

Youth Speaks

Last Saturday, Sid, Jake and Alfie S took part in the Cornwall and Devon Youth Speaks Finals when they were up against nine other teams. We were selected to go eighth in the competition which meant that we had to wait a long time. As the teams spoke, we got more nervous by the minute as they proved what a high standard it was. As our school was called out, we felt prepared for what lay ahead. Once we had finished speaking, we were all relieved and happy with our performance. As the speeches came to an end, the judges went off and decided who should win. As third place was called and it wasn't us, we began to feel the pressure. However just as we thought all had been lost, they revealed that in second place was Alverton School. At the same time as being very happy, we were also slightly disappointed as we did not come first. To add to this achievement, individual prizes were awarded for Best Vote of Thanks, Chairman and finally Speaker. We were lucky enough for our Chairman Jake to win the Best Chairman award. Thank you to everyone who helped us to prepare for this, especially Mr Hammond. *By Jake and Alfie S.*



Book Fair and Parents Evenings

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our Book Fair this week. We raised an incredible **£502** all of which will be used to buy new books for the Library and for the Lighthouse book shop. A special thank you to Mrs Petty and her team of teaching assistants who stayed after school to set up and pack away every night.

Thank you also to all the parents who came to meet with their child's teachers this week. If you weren't able to attend, please contact your teacher direct to arrange an appointment.

Parent survey

Thank you to everyone who has already completed and returned their parent survey. If you haven't yet, please do so as soon as possible. Your views will help to make our school a better place.

SPORTING SUCCESS!

Penwith Schools Tag Rugby Festival

The Penwith Schools Tag Rugby Programme - organised through the Cornish Pirates - concluded last Friday with a popular and hugely successful Tag Rugby Festival. Pupils from Alverton, Gulval, Marazion, Mousehole, Newlyn, and Pensans Schools took part in the event at Mounts Bay Academy's '3G' pitch. The event followed six weeks of coaching delivered by the Cornish Pirates. Sam Teasdale the Community Engagement Manager said "It was great to see the improvement over the six weeks coaching. The festival was a great opportunity for the children to showcase their skills and to interact with the



Cornish Pirates' players". Pirates' Players Alex Cheesman, Alex Dancer and Luke Chapman were on hand to referee and also pass on a number of key coaching points that all added to the overall experience. The main aim for the festival was for the children to enjoy themselves playing rugby and the smiling faces throughout were a testament to that!

Hockey

On Wednesday 8th March the Alverton A hockey team went to the Penwith league finals. Having won our group rounds, we then had to compete in the final stage to win the cup. We played 3 games altogether against Mousehole, Pendeen and St Mary's R.C. The team played well under pressure and rose to the challenge. We won 2 games out of 3, scoring 5 goals in total.

As a result, we finished in joint 1st position. However, there had to be a winner and so it was decided on goal difference. Unfortunately, we had conceded one more goal than St Mary's, meaning that we finished 2nd. This is still a great result considering we have only been playing since September. We are now progressing forward to the Cornwall Schools Games in June. Fingers crossed!

Cross Country

We are delighted to say that our team of cross country runners were the winners of the inaugural Cross Country Team Cup. We were first with 445 points, second was St Uny with 407 points and third, St Buryan with 277. Thank you to everyone who took part in any or all of the four races in all kinds of weather. Kacey, Lily Rose, Roisin, Mason, James, Samson, Isaac, Anto and Alfie S are representing Penwith at the Cross Country Finals in Newquay next week and we wish them every success.



Swimming - watch out for a full report of the swimming galas next week.

Cancellation of clubs

Needlecraft will be cancelled next **Monday 13th March**.

All clubs (except Circuits) finish in the week ending 24th March.

Wanted

If you have any old kitchen pots and pans or kitchen utensils we would be very grateful for them so that the children can play with them in our woodland area. Please hand them in at the office.

Caterlink vacancy

There is currently a vacancy for a general kitchen assistant for 7.5 hours per week in the school kitchen. Hours would be 12.15-1.45pm. If you are interested, please phone Haulwen on 01736 366887 (9am-1.30pm) for more information.

Reminder Owls sharing assembly (which was to be on Friday 17th) has been postponed until the summer term.

