victorious! Huge congratulations to them for their amazing performance. They are pictured here with Penzance mayor, Michael Lovegrove. They now move onto the District Final in Newquay on 4th March and we wish them very good luck and continued success there.



Single Equality Scheme

Every Spring term we write to all parents about the Single Equality Scheme. This addresses our statutory duties in relation to race, disability, gender and promoting community cohesion and covers staff, pupils and people using the services of the school such as parents. The Single Equality Scheme also addresses the legislation relating to religion or belief, age and sexual orientation and includes our priorities and actions to eliminate discrimination and harassment for these equality areas.

The scheme requires us to produce an annual report on our progress, looking at the impact of our actions. A "Single Equality Scheme Guide for Parents" is attached to this week's newsletter which includes the report on our progress towards our key objectives for 2016 – 2017. The guide also asks anyone interested in being part of our ongoing consultation to get in touch with one of the Senior Leadership Team – if you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Staffing update

This half term, we have sadly said goodbye to Mrs Trahair who has been working at Alverton for 11 years as a Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor, and more recently as an Admin Assistant, helping Mrs Gill in the office. She is off to work in a job outside education. We will miss her and wish her every success for the future.

Attendance

To support our work improving school attendance, Mrs Daylak is available to answer any questions you might have regarding attendance, absences and holidays, after school every Tuesday until 4pm. She can be found in Robins classroom.



Late collection after school

Although almost all of our children are collected promptly at the end of the school day, we are finding that an increasing number of parents have struggled recently to pick their children up at 3.15pm. This has resulted in up to twenty children waiting outside the office to be collected on some days. We now need to put changes in place which ensure that your children are safe and supervised until they are collected and we hope that this will help those parents who find themselves in this position.

After half-term, we are going to run a "Buffer" facility until 3.45pm. If you are not able to collect your child at 3.15pm, we will take them to the Library. Parents arriving to collect their children after this time will need to sign in at Reception in the usual way and make their way to the Library.

As we need to ensure that the children are appropriately supervised, we will of course have to pay a member of staff to do so. If your child needs to use this facility, there will be cost of £2 each day. You are, of course, able to collect them at any time between 3.15pm and 3.45pm (and we anticipate that parents will collect their children as soon as possible) but the cost will remain the same. We must stress that it is **essential that your child is collected by 3.45pm at the latest** as there will not be a member of staff to supervise them after this time.

For safeguarding reasons, it is very important that we know which children will be collected late each day and will be using this facility. Please could you ensure that you have called into, or telephoned, the office to let them know in advance. If your child is not collected at 3.15pm and we are expecting them to be, we will take them to the Library but the cost will be £4 if they have not been "booked in". Where parents have more than one child, we will offer a reduced rate of £1 for subsequent children.

We would remind parents that the school day ends at 3.15pm. However, we really do understand that sometimes it is impossible to collect your children at this time and that some parents have requested the flexibility of an arrangement such as this. Our priority is always to keep your children safe and so we hope that you will find this solution to be helpful.

Reading passport

Copies of all books for the Reading Passport are available to borrow from classes.

Please ask your child to see their class teacher for details.



100 word challenge

The deadline for the latest 100 word challenge has been extended until Friday 24th February.

FOAS disco

A big thank you to all the FOAS volunteers and staff that helped out at the disco last night. Around £150 was raised for FOAS funds and the children had lots of fun.

Parents Evenings

Our Parents Evenings this term will be held in the week beginning **Monday 6th March** from 3.30—6.30 pm and we are really looking forward to meeting you and discussing your child's progress.

We are going to use our system for booking appointments through our eschools facility on our school website (www.alverton.org.uk) as we did last Autumn. A letter with more details will come home after half term.

You will previously have been sent log in details for eschools. If you are unsure what this is, please ask at the office and they will arrange for new details to be sent to you. These details will be needed in order to go online and book the appointment slot that suits you best when **the booking period opens on the 22nd February**.

If you usually have a review meeting with Mrs Hughes and your child's class teacher, you will be sent an appointment time as normal and you don't need to use the eschools system. Ducklings Nursery parents will also not need to use this.

Changes to clubs after half term

Please note that if your child has a place after half term for a particular club such as Archery (£20), Art (£10) or Dance (£10) the clubs will start as soon as we get back in the week beginning 20th February. **If you haven't yet paid for your club, please do so before the first one so that your child can take part.**

Please note Fencing will not continue after half term due to lack of demand. Archery club is now full.

All other clubs will continue as normal after half term, starting on Monday 20th February.

Advance notice of club cancellations

All teacher-led clubs will be cancelled in the week beginning Monday 6th March due to parent teacher meetings. This will affect Football, Needlecraft, Glee, Story Club, both Choirs, Drama, High Fives and Board games.

West Cornwall Spring Show

A letter has come home about the West Cornwall Spring Show which will be held at Marazion Community Centre on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th March.

The show is open on Friday 3rd from 11am to 6pm and on Saturday 4th from 10am to 4pm. Entrance is £3 with under 14 years free.

If your child would like to enter one of the categories, their entry (clearly labelled with their name, age, category code and school name) must be in school by **Tuesday 28th February** so that they can be collected on Wednesday 1st March. Please do not bring them in too early as we have nowhere to store them!



Cancellation of club

Football club will be cancelled on **Monday 20th February** due to Mr Hammond being at Cross Country.

For sale

Yamaha keyboards YPT-210 model (no adaptor or cable). £20. Please ask at the office.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the parents of the Reception children for the tremendous effort they made on the school's behalf to raise money for balance bikes for the EYFS garden. We raised a whopping **£472.87** which is nearly enough to buy 4 bikes. We are hoping purchase them as soon as possible so that the children can really get the benefits as the weather turns warmer. Your generosity is overwhelming - thank you again.

Guitar invoices

Julyan's latest invoice for next half term should have come home with your child. Please check their bag. Please can this be paid in full by **Thursday 23rd February** if you would like your child to continue with lessons.



PE kit

Another reminder that every child (except in Reception) should have their full PE kit in school **ALL WEEK**. It should be brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. This is so that they can take part in PE on any day and not just on their PPA afternoon.

Donations needed

One of our grandparents is off to Botswana in April and is hoping to take items for adults and children in need there. If you can donate any of the following small items, she would be very grateful.

Good quality second hand items: trump cards, playing cards, wallets & purses, stickers, pencil cases, rubbers, rulers, pens, make up & wash bags, jewellery, children's rucksacks, small toys (not battery operated), small fancy dress items, compact mirrors.

New items: toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, pretty notepads, flip flops (any size), nail clippers & emery boards, body sprays & perfumes.

Please bring them into the school office from 20th February. Thank you.

RNLI thank you

A big thank you from the RNLI for the £60 donation that was leftover from last year's Year 6 Fiver Challenge. Kaitlyn and Emily from last year's Year 6 presented it to the Sennen Lifeboat crew. Thank you also to all the parents who supported and donated to the Fiver Challenge.



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SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!



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Come and train at Newlyn Judo club!!!!

Why, you say?

We are a friendly club with experienced BJC coaches.

We have only been running for 4 years and in that time we have had 2 Cornish champions. From beginners to Cornish champions, so we must be doing something right!

Judo is a great martial art/ sport. Sensei Ian and Sensei Gary have many many years of judo under their belts. (haha)

Come along and give judo a try. Ring 07825516256 or pop along to the club in the hall at Newlyn School, Carne road, Newlyn.



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STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Eliza N	for great Maths especially doubles
Choughs	Logan P	for working so hard to become a reader
Puffins	Clayton	for fantastic effort in the second draft of his animal fact sheet
Owls	Kayson	for his hard work & motivation to create a poster on endangered animals
Kingfishers	Poppy P	for fantastic writing about endangered animals this week
Trencrom	Seb O	for showing great enthusiasm with his homework
Lanyon	Arthur	for impressive rugby skills with a big smile
Kerris	Kacey	for consistent hard work, effort & enthusiasm in all of her learning. Well done!
Bodrifty	Eboni	for her hard work in Maths which has led to her making fantastic progress
Bosigran	Sid L	for his fantastic performance in the Youth Speaks competition
Kenidjack	Jake	for his fantastic performance in the Youth Speaks competition
	Alfie S	for his fantastic performance in the Youth Speaks competition
Dinnertime	Finley R	for being exceptionally well mannered
PE star	Theo P	for showing excellent teamwork skills during PE lessons
Library class of the week	Robins	for always leaving the library tidy & being quiet while they are in there



Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on and to see some great photos!



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	97.5%	3
Robins	91.9%	8
Puffins	96.8%	4
Owls	90.7%	10
Kingfishers	89.3%	11
Trencrom	92.7%	7
Lanyon	98.7%	2
Kerris	96.5%	6
Bodrifty	100%	1
Bosigran	91.5%	9
Kenidjack	96.8%	4
Overall school attendance	94.9%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

February

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February – HALF TERM

ALL CLUBS CONTINUE AS NORMAL AFTER HALF TERM

March

- 2nd World Book Day
- 3rd St Piran's dance for Year 6 - details to follow
- 3rd Sharing assembly for Choughs & Robins at 2.45pm
- 6th-8th Parent Consultations – appointment times will be booked online
- 10th Sharing assembly for Kingfishers at 2.45pm
- 17th Sharing assembly for Owls at 2.45pm
- 24th **All clubs finish**
- 24th All music lessons finish
- 29th Last swimming for Kingfishers, Owls and Puffins

FRIDAY 31st MARCH SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15pm (normal time) FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY

SUMMER TERM BEGINS ON TUESDAY 18th APRIL at 9am