Mother's Day Lunches

We will be holding special lunches around Mother's Day at the end of March and we would like to invite any mums or grannies to come in and eat lunch with their children or grandchildren. The cost will be £2.64 per person to include a main course and dessert, payable on the day to Caterlink. The dates will be as follows:

Robins & Choughs - Thursday 23rd March

KS1 - Friday 24th March

KS2 - Monday 27th March

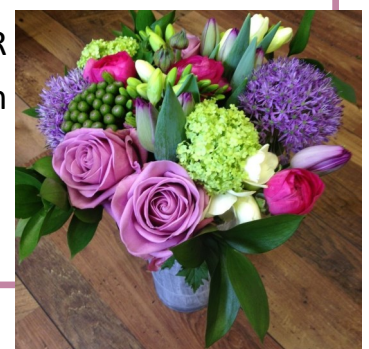
If you would like to come along, you must book your place **by Monday 13th March** so that the kitchen staff can order the appropriate amount of food. Please choose from the appropriate day, choose what you'd like and book at the office.

Thursday 23rd March: Beef & Vegetable Hot Pot with baby new potatoes OR red pepper & cheese frittata with baby new potatoes OR jacket potato with various fillings.

Friday 24th March: Roast turkey with roast potatoes & gravy OR vegetable wrap with roast potatoes OR jacket potato with various fillings.

Monday 27th March: Roast gammon with roast potatoes & gravy OR vegetarian wellington with roast potatoes OR jacket potato with various fillings.

**LAST CHANCE TO
BOOK - BY
MONDAY!**



Year 3/4 camp meeting

There will be a meeting for all parents whose children are going on Year 3/4 camp to Bude in May. This will be on **Tuesday 21st March** at 3.30pm. There will be lots of information and a chance to ask any questions you may have. We will also be giving out a pack with consent forms, itinerary and kit list.

PLENTY OF FUN AT THE ROYAL CORNWALL MUSEUM THIS EASTER!

Easter activities at the Royal Cornwall Museum will centre on *Great Little Artists* – ‘make and take’ your own masterpiece this Easter Holiday. All sessions are bookable when you call 01872 272205. Sessions cost £3 per child. Please check the website for session dates and times. www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk



Truro Arts Company

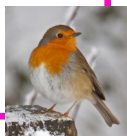
We have a lovely range of Art workshops planned to help keep children creative over the Easter holidays. Please visit the website for full details:

www.truroartscompany.co.uk



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.



Year 6 London

A reminder that all payments for the London trip in July must be made in full **by 20th April at the latest** (total cost £310). Please pay as little or as much as you like online at schoolmoney.co.uk.

Red Nose Day

We will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 24th March by having a non uniform day (£1 suggested donation per child) AND holding a Talent Show for the children so get practising!



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.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Arthur	for a super attitude
Choughs	Elise	for great ideas and a can do attitude
Puffins	Leo	for amazing work subtracting in tens this week
Owls	Joss	for working hard to improve his handwriting
Kingfishers	Josh	for fantastic reasoning in Maths this week
Trencrom	Taja	for fantastic writing in her story this week
Lanyon	Zac	for always listening well & being a kind, considerate member of the class
Kerris	Jorja	for fantastic fraction work & working well in a team with Lily Rose
Bodrifty	Tiana	for a fantastic piece of writing, showing her true talent. Well done
Bosigran	Sienna	for great focus in her work. Keep going Sienna - you know you can achieve great things
Kenidjack	Caitlin	for her great enthusiasm and cheery attitude to her learning
Dinnertime	Daniel H	for his kind and caring nature helping the younger members of the school
PE star	Finley R	for being an amazing sportsman at the swimming gala



For sale

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

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	92.9%	11
Robins	96.7%	8
Puffins	97.6%	5
Owls	99.3%	2
Kingfishers	97.9%	4
Trencrom	95.9%	9
Lanyon	93.3%	10
Kerris	98.5%	3
Bodrifty	96.9%	6
Bosigran	99.4%	1
Kenidjack	96.8%	7
Overall school attendance	96.9%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

March

- 10th Sharing assembly for Kingfishers at 2.45pm - **postponed until summer term**
- 17th Sharing assembly for Owls at 2.45pm - **postponed until summer term**
- 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

